



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

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MONTHLY TIGER



February 1, 2018

Dear Families,

I wanted to thank our entire school community for the wonderful welcome that Regina Vosahlo (our new Vice Principal) and I have received. It has been just over three weeks, and we feel very fortunate to be a part of the Tennyson team. I am excited to be working alongside the caring and talented teaching and support staff, and with fantastic students and families. Thank you to our parents and guardians for continuing to support your child's/children's learning. It is valuable to talk to your child about their day at school, asking them about the good things that have happened, and to reinforce our school's positive behaviour interventions system (PBIS) approach to developing common understandings and language with regards to social responsibility and a respect for our school building and grounds. I wanted to also extend a word of appreciation to our families for your involvement in the school community, in the form of working with PAC initiatives, extra-curricular opportunities, volunteering for various endeavours, and for working with your child's teacher to promote French language development, as well as the various core competencies that our students are learning and practicing.

Thank you,

Doug Roch
Principal

Intent to Return for the 2018-19 School Year

Please complete the form that was sent home regarding your family's intentions for students returning to Tennyson for the 2018-19 school year. We use these in looking at initial planning for next school year. If your child is currently in Grade 7, no need to send the form. Thank you for your assistance with this.

School Sports

A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who are working with our Intermediate Basketball teams. We have a Girls' Basketball team, and a Boys' Basketball team at each grade level from 6 to 7. Tennyson is hosting home games, and the teams are attending games in other schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to represent Tennyson in the school district, as well as to develop basketball skills, teamwork/cooperation with others, and to be physically active. A big thank you to our coaches M. Carrier, Mr. Kravariotis, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Samson and to our teacher sponsors Mme Adrienne, Mme George and Mme Davidson.

Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo
Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
Official Trustee: Judy Zaichkowsky
PAC Chair: Tam Cummings

Curriculum Implementation Day

January 29th was a Curriculum Implementation Day at all VSB schools. You may know that schools across the province are working to implement a redesigned curriculum, in which content areas are addressed around the building of core competencies in students. Here is a description of core competencies (from the Ministry of Education website):

The core competencies along with literacy and numeracy foundations and essential content and concepts are at the centre of the redesign of curriculum and assessment. Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning.

Communication -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Thinking - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Personal and Social - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Quebec Exchange 2018

Our Grade 7 students are heading to Laval, Quebec (Laval is located just outside of Montreal). The students and staff chaperone team depart on February 1st and return on February 8th. They will experience many exciting activities with our host school, and with their twins and twins' families. This will include excursions that will develop French language skills, appreciation for regional culture and local history, as well as meeting many new people. A big thank you to the staff and parents who have worked hard to organize the exchange, and to the chaperones for accompanying our students. Bon Voyage aux 7ièmes et leurs chaperones!

T.O.S.S 2018/2019 Waitlist Registration

T.O.S.S. Waitlist Registration begins Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 at 7:30 am IN PERSON ONLY at the T.O.S.S Room, which is in the east side of the basement. You may register by phone beginning the following day. Please be reminded that this is a waitlist registration only. Once you are on the waitlist, you will remain on it until a space becomes available, but there is not a guarantee that a space will become available for September, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Kathy or Mary at (604) 733-5111

Supervision of Students Before and After School

We encourage students to arrive at school on-time and ready for learning. We have staff who are on the grounds from 8:45 to 9:00 am and from 3pm to 3:15pm each day, providing supervision. We do not have supervision inside the school outside of our 9am-3pm school day. For this reason, we ask that all students remain outside the building in the morning prior to 9am, unless in the out of school care program or under direct, pre-arranged supervision of a staff member, organized extra-curricular activity etc. We are also asking students to head outside at the 3pm bell, and not to remain in the building, including in the basements. While we love to welcome students and to say “bonjour” in the halls, it is important that students are supervised. As well, staff members on all floors of the building are working on preparing lessons, engaging in assessments, collaborating with colleagues, and doing other important endeavours that require their focus and attention. Thank you for having an active part in our students’ learning and for helping us to reinforce the school expectations with our students. Merci!



IMPORTANT DATES

February 1-8: Grade 7s are on their Quebec Exchange!

February 12: Family Day stat holiday; schools are closed

February 14th: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten students (an email and letter has been sent to all K families, with more information)

February 19: Non-Instructional Day (Professional Development) – no school today

February 26th: PAC General Meeting, 7pm in the Library

February 28th: Tennyson Anti-bullying/Pink Shirt Day

