

THE TRAFALGAR TIMES #2

Newsletter: October 14, 2022



Welcome to our
Trafalgar Family...

UNESCO



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Resource Teacher



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Did you know that Trafalgar is a Unesco school?

Unesco stands for United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. As a school, we promote the ideals of Unesco through the undertaking of projects related to their 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

This year, we have chosen to focus on food security, which aligns with goal #2: Zero Hunger.

Our first action item of the year is to begin collecting canned goods for donation to the Vancouver Food Bank. Students will have several opportunities to contribute throughout the year, the first being at our annual Monster's Ball. An optional donation of a canned good will be gratefully accepted at the entrance ticket booth. Help Trafalgar provide healthy food to those in need!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 18th
Pumpkin Drive, 3:00-8:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday, October 18-20th
Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 18 9am-4pm. ~ Oct 19 9am-6pm ~ Oct 20 8am-4pm

Wednesday & Thursday, October 19-20th
Goal Setting Conferences - early dismissal at 2:00pm

Thursday, October 20th
PAC Coffee morning 9:15-10:15am
District Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake 1:00-3:00pm

Friday, October 21st
Provincial Professional Development Day - schools closed to students

Tuesday, October 25th
Individual Photo Day

Friday, October 28th
Monster's Ball 5:00-8:00pm



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN DRIVE 2022

Trafalgar Students and their families are invited to our annual pumpkin drive.
Generously sponsored by the Pospischil Realty Group



Date: Tues. October 18th
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm
Where: Front of School



Come get a pumpkin by donation! - all proceeds donated to Trafalgar Elementary and the BC Cancer Foundation.

Monsters Ball is Back!

The PAC is so excited to bring back Trafalgar's Annual Monsters Ball for some spooky fun. There will be an epic haunted house, ghoulish games, music, crafts, frighteningly good food and of course the cake raffle! Bring your carved jack-o-lantern for judging and you just might win a prize. Hope to see you there and don't forget your costumes!

- More details and Tickets: <https://trafalgapac.ca/monsters/>





HOT LUNCHES ARE BACK!



After a long break due to COVID, we are happy to have hot lunches return to Trafalgar every Tuesday and Thursday! Thank you to our wonderful volunteer parent group and grade 5-7 student monitors for making this happen! Students who order in advance are enjoying a variety of healthy meals, prepared and individually wrapped by local food vendors such as sushi, beef kebab, chicken teriyaki, pizza, subway, and more.

As you know, Trafalgar has moved to a "no waste" lunch. Please remember to provide reusable utensils for your child on days they order hot lunch as utensils are not provided and let your child bring the leftovers and the packaging back home in their lunch bags.



Hot Lunch is one of our PAC's important fundraising initiatives. If you haven't yet ordered and would like to, please visit the PAC website for more information or use the following links:

NEW parents need to register here: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/trafalgar>

RETURNING parents can go directly to the login page: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

Please set up your account by logging into the above website, and let the system guide you through. If you are already registered, please update your child's division.

We are excited for this relaunch of our Hot Lunch program and we are looking forward to the Trafalgar community's support.



Volleyball Coming Soon!

We have had a great showing of interest in volleyball among the upper intermediates! Games begin after school the week of October 24th with before school and noon hour practices beginning next week. We will run junior (gr 6) and senior (gr 7) boys and girls teams. Game days and practice times are as follows:

Jr Boys -

Monday games; practices Friday mornings and Monday lunch

Jr Girls -

Tuesday games; practices Thursday mornings and Tuesday lunch

Sr Boys -

Wednesday games; practices Monday mornings and Wednesday lunch

Sr Girls -

Thursday games; practices Wednesday mornings and Thursday lunch

Permission forms with more detailed information for players and families were sent home this week with students who signed up. There is still time to come out for volleyball though. Be sure to pick up a permission form from the office if you are interested and haven't already received one!

