



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

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TIGER NEWS

We are proud to acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.



Nov 2, 2018

Admin Team Message

We hope that all of you had an enjoyable Hallowe'en; Thank you in particular to all of our parent organizers of this year's Hallowe'en Howl – there were hundreds of children and adults in attendance and it was a great opportunity to connect with others, be creative, and to have a lot of fun! It is incredible how the school was transformed. We are moving into November with much going on, including many learning opportunities for students, our Remembrance Day observances, volleyball, the many activities that Tennyson students engage in every day, and of course the exciting progress on the new building construction, with visible changes happening each day. Happy November!

UPDATE Tennyson 2020 - Construction is underway!

We are excited that the construction of our new site is underway. Many students have been enjoying watching the process unfold.

We continue to strongly recommend that families avoid driving on 10th and 11th from Cypress to Maple, and to avoid the intersections of 11th/Maple and 10th/Maple (both driving and walking). Taking a few extra minutes to walk on streets avoiding those intersections is a good idea. Please note that the sidewalk along the field on 11th from the yellow portable to Maple St is closed, and will remain closed for the duration of the project; this is because the space is needed for trucks turning. We ask students/families NOT to walk along the south side of 11th and cross in the middle of the street; please walk all the way to Cypress/11th to cross, or avoid 11th altogether (this is ideal).

Many parents came out to our last PAC meeting at which the district presented the final plans and colours/materials for the new building. Come by the foyer and see the Tennyson 2020

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



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
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bulletin board! We will be posting floorplans and artist rendering on our new website, which should be up and running in later November. Again, we really appreciate the support of our incredible parent community as we work with our changing spaces, and are excited about our new future campus!





Dressing for the Weather

At Tennyson, students are outside for recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear (such as umbrellas, hoods) and boots when it rains. With the reduced exterior footprint during construction, we have been using our gym and basement on some days, but students should be prepared to be outside. We have several undercover areas that students are welcome to use, as well.

Remembrance Day Assemblies & Poppies

Our Tennyson Remembrance Day Assemblies will occur on Thursday, November 8th, 2018. Even divisions and Kindergarten classes (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18) will attend at 9:15 am.

Odd divisions (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15) will attend at 11 am. Poppies will be distributed to students prior to the assemblies. Leadership students will be coming around to classrooms to collect donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund each day next week. We encourage Tennyson students who are a part of service organizations such as Brownies, Girl Guides, as well as Cadets etc. to wear their uniforms for this special occasion. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note that the school will be closed on November 12th, as it is a stat holiday.



New School Website is Coming!

We are pleased to announce that we will be getting a new school website in late November. This is exciting as the new website is expected to be easier for families to navigate, and a bit easier for us to upload information, photos, and so forth. The new website will include a Tennyson 2020 New Building page. Stay tuned!

Donations Needed!

We are looking for donations of paper (office paper, boxes of old paper, old computer printing paper etc.) that students can use for drawing/art should they have an indoor recess. Any colour is great! Please drop donations in front of the office by the Tennyson 2020 board. Crayons, pencils and markers (gently used is great!) are needed as well. Merci!

Lost and Found

Please take a moment to check the lost and found. It is located on the main floor, far east side of the building, in the south stairwell. It is overflowing with unclaimed items of every sort. Parent helpers will soon be boxing up items that have been there for a while, for donation.



Tennyson Library Looking for Volunteers

Mme Paule, our Teacher-Librarian, is looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist with shelving of books. The help would be needed on Wednesday afternoon and/or Thursday morning. Any interested and available parent can give their name to the office in person, by phone, or email, and come on Thursday morning, Nov 8th at 8:45 am for an orientation with Mme Paule.

Conserving Natural Gas

School districts across the lower mainland have been working to conserve natural gas, in light of the Fortis BC situation. Please assist us in ensuring students have a sweater/hoodie or other attire that they can put on if needed, and that all exterior doors are kept closed. Please see the VSB Sustainability posters at the end of this newsletter.

