

# THE TRAFALGAR TIMES #3

Newsletter: October 28th, 2022



Annual Halloween Pumpkin Drive 2022



## HAPPY DIWALI !!!

...to all who celebrated the festival of lights, along with joy, prosperity, happiness, and the triumph of good over evil on October 24th!



## INTRODUCING THREE NEW STAFF AND TWO MORE BABIES!



Ms. Christine Green  
English Resource



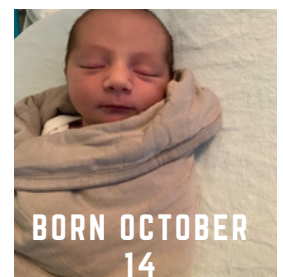
Ms. Karen Maher  
English Resource



Mr. Rajnel Prasad  
Afternoon Custodian



Baby  
Sophie Arvanitis



Baby  
Nico Papageoriou

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 28th

Monster's Ball

Monday, October 31st

Halloween

Tuesday, November 1

Kindergarten & Gr 2 Hearing & Dental Screening

Thursday, November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday, November 11th

Remembrance Day - no school in session



## Cross Country Season Ends

Our Cross-Country season has come to an end. We would like to congratulate all students who were part of our team. We are most proud of you for your excellent display of sportsmanship when representing Trafalgar at the mini meets and at the final district meet at Trout Lake.

The Cross-Country team would not have had this wonderful experience without the help, support and participation of staff members and parents.

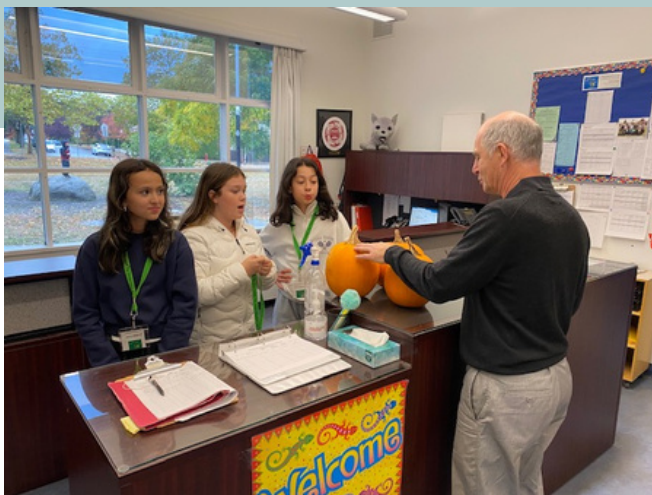
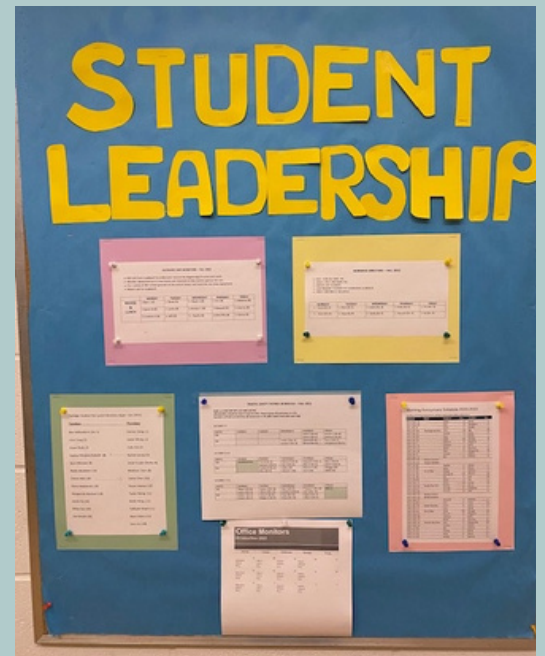
A big thank you to our coaches Madame Louise, Madame Nosyk, Madame Grant, Madame Anne-Marie and Madame Ashley.



# Leadership Groups

Students in grades 5 through 7 have a variety of leadership opportunities this year. Committees that are already up and running include:

- Library Monitors (gr 5&6)
- Traffic Safety Patrol (gr 6 & 7)
- Office Monitors (Grade 7)
- Outdoor Cart Monitors (gr 6 & 7)
- Morning Greeters (gr 7)
- Primary Lunch Monitors (gr 5)
- Hot Lunch Monitors (gr 5-7)
- Assembly MC & Tech Support (gr 6 & 7)



Office Monitors Sam, Chloe & Gianna talking with M. Daniel at lunch time



Outdoor Cart Monitors David, Zaran, Will & Justin helping primary students returning equipment after recess.