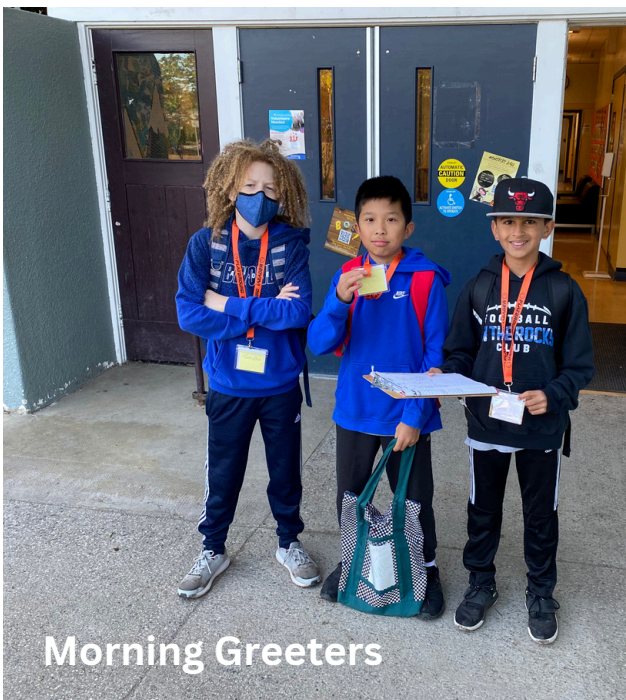
TRAFFIC SAFETY PATROL

If you walked to or from school and cross at Trafalgar & 24th Ave sometime this past week, you would have encountered our new traffic safety patrollers hard at work!

Constable Melissa Yamamoto from the VPD came to educate and train volunteer grade 6 and 7 students for this important leadership position.

The students learned where to position themselves on either side of the marked cross walk; the importance of making eye contact with vehicles before extending their stop signs; to tell pedestrians it is safe to cross once vehicles come to a complete stop; and to lower their stop signs while waiting for the next group to cross.

If your children walk to school on their own, please help them learn these important safety routines for crossing the street safely. And to those families walking to school together, the Trafalgar staff thanks you for supporting our student leaders as they develop their skills to encourage patterns of safe behaviours by controlling PEDESTRIAN traffic.



Morning Greeters

Absent? Late? Signing in or out?

Our Safe Arrival line is the best way to let the school know when your child is absent. Please call **604-713-5159 ext. 86**

If your child arrives at school late after 9:00am, please have your child check in with the grade 7 Morning Greeters at the front door of the school rather than go to the office.

If you must drop off and/or pick up your child during school hours, please let the classroom teacher know in advance. Then, at the time of pick up or drop off, come to the office to sign them out.

These common routines help us to keep your child safe at all times so we appreciate your support and assistance.

Cross-Country!

Over 70 students from kindergarten to grade 7 joined our Cross Country team this year! They have been practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 to 8:45 with their dedicated coaches - Mme Louise, Mme Ashley, Mme Anne-Marie, Mme Nosyk and Mme Grant - as well as several enthusiastic parents who join in the run and help marshall the sidewalks to keep students safe as they train around the school. In the past two weeks, three intermediate and primary zone mini meets were held after school at Camosun Park. On Thursday, October 20th, the District meet will take place at Trout Lake for all team members from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Thank you to families for your gracious support, driving students to meets, leading grade groups to the start line, lugging our flag to the field, and cheering on all our runners as they cross the finish line. Go Trafalgar!



EarthBites' Fall Session

Preserving the Harvest & Planting Winter Gardens

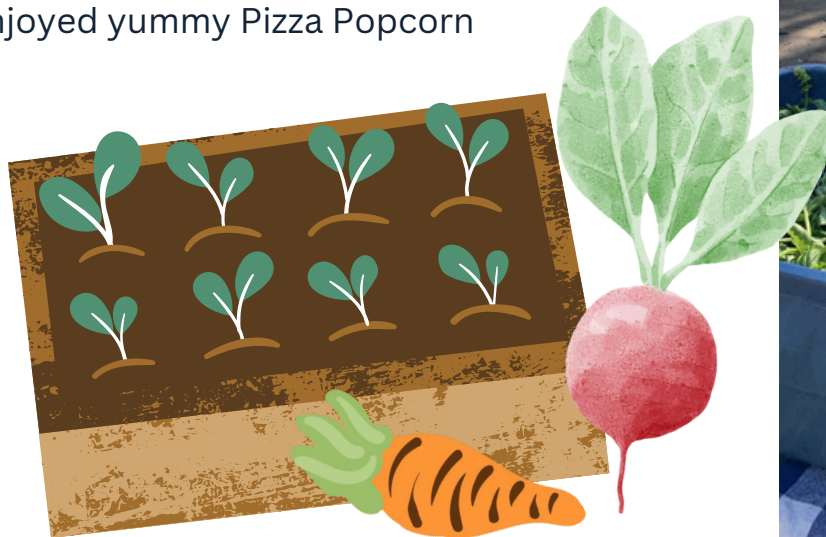
What students did on two fun and gloriously sunny days:

