

# THE TRAFALGAR TIMES #5

*Newsletter: November 25, 2022*

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday December 1st**  
EarthBites Market 2:45pm

**Thursday December 8th**  
Band Concert 6-7:30pm

**Thursday - Friday December 8-9th**  
Hoop Dancing Workshop

**Tuesday December 13th**  
Santa's Workshop

**Wednesday December 14th**  
Winter Assembly

*This year, the Winter Assembly will feature our intermediate students singing songs they've been learning in class with Mr. Grimm. It will be recorded and sent to families to watch together. Primary students will perform at an assembly later in the school year.*

**Thursday December 15th**  
Choir Performance 6-7:00pm

**Friday December 16th**  
Last Day before Winter Break

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**The PAC needs help! Especially if you are a primary parent!!!!**

Trafalgar PAC is looking for parents to join the PAC and next year's Executive Committee. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the [PAC Website!](#)



K-Students, Yamin and Bryon having fun at recess

# Art Cards by Kids



Many divisions participated in the Art Cards by kids project.

Samples of holiday cards designed by your child went home this week.

Copies of your child's design can now be purchased on-line. Details on how to order can be found with your child's card.

**Please note that the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 29th.**

The funds raised through the purchase of the cards, go towards funding water wells for our school garden. This is a part of our food security theme this year.

All Students did a fantastic job, and we are very proud of our artists!

Thank you to Mme. Laure and Mme. Ashley for organizing this important activity.

We thank you for your support with this project!

TRAFALGAR GRADE 7 CAMP JUBILEE FUNDRAISER PRESENTS:

## Flowers and Chocolates!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping, order today

Purdys Chocolates



Poinsettias and  
Wreaths



Proceeds reduce costs  
for all Trafalgar  
Grade 7 students

[trafalgarpac.ca/jubilee](http://trafalgarpac.ca/jubilee)



# EarthBites Market

## Save the Date!



### When:

Thursday Dec 1, 2022 2:45pm-3:30pm, @ front of school

**What:** Handmade crafts & specialty food items: soy candles, roll-on essential oils, lip balms, bath salts, shower melts, tea blends from the garden, cooking herb salts, hot chocolate mix in a bag.

**Why:** To raise money for the school garden.

### Don't forget:

- 1) Tell your family about the market!
- 2) Bring cash for snacks & gifts



# MAVIS McMULLEN DRIVE

## THANK YOU TRAFALGAR COMMUNITY!



"Earlier this month, we talked in class about poverty and homelessness among women and children in Vancouver. Then our school community was in charge of collecting and donating items for Mavis McMullen Housing Society. Each class in the school was responsible for bringing items from a specific category of items that Mavis McMullen families need, for example our class was responsible for collecting baking supplies. It felt good to help Moms and their children and to know that they now have more supplies to bake together!" - Mila and Emery Div 11



# CBC MUSIC CLASS CHALLENGE

This year, Trafalgar entered two songs into the CBC Music Class Challenge. It's an annual Canada-wide music competition where music classes of any level can perform from a list of Canadian songs. Division 5 performed "Little Spruce," a song by Rachelle Van Zanten about being kind to others and respecting nature. Divisions 8 and 9 learned "Nikamo," a song by Plains Cree artist Jason Burnstick. They learned the song entirely in Cree and added instruments beautifully!

Winners of the CBC Music Class Challenge will be announced on Wednesday, December 14th. While it is a song contest, our main goal was to create beautiful music together and to celebrate Canadian musicians.



**Nikamo (Div. 8 & 9):**

<https://youtu.be/cY1LHZgSPxY>



**Little Spruce (Div. 5):**

<https://youtu.be/2aRqHqsvqos>

# A Volleyball Report

*By Calen Chase (grade 7)*

## **Why is volleyball so popular?**

It teaches communication, teamwork, confidence and respect for others, while building skills and being fun.

## **What were the pros to this season?**

1. This season we were able to get the ball over the net!
2. We had 2 teams which was good, because we could play full out games in practice.
3. We had 2 very generous coaches who agreed to spend their time helping us to learn to be better volleyball players.

## **What could we improve?**

Volleyball is a team sport and therefore the team is only as strong as their weakest player. Although everyone improved, it's hard to get better at volleyball without playing it a lot. Obviously, players will get down on themselves when they make mistakes but it's really important for the team to not get down on each other. More positivity is always a good idea! Also, as our skills improve and we have more success and wins, it is easier to have fun and to stay positive.

## **I have 3 recommendations to help solve this problem:**

1. Trafalgar has younger teams (like grades 3 – 5) that play each other for fun and more experience. In Japan, they start learning volleyball as young as 5 years old!
2. We could either lengthen the season or add another day of practice.
3. Spend more time on proper drills and training exercises. Maybe not as fun as games but will improve your skills more.

