



# THE TRAFALGAR TIMES #4

Newsletter: November 10, 2022

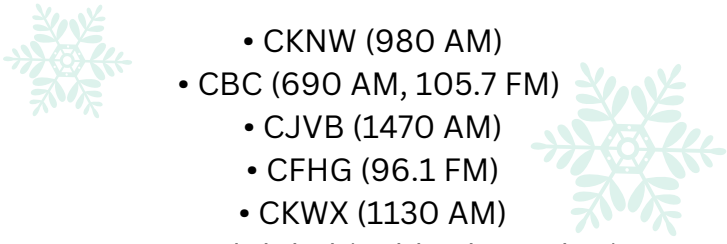
## Rainy and Cold Weather is Here

All students go outside at recess and lunch, rain, snow or shine, unless the wind conditions are too extreme. Please send your children to school dressed for the weather with warm jackets, raincoats, boots, mitts, hats, a change of socks!



## Notification of school closure policy

By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:



- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

Parents/guardians are requested to not call media outlets or the school to enquire about school closures.

At Trafalgar, we will also notify parents about closures with a message on our school website and post door signs.

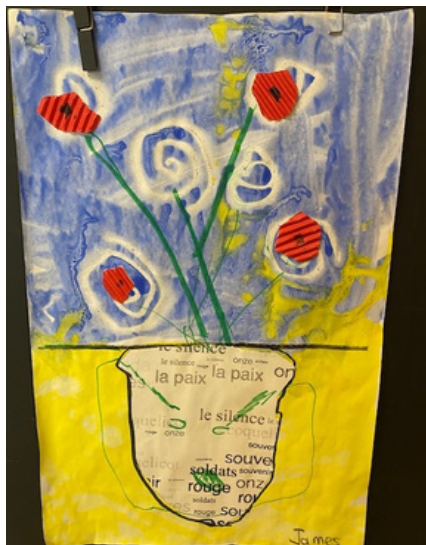
No classes will be in session and students are not expected to report to school.



On Thursday, November 10, students and staff at Trafalgar came together at a school-wide assembly to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day and the sacrifices that were made for our country. We remembered Veterans of the past and recognized those who are still serving.

This year, classes learned more about First Nations, Inuit and Metis Veterans. Here are some links to further reading if you would like to learn more at home:

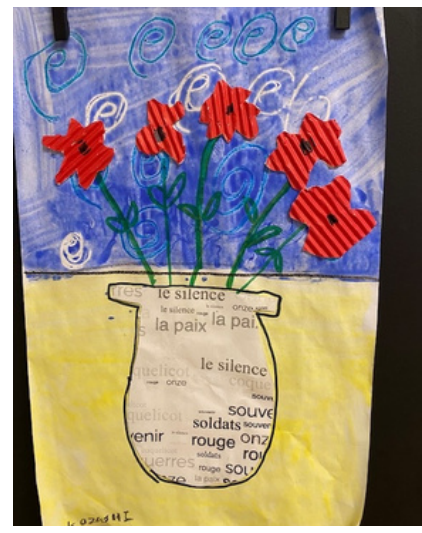
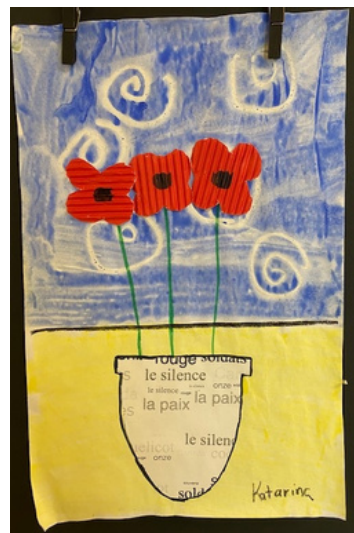
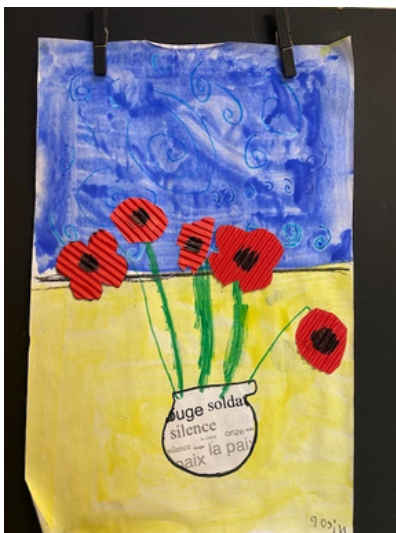
Spirit Bear's third book, Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams, is available to download for free as an e-book here: <https://fncaringociety.com/spirit-bear/books-and-learning-guides>