September 22 - DIVISIONS F10 & F11:

- Harvested carrots, chard, beets, rhubarb, beans, potatoes, zucchini, basil
- Assisted with pop up market
- Discussed fall tasks in the garden
- Washed, bagged or bunched produce, maintaining quality control
- Enjoyed Pizza Popcorn

September 29 - DIVISIONS 1, 2, & LF19:

- Discussed jobs for the season and talked about preserving and seed saving
- Transplanted kale into open spaces in the raised beds
- Saved calendula seed
- Mulched beds
- Pruned roses, and lemon balm (to dry)
- Harvested rose hips
- Planted spinach and mustard greens
- Cleared beds to get them ready to plant
- Enjoyed yummy Pizza Popcorn

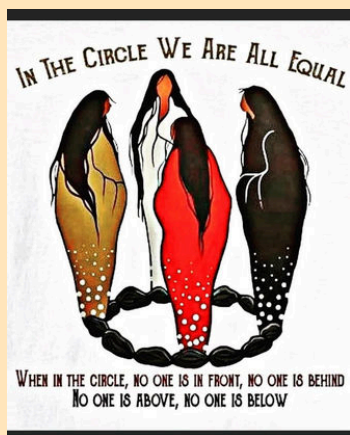


ORANGE SHIRT DAY – SEPTEMBER 30TH

Here's a sampling of what some classes have been doing to recognize and honour the 150,000 Indigenous children who endured the residential schooling system in Canada, and its trauma that continue to be felt to this day.



"We questioned what rights do children actually have and we looked at the UN convention on rights of the child. We dedicated 3 weeks to a read aloud of *Fatty Legs*, and were able to question and look at what rights were not honoured in residential schools. We had lots of interesting discussion. We also wore orange shirts on September 29!"
-Division 3, gr 4/5



"In the days leading up to Orange shirt Day, the class worked with Miss Larkin to deepen their understanding of truth and reconciliation. We participated in a weeklong unit exploring indigenous ways of knowing and learning. We learned about the history of residential schools in Canada by engaging with stories such as *I Lost My Talk*, *Shi-Shi-Etko*, and *Phyllis' Orange Shirt*. We discussed and developed an understanding of land acknowledgements and spent time outside in nature appreciating the land we are privileged to work, learn, play and live on."

-Division 6, gr 1/2





PAC Corner

Contact us:
info@trafalgapac.ca

Or visit us at:
<https://trafalgapac.ca/>



Get the updates! - PAC NEWSLETTER

Every week we send out an email to let parents know what's coming up.

Please join our mailing list to stay in the loop.

Sign up online: <https://trafalgapac.ca/>

Coffee Morning - Thursday, October 20, 9:15-10:15

Please join us in the activity room at the school after drop off on Thursday, October 20 for coffee and other light refreshments. Connect with other families, meet members of our PAC executive, learn about our wonderful Trafalgar community and about ways you can become involved! Whether you are new to the school or a returning parent or guardian, we look forward to having you to join us. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to info@trafalgapac.ca.

We hope to see you on the 20th!

Spirit Wear

Fall Spirit Wear for sale Oct 7 until Nov 4 - great t-shirts, sweatpants and hoodies for everyone in the family!

Get in Trafalgar school spirit and stay warm with the Trafalgar Spirit Wear by BeastVan. You can choose from the traditional line or the West Coast line t-shirts, sweatpants and hoodies for the whole family, ultra-soft and great fitting.

Ordering takes place via this link - <https://www.beastvan.com/trafalgarspirit>
Expected delivery is at the beginning of December.