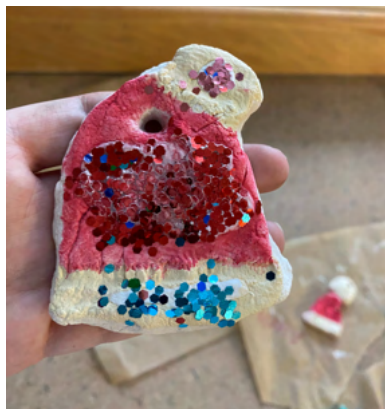
## **What did we do this year?**

This year we did lots of games, either with other schools or just in our school. Also, we did some individual skills training, and partnered training; as in bumps and sets to the wall or each other, a serving game where we tried to hit other people with the ball, and one drill to try and get the ball over the net. Although our season wasn't very long, our teams improved tremendously. Thanks to the players and coaches for being kind, respectful and positive during games and practices. We were able to have a fun volleyball season in which we went from being some of the worst teams on the game days, to being able to have both Trafalgar teams beat the best team at the games!

**THANK YOU** - Again, I would like to thank the amazing coaches, who help our volleyball team improve extraordinarily throughout a short time period and made the practices and games fun. I would also like to thank the amazing, kind, and cheerful players who took part in volleyball this season. Whether you were playing first-time, whether you were a first-time Trafalgar student, or even a veteran school volleyball player, you were an important part of the team. I would like to also thank the parents who encouraged their kids to go to volleyball, who drove their kids and also other kids to volleyball, and most importantly who cheered their kids on from the sidelines, or from home. Thank you to all who took part in volleyball this season.

# *A peek inside our classrooms. . .*

## **Div 4 Salt Dough Ornaments**



Division four has been busy in art making salt dough holiday ornaments the past two weeks. We had a lot of fun working together with our table groups to make and mix the dough. The dough recipe was 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt and 1 cup warm water. Then mix! Once they choose their shape and cut it out, the dough took about a week to air dry.

Then we got really creative with designing the special ornaments! We used paint and glitter to make them sparkle in the light. Once they are dry, we will put ribbon through them, so they can be hung and then they will take them home. Division four showed awesome teamwork, patience and creativity with this multi- step art project. We are very proud of them!



# Ice Skating



Divisions 5, 6, and 17 had a great time ice skating at their first joint field trip at the Kitsilano Community Centre Rink on November 17th. The teachers would like to thank the many parent volunteers that helped with driving, putting on students' skates, and being out on the ice!



Div 19 and 20 also enjoyed ice skating last week!





# Smarties Math with Big and Little buddies



Last week, students in Divisions 6 and 19 worked together to figure out some addition sequences utilizing smarties!

They made predictions, counted, tallied and made equations too. Then they got to share a treat!

These buddy classes come together regularly to do a variety of fun learning activities.

In addition to smarties math, they have played a variety of student-led games and activities, planned and led by the grade 7s; learned to critique books and do book reviews; and played rock-paper-scissors to learn how to tally and determine who has the most "wins".



# PAC CORNER

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### Santa's Workshop – Bring on the Merry!

Trafalgar's annual Santa's Workshop will be held on December 13th. The workshop gives all our little student elves the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones for only \$1 per item. Proceeds from the Workshop will be donated to a local charity. For the workshop to be successful we rely on gently used items that can be regifted. Please drop off your items in the southwest hallway opposite the staff room (by the gallery wall and lost and found) on school days starting Nov 28th. Some popular items include books, jewelry, cufflinks, DVDs, CDs, Games, puzzles, candles, pictures, toys, ties, scarves, vases, ornaments and anything else that could be regifted. Gifts for moms and dads run out quickly so donations of men's and women's items are very much appreciated. The more reusable items we receive, the more fun it is. The organizers are also accepting donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, bows and name tags as the older grades will be helping to wrap the students' purchases. Gift bags are especially helpful for the little ones to carry. Thank you for your help in making this a successful event! Parent volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennie Farahani at [jennieclaire@hotmail.com](mailto:jennieclaire@hotmail.com).



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## TRAFALGAR PAC

NEXT PAC GENERAL  
MEETING TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 13th -  
7pm online

### YEARBOOK

Volunteers and  
photos needed

For more info visit  
[www.trafalgapac.ca/yearbook-2022-23-photos/](http://www.trafalgapac.ca/yearbook-2022-23-photos/)

### DECEMBER EVENTS:

Dec 8th - School Band  
Concert

Dec 13th - Santa's Workshop

Dec 15th - Choir Concert

Dec 12-16th - Deck the Halls

### NO SCHOOL:

Nov 24th - Indigenous Focus

## Important links

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