Library Monitors returning books at the start of the day! Finnegan and Grayson (above) Ryan, Lily & Paige (right)

## OFF-GROUNDS LUNCHEES FOR GRADE 7'S

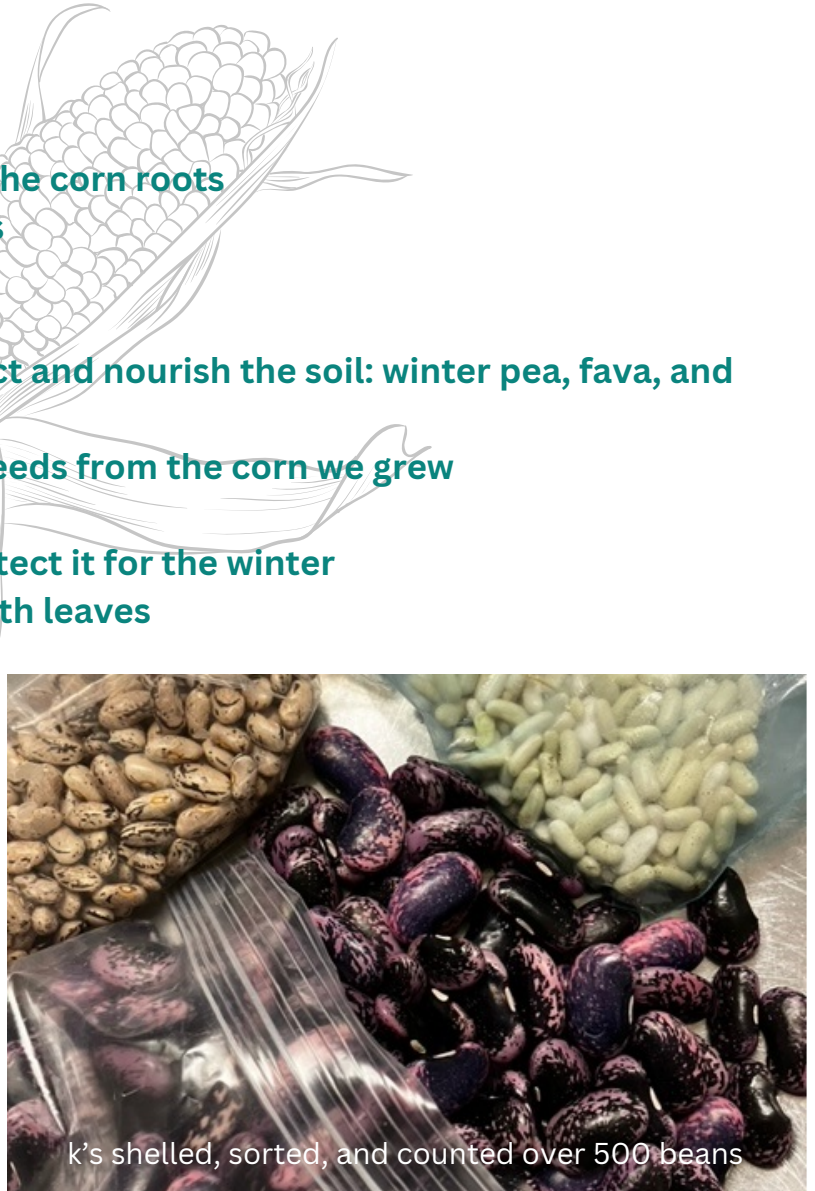
Gr 7s have started outside lunch every Friday. In groups, our senior students are enjoying exploring local neighbourhood lunch spots such as Subway, the Patty Shop and Tachia Bakery. After buying their lunches they hurry back to school before the bell!

# Earth Bites!

It's time to finish harvesting summer crops, start planting fall and overwintering crops, and preparing the garden for the winter.