TRAFALGAR ELEMENTARY PAC - 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

DIRECT DONATION CAMPAIGN KICK OFF (Oct 12th-26)

DEAR TRAFALGAR ELEMENTARY PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

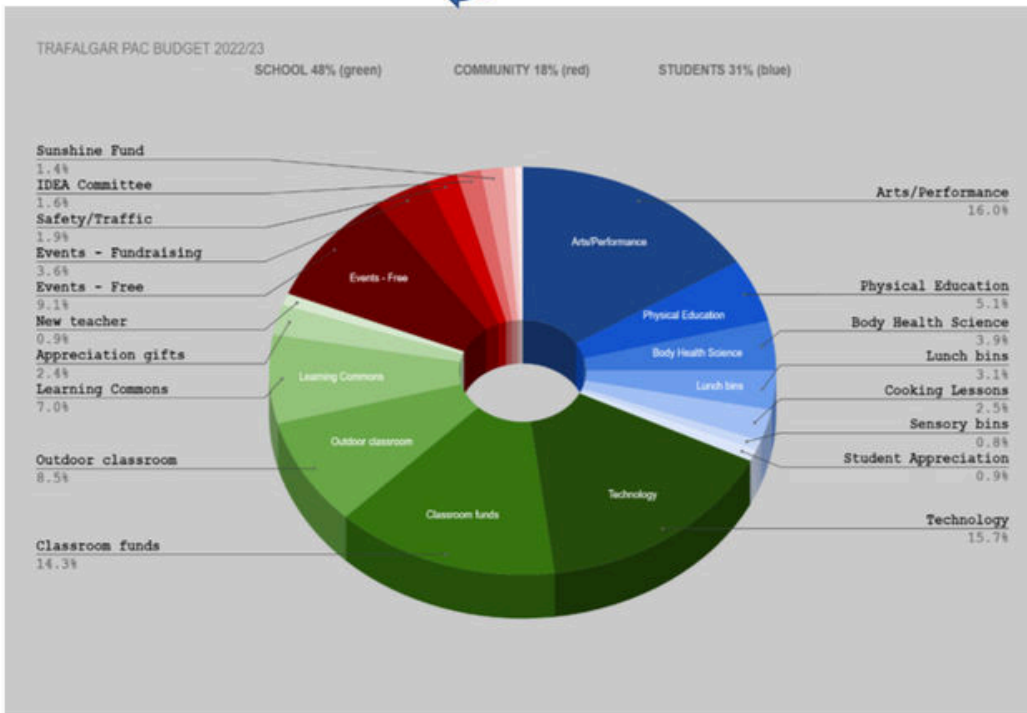
Each year, the Trafalgar Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC), comes to parents for direct financial support. Your financial contribution funds programs and supplies that support each student, the teachers and the school in providing an enriching learning environment.

The parents, staff and administration were consulted about where the needs are for this year. We listened and are bringing you the wish list of what would make the school a better place for our children.

The Trafalgar parent community is strong and well established, the importance of wonderful community events such as Welcome Back Picnic, Monsters Ball, Santa's Workshop, Lunar New Year Festival and Year End Picnic, are also funded with your generous donation.

We humbly ask for a donation of your choice. If possible, we ask for **\$100 per family** with a total of a **\$25,000 goal**. All donations are anonymous, we thank you for donating, all amounts have a positive impact. The donations are transferred to the school for the PAC to use towards the approved budget which occurs on November 8th PAC General Meeting. As direct appeal is our main source of funding, your support is important. See attached info graphics for more detail:

WHERE DOES THE FUNDING GO



STUDENTS \$20,750		
1	Arts/Performance	\$10,300
2	Physical Education	\$3,250
3	Body Health Science	\$2,500
4	Lunch bins	\$2,000
5	Cooking Lessons	\$1,600
6	Sensory bins	\$500
7	Student Appreciation	\$600
SCHOOL \$31,439		
1	Technology	\$10,100
2	Classroom funds	\$9,200
3	Outdoor classroom	\$5,489
4	Learning Commons	\$4,500
5	Appreciation gifts	\$1,550
6	New teacher	\$600
COMMUNITY \$12,100		
1	Events - Free	\$5,850
2	Events - Fundraising	\$2,300
3	Safety/Traffic	\$1,250
4	IDEA Committee	\$1,000
5	Sunshine Fund	\$900
6	PAC speakers	\$500
7	Yearbook	\$300

HOW TO DONATE

1. Scan the QR code Or go from www.vsb.bc.ca (donations page)
2. Select Trafalgar Elementary PAC
 - a. Indicate amount
 - b. Optional to indicate name /division#
3. Tax receipts issued post donation for amounts over \$20.



SchoolCashOnline.com: Fee Details
vsb.schoolcashonline.com

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: \$20 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000

Other Amount:

Fund Destination:

[E-Trafalgar PAC](#)