



Tecumseh Elementary School

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The Last Hurrah!

So Long—Farewell

It is always with a heavy heart, packed full of best wishes for the future, that we say goodbyes to students, colleagues and community members taking leave of Tecumseh Elementary School. We wish our Grade 7 students well as they embark on the next leg of their educational journey in the secondary school setting. We wish all families who have moved to other parts of the city or other metro areas the very best.

This year, Mr. Walker, Ms. Broadland, Ms. Kendler, Ms. Bain, Ms. Lay, Mr. Chang, Ms. Sidhu (Renita), Ms. Dsouza (Carol) and Ms. Kato (Lucy) will be taking leave of Tecumseh, to work at other schools. We wish them much personal and professional success and we look forward to the day our paths cross again.

Thank You!

We thank you for your continued support of the work we do here at Tecumseh. Together, we have been able to come together as a community and work together to address the needs of our students and their families. We thank you for your words of encouragement as we have navigated a very challenging school year!

We wish to thank our PAC, who works tirelessly on behalf of everyone. We give heartfelt thanks to the PAC Executive, for their undying support of our students and staff! We appreciate you!

A message from the Vancouver Public Library:

Summer Reading Club is back at Vancouver Public Library! This fun and free program for school-aged children launches on June 14. Registration and program details are on our [VPL Kid's Website](#). Also, check out our [SRC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4) This year's theme is Crack the Case! To participate, all you need to do is set a goal and try out multiple library challenges that will take you through the whole summer - like listen to a story, attend a virtual library program, or, of course... read something! Once your challenges are complete, visit your local library to pick up a medal.

Licensed Before and After School Care by South Vancouver Neighbourhood House

Please see the attached promotional flyer from South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH). Please contact Lestor Chou (lestor.chou@southvan.org) for more information.

What's Coming?

School Fees 2021-2022 (reminder):

Once classes are settled, notices of school fees will be issued. Please do not send any money before you receive the notice. **No child will be denied required supplies or activities because of financial hardship.** You can anticipate:

- General Supply Fee of \$35.00 per student (paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books, art supplies, etc.)
- Apart from some early primary classes, students will be charged \$5.00 for a Tecumseh Student Planner
- Some classes use drawing books for visual journal project work (Approx. \$8.00). Students take this visual journal home at the end of the year.
- Students in Kindergarten and new students to primary grades are charged for a Tecumseh Book Bag (\$8.00).
- Field studies/Field trips are determined throughout the school year at the classroom level as we await updates from the PHO.

If you have not signed up for the **Cash On-Line system**, please consider doing so.

Here is more information regarding the Cash On-Line system:

*As of September 2019, **School Cash Online** will be available for parents at Tecumseh Elementary School. With School Cash Online, you will be able to pay school fees, fees for planners and field trips etc. online, using credit cards or electronic cheques.*

*To register with **School Cash Online**, click on the "**Pay Fees**" button at the top of our home page (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/tecumseh/Pages/default.aspx>). You will be redirected to the website where you can set up your account. Once you are successfully registered you will receive email notifications for all school related events or items that can be paid for using this convenient and secure, on-line service.*

*This tool will make the paying of fees faster and safer and free up your child/ren from having to remember bring forms and money to school. **In addition, should a refund need to be issued to you, it can be done electronically thereby getting the funds back into your hands quickly and efficiently.***

**Tecumseh Elementary School Bell Schedule
2021—2022**

<i>Periods</i>	<i>Monday—Friday</i>
Warning Bell (All students line up at their division marker outside, ready for teacher pick-up)	8:57 am
<i>Instruction Begins</i>	9:00 am
Recess	10:30—10:50 am (20 minutes)
Lunch	12:05—12:52 pm (47 minutes)
<i>Dismissal</i>	3:03 pm

Main Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

IMPORTANT:

Please note the *new* start/end times for recess and lunch for the 2021—2022 School Year. Also, the dismissal time will be 3:03 pm each day.

Up-to-date Information from the District

Please continue to check the following websites for up-to-date information from the VSB:

- [Vancouver School Board](#)
- [Vancouver School Board: Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [Vancouver School Board's YouTube Channel](#)
- [Ministry of Health BC](#)
- [Ministry of Education BC](#)

Silver Linings from this past school year...

We are reflective upon the protocols we put in place this year and how they have been extremely helpful for the school community in keeping students and staff safe. These include all classes lining up outside in the fresh/open air and having a controlled and calm start to the day after each teacher picks them up and dismisses them at the end of the day. This has reduced bottlenecks in hallways and improved flow within the school. We have also experienced success having all students go outside into the fresh/open air for their break times—students playing in open spaces with lots of air circulation is a good thing. This past year, students have come to school well-equipped and dressed for the weather. We have also purchased some rain ponchos in primary and intermediate aged student sizes to lend to students who may need assistance

with water repellent gear. Additionally, we have experienced success with limiting the number of novel adults entering the school building during the day to be by appointment only. This has limited the number of exposure possibilities for our students and staff. Looking ahead to next year, we plan to continue to implement these protocols.

We very much appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our parent/guardian community and the diligence of our families who complete the Daily Health Check with their child(ren) each day before coming to school. There is no doubt our success at Tecumseh this past year has been attained through partnership and shared responsibility between home and school. Thank you for your continued support of us and our work.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. For our returning Grades 1—7 students, see you from 9:00—10:00 am on September 8, 2021, for the first day for students following summer vacation!

Be safe and well.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal, Tecumseh Elementary School