The biography and life story of Thomas Prince celebrates the life of one of Canada's most decorated Indigenous war heroes and can be found at: [Sgt. Tommy Prince – VALOUR CANADA](#)

Finally, here are a couple of links to articles about Indigenous Veterans: [Indigenous Veterans Day: How we honour First Nation, Metis and Inuit soldiers | CTV News](#)

***Poppies by Grade 2's***



# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, November 11**

*Remembrance Day - School not in session*

**November 14th - 18th**

*Mavis McMullin*

**November 14th - December 16th**

*Gr 7 Camp Fundraiser*

**Wednesday, November 16th**

*Photo Retakes*

**Thursday, November 17th**

*Intermediate Cooking Club*

**Tuesday, November 22nd**

*Immunization Clinic for gr 6 and Kindergarten*

**Thursday, November 24**

*Fruit and Veggie Delivery*

*Primary Cooking Club*

**Tuesday & Wednesday, November 29/30th**

*Pow Wow Dance Workshops*

*Band Concert - December 8*

*Santa's Workshop - December 13*

*Winter Assembly - December 14*

*Choir Performance - December 15*



## **SOGI Resources for Parents and Caregivers**

Thinking and talking about gender and sexual orientation with your kids? QMUNITY offers support for parents/caregivers of young people who are questioning or who come out to them including support groups. They also offer 2SLGBTQ resources for Pre-Teens and younger teens. You can find information about SOGI and links to resources in the attachment and here: <https://www.sogieducation.org>,

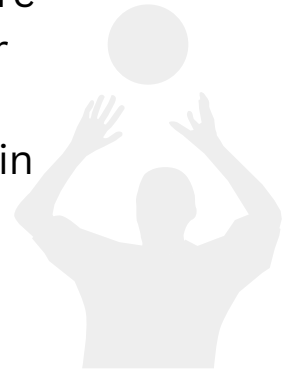


# Volleyball Season is underway



The junior girls volleyball team is doing well. We are working on serving, setting and bumping with our coaches M. Roch and M. Leo. We have been to 3 games and are doing scrimmages during practices in our two teams and we are having a lot of fun at volleyball. Go Trafalgar!!!

-Claire (grade 6)



Senior Boys at Shaughnessy



Junior Boys at L'Ecole Bilangue

Our Senior Girls' volleyball season has started off great. We've been learning lots of new things from our coaches, Coach Pat and Mme Kirsten. We've been learning how to bump and set and soon we will be learning how to spike. We've gotten to know new people and we are all having fun practicing together. All the teams we've played have really good sportsmanship and are really fun to play against. And we have been winning most of our games! Eventhough it's only been a couple of weeks, we've gotten so much better and we've learned to be good sports even when we lose.

-Kaiya and Chloe (grade 7)

# Happy Halloween!



What a wonderful Halloween week! Primary students enjoyed fun crafting activities in mixed groups. Intermediate classes held parties with games and treats. Staff and students came to school all dressed up in fun, silly and spooky costumes. Thank you to the PAC for their generous donation of time and energy to set up and run some long-time favourite activities for the whole school to enjoy including the Pumpkin Drive and infamous Monsters Ball!



# Cooking Club



There are two cooking clubs at Trafalgar on Thursday afternoons from 1:20 to 2:45 - one for primary, grades 2-4 and one for intermediates, grades 5-7. We alternate weeks so every group gets time in the kitchen.