Classroom News and Happenings

Food Bank Drive – Groupe Global

The Intermediate Groupe Global, a team of students with a leadership- and social responsibility goal of creating initiatives to help the community, has engaged in a Food Bank Drive. They have collected over 1000 food items that will be donated to the Food Bank. This food will assist individuals and families in Vancouver who are in need. A big thank you to Mme Renée, Mme Adrienne, and the students involved in Groupe Global, for making a big difference to our community! The Groupe will be attending the province-wide WE Day celebration in Rogers Arena on Nov. 22nd.





PAC News - Speaker Presentation

On Tuesday November 6, 2018 (from 6:30-8:00 pm) Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl will be joining us to present a workshop entitled “Fostering Kindness and Empathy in Children and Youth”. It will be in the Tennyson library.

Childcare will be provided by Grade 7 students. Known as a world-renowned expert in the area of social and emotional learning (SEL), Dr. Schonert-Reichl’s research focuses on identification of the processes and mechanisms that foster positive human qualities such as empathy, compassion, altruism, and resiliency in children and adolescents. Dr. Schonert-Reichl is currently a professor at UBC.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the school and PAC websites for the ongoing addition of items and events

Nov 6: Kunda West African Music, Dance, and Drumming Workshops (throughout day)

Nov 8: Remembrance Day Assemblies (Even divisions @ 9:15; odd divisions @ 11am)

Nov 9: Curriculum implementation Day (non-instructional day)

Nov 12: Stat holiday for Remembrance Day

Nov 14: Poultry in Motion

Nov 16: School Spirit Day – Dress up like twins (sponsored by our Student Leadership Team)

Nov 26-30: French Scholastic Book Fair

Dec 14: School Spirit Day – Christmas Sweaters (sponsored by our Student Leadership Team)

Dec 21st: Last day of school prior to Winter Holidays



Kids-Plus Accident Insurance

The Vancouver School District, as a partner school board, provides parents with the opportunity to purchase optional accident insurance coverage through Kids Plus™. The main website at kidsplus.ca is available for parents to access information about purchase coverage, claims forms and full plan information online. The Vancouver School District is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada. Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.



Fortis BC/VSB Sustainability Information on next page...

Saving Natural Gas at School

Why do we need to save Natural Gas?

On October 9, 2018, a natural gas pipeline burst near Prince George, BC. Until the line can be fixed, **natural gas supply to the whole province is limited.**

Everyone in BC has been asked to cut back on using natural gas until the repair is complete. Some companies have even shut down temporarily, meaning many people have been laid off.

The VSB uses natural gas to heat our schools and offices, so we need to reduce our use. Let's do our part to share BC's limited natural gas supply!

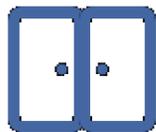
How can I help?



Turn down the heat. If your classroom has an adjustable thermostat, please keep it set to 20°C whenever possible.



Dress warmly. Since the heat will be lowered at school, make sure to dress for the weather. Make it fun by having “sweater” or “toque” days at your school!



Keep the heat in - close the doors. During lunch and recess, please don't prop any doors open. It wastes heat (and gas!).



Keep the heat in - close the windows. Fresh air is nice, but cold air takes a lot of gas to heat up. Whenever possible, keep windows closed during class, and always closed in an empty room.

Saving Natural Gas at Home

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Everyone in BC has been asked to cut back on using natural gas, even at home, until the repair is complete. Some companies have even shut down temporarily, meaning many people have been laid off.

Many Vancouver homes use natural gas to heat and power their homes. Let's do our part to share BC's limited natural gas supply!

How can I help?



Turn down the heat. Keep your thermostat set below or at 20°C whenever possible.



Dress warmly. Stay cozy at home with sweaters, socks, long pants, and blankets.



Heat only the rooms you're in. It's a waste of gas to heat rooms and spaces that aren't being used. Close registers and turn off baseboard heaters in empty rooms and storage spaces.



Take shorter showers. Natural gas heats our hot water. Limit showers to 5 minutes whenever possible.



Maximize your dishwasher. Natural gas heats our hot water. Only run the dishwasher when it's a full load, and try the energy-saving mode for less dirty dishes.



Maximize your laundry. Natural gas heats our hot water. Use cold water to wash laundry, and always wash full loads. If you have a natural gas dryer, use low heat settings, like "permanent press," or better yet, hang clothes to dry when possible.