## What Students did In October:

- Harvested corn
- Cut down corn stalks
- Used our muscles to pull and dig out the corn roots
- Compared fresh corn to dry corn cobs
- Dug over the cleared beds
- Harvested herbs
- Planted cover crop in 3 beds to protect and nourish the soil: winter pea, fava, and legume mix
- Seed saved and counted over 4000 seeds from the corn we grew
- Prepared soil and planted garlic
- Mulched garlic bed with leaves to protect it for the winter
- Mulched swiss chard and kale beds with leaves
- Garden maintenance
- Ate yummy pizza popcorn



k's shelled, sorted, and counted over 500 beans



## Did you Know?

Local Farmers Markets run until the end of October. Check out <https://eatlocal.org/> for markets near you.

<https://eatlocal.org/vendors/in-season/> has a list of foods in season

# Trafalgar Band is Back!

**Our History** - The Trafalgar School Band was founded in 2017 by Michelle Anderson, Erin Marks and several dedicated Trafalgar parents, most notably Ellen Tsang and Tze-Wo Leung. At the time, we had a junior school band and a senior school band with a total of 60 Trafalgar students! We attended the 2019 KPU International Music Festival in Langley and received a 2nd place award for elementary school bands. We also did joint practices and performances with the Kitsilano and Prince of Wales Secondary School Bands. From March to June 2020, COVID-19 moved the band program online and it was put on hold entirely the following year, September 2021 to June 2022. Thanks to continued interest from students and great support from families, we have been able to restart the Trafalgar school band this year, just in time to celebrate our 5th year anniversary!

**This Year** - Our School Band Director and Co-Founder, Erin Marks is joined by Andrea Norman to teach our band this year. All grade 4 to 7 music loving students were invited to join (no experience necessary), and still may do so, particularly if they would like to play the trombone and benefit from Andrea's expertise (Andrea is a professional trombone player!). We have over 40 students already signed up and practicing a variety of woodwind and brass instruments as well as percussion.

**2022-23 Rehearsal Schedule** - Rehearsals take place in the Activity Room twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7:50 - 8:50 am. Rehearsals began Wednesday Oct 12, 2022 and will run through to Wednesday June 14, 2023. We are planning on having a Christmas concert as well as a year-end concert for the school community.

**Looking for more information?** Email us at [trafalgarschoolband@gmail.com](mailto:trafalgarschoolband@gmail.com) if you have any questions!



# Student Vote!



In the weeks leading up to this fall's municipal elections, students in our 10 intermediate divisions spent time in class learning about governments, democracy and electoral processes.



On Thursday, October 13, just two days in advance of Vancouver's election, these students, along with many schools across BC, participated in Student Vote. Student Vote is a hands-on learning program that empowers students to experience the voting process firsthand and cast ballots for the official candidates running in the election.



Madame Laure's and Madame Andreanne's classes were in charge of running the Student Vote at our school where a total of 1600 votes were cast for 1 mayor, 10 city councilors and 9 school trustees.



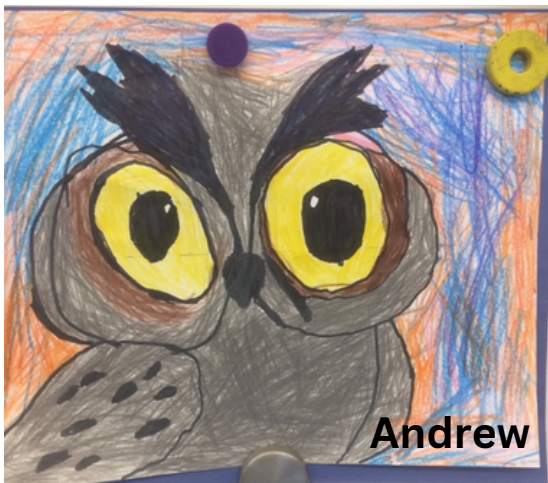
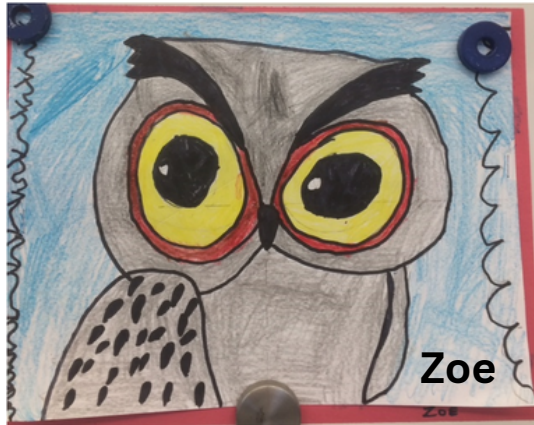
# Scholastic Book Fair