On Halloween we carved pumpkins, roasted pumpkin seeds, and baked and frosted Halloween shaped sugar cookies. It was a lot of fun!

So far this year we have made blueberry muffins, cookies, pizza, fruit crisps, and grilled cheese sandwiches! The students love to be in the kitchen and learn about different aspects of cooking and baking. Often, they try new foods they have not eaten before. We alternate sweet with savoury to get a good spectrum of food!

Students are recommended by their classroom teacher and must have a signed permission form to join. All the students bring a friend from their class to cook, socialize and eat with! Thank you Ms. Louisa for opening up the wonderful world of cooking to so many students!

*A peek inside three classrooms. . .*

## **TRAFALGAR'S QUILT OF BELONGING: A PLACE FOR ALL**



Inspired by a national art project by Esther Bryan, last year's Division 1 and 2 students created this collaborative piece for their ADST class with Mme. Xiang. Using a variety of textile and applied design skills, students explored the questions, "What are the symbols and images that represent my identity?" "What are the stories that highlight my family's history?" "As a community, how do we honor and celebrate cultural diversity?"

Over the summer, talented artist Zeno Turnbull, a lifelong friend of our Supervision Aid Yvette Menges, expertly quilted all the squares together. The resulting art piece is now proudly displayed in the intermediate wing, a reminder of all the beautiful threads of that weave Trafalgar's community of families together.

# VEX ROBOTICS

Division 2 was very happy to spend September and October working with VEX Robotics. Our teacher-led robotics program was kindly funded by the PAC several years ago to enhance the intermediate ADST curriculum at Trafalgar, and we are happy to report that many classes are still reaping the benefits of these kits!

For Ms. Cai's grade 5 and 6 students, it was many of their first times using VEX Robotics. They learned how to use all of the different parts to build a chassis that raced in an obstacle course. They then extended their robot by designing a claw using motors that could move or pick up blocks in the "highrise" challenge. Next year, they will learn how to code so the robots can move autonomously. Although it was challenging at times, Div. 2 demonstrated great problem solving skills with their group members. Many would tell you that VEX has been the best part of school so far!





# Div.11 MOV Field Trip

On Monday November 7th, Mme. Laure's division 11 students spent the day at the Museum of Vancouver.

It was a day filled with fun and adventures! Students took part in a hands-on workshop focused on immigration to Canada (en français!), they explored the museum galleries, and they had great fun on the bus!

They are now looking forward to their next field trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery!



# PAC CORNER

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### FINAL Call Out for Direct Appeal

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the Direct Appeal Campaign for 2022/2023 school year. We are almost 60% of the way to the annual goal of \$25,000.

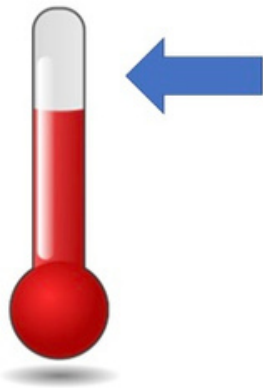
As it is our last week of direct appeal, we encourage any family who hasn't had a chance to donate yet, to kindly do so. Reaching this goal will eliminate the need to do many small fundraisers throughout the year. All donations over \$20 will automatically be issued a tax receipt.

[Where does the funding go](#)

[Donate here](#) (fund destination: E-TRAFALGAR PAC)

[Claiming charitable tax credits](#)

Thanks to the Trafalgar community for generous support for Direct Appeal!



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### TRAFALGAR PAC

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Thursday, NOV 24th 9am in**  
**the Activity Room**  
**Join us for a cup of**  
**coffee/tea and meet other**  
**parents**

### DECEMBER EVENTS:

**Dec 8th – School Band**  
**Concert**

**Dec 13th – Santa's Workshop**

**Dec 15th – Choir Concert**

**Dec 12th-16th – Deck the**  
**Halls**

### NO SCHOOL:

**Nov 11th – Remembrance Day**

**Nov 24th – Indigenous Focus**

### IMPORTANT LINKS

[PAC Calendar of Events](#)

[2022/2023 Budget](#)  
[Proposal](#)

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