Trafalgar's first in-person Scholastic Book Fair in 3 years was a success! A big thank you to all the students and families who supported our school's first in-person book fair since before covid! A special thank you to parents Cecile Yuen and Stephanie McCardle who put in lots of hard work to run the book fair, along with several other parent volunteers as well as our Teacher-Librarian Madame Grant!

Trafalgar's students were so excited to get to shop on their own, and all 20 divisions had the chance to go through the book fair with their class. The gym was packed with students at recess and lunch, and many families came through before or after their goal setting conferences to buy books for their homes, as well as purchase books to donate to their classroom. A big thank you to all who supported our book fair. The total book fair sales were \$10,266.06, which generated a reward amount of \$5,308.32 for the library to purchase new books for our children.



# Division 15 Art



Grade 2 students in Mme Cruickshank's class were inspired by fall colours and Halloween to create images of owls with pencil crayons in a directed drawing lesson.

*"I liked making the background with nice colours." Julia*

*"I really liked how everyone's owl was different." Zoe*

*"This was a fun project to do with Mme T." Eren*

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## **Dungeons and Dragons Club coming soon for Grades 4 - 7!**

Whether you are a D & D enthusiast or new to the game and want to learn how to play, come join us in the library on Wednesdays at lunch. Club begins next Wednesday, November 2. Sign up outside the library. Hope to see you there!





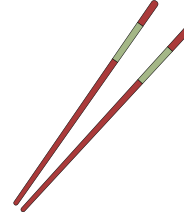
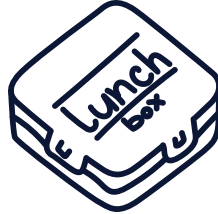
# - Reminders -

Check the Lost and Found in the front hallway!



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Send utensils with your children on hot lunch days!



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**Just a friendly reminder that students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes on Monday October 31st to school!**

## **Costumes - Have Fun and Be Respectful!**

“Culture is not a costume,” that’s the message being given to students and parents in Vancouver ahead of Halloween to make sure costumes are culturally appropriate.

While dressing up is meant to be fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others with costumes that are offensive to other cultures.

When deciding on a costume, ask yourself some critical questions about your costume such as: “Is my costume based on someone’s race, ethnicity, or culture? Am I reinforcing stereotypes with the image I am portraying? Is my costume exploiting another culture?” Please make sure your child’s Halloween costume is respectful.



# PAC CORNER

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

Next PAC General Meeting – Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, on Zoom check Trafalgar PAC Website

### SCOOP ON DIRECT APPEAL

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the Direct Appeal Campaign for 2022-23 School Year. We are 40% of the way to the annual goal of \$25,000.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate it's not too late. Scan the QR code to the right or use this link <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Donation>

### WHY DONATE DURING DIRECT APPEAL?

#### 1 stop shop –

Eliminate the pressure to hold/participate in multiple fundraising campaigns throughout the year such as – Purdy's chocolate sales and other such fundraisers.

- Donations over \$20 are issued a donation tax receipt immediately upon payment

REMEMBER TO CLICK E-TRAFALGAR PAC WHEN YOU ARE ON THE VSB DONATIONS PAGE)

#### Every \$ Counts –

We suggest \$100 per family to achieve the goal of \$25,000. However please know that the PAC appreciates every donation made

- Enriching every child's experience

About 80% of the budgeted funds go towards extracurricular programs, equipment and supplies for the school – requested by the teachers and the Administration. About 20% of the budgeted funds go towards PAC community events

[Where does the funding go?](#)



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### IMPORTANT LINKS

[PAC Calendar of Events](#)

[2022-23 Budget Proposal](#)

[Help Volunteer for an Event - sign up here!](#)

### PAC MEETING –

Tuesday NOV 8th @ 7pm

Link to Zoom meeting will be on the PAC Website.

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