



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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MONTHLY TIGER

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 27, 2018

Admin Team Message

We are now in the last week of November and it is hard to believe that there is just under four weeks of school left, prior to the winter holidays. There is a lot of excitement in the air at Tennyson, with our Scholastic Book Fair in full force, our construction continuing, events such as Winterfest 2018 on the way, and classes are engaged in a variety of projects and activities. There are many special things that happen in schools this time of year, and we are happy that Tennyson is a diverse and inclusive community! Please read through this newsletter for important information, and please regularly check out both our school website, and our amazing PAC website.

Student Absences and Lates



Thank you to our families for transitioning to the Safe Arrival system, and for calling the Safe Arrival line (number above in the letterhead) for absences and known lates. Please call prior to 9am. A friendly reminder that we encourage students to be on time to school, so that they do not miss instructional time. Our initial warning bell is at 8:55am. Merci!

UPDATE Tennyson 2020 – Construction continues!

Construction continues, and students are enjoying watching the digging and all of the things that are changing on the west side of our lot. We appreciate the collaboration with DGS Contractors, who have been excellent partners in the process.

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



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
Official Trustee: TBA
PAC Chair: TBA

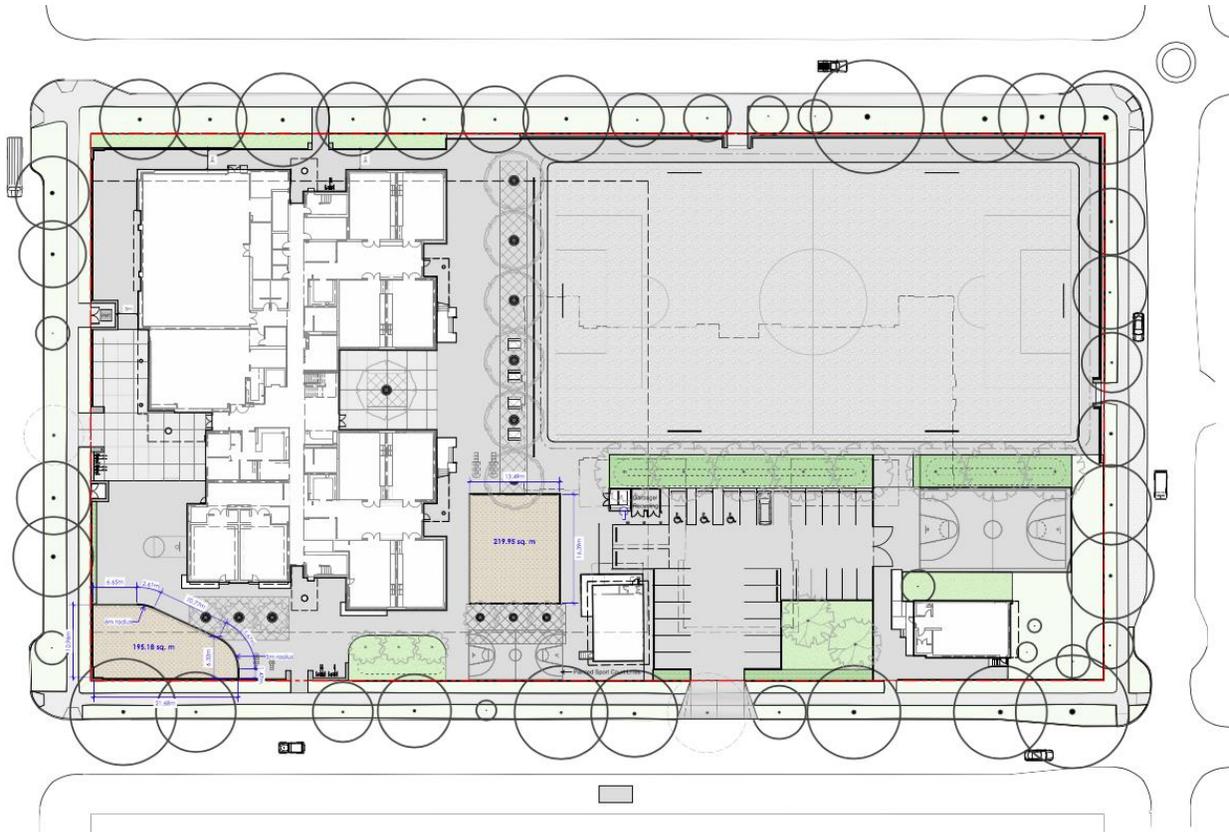
DGS is working hard to avoid having large trucks accessing the site right at our pick up/drop off hours; this is sometimes unavoidable, though. There are flaggers and sidewalk closures, however we continue to strongly recommend that families avoid driving/walking on 10th and 11th from Cypress to Maple (particularly walking alongside the construction), and to avoid the intersections of 11th/Maple and 10th/Maple when possible (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).

Pick-up and Drop Off for our school: We know that pick-up and drop-off is a challenge, and the school and PAC has communicated with the city on this. The city has also been consulting with the school/district and PAC regarding the traffic plan in the area for once the school is built. Did you know that the “no parking” zones allow for a pick-up/drop off for up to five minutes? On the other hand, “no stopping zones” do not allow for this, and could result in a ticket.



Thank you to our Tennyson 2020 Committee for assisting in procuring a tent for the front of the school to help with rainy days, and for assisting with our sandbox and art supply collections! Here are a few images of the building front, as well as the footprint. We will soon have the Tennyson 2020 page on our new website up and running!

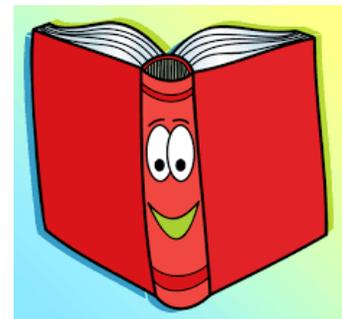




Scholastic Book Fair

The time for the Lord Tennyson French Book Fair has arrived **November 26 - 30**.

There will be an exciting variety of French books for both primary and intermediate grades - Picture books, chapter books, dictionaries, non-fiction - we have it all! This is a great opportunity to encourage your children to read in French. Perfect for holiday gifts as well. Prize draw forms have been given out, help your child to fill in theirs to bring in to win \$25 of books for themselves, and \$25 of books for their teacher. If they have been lost or forgotten, we have additional ones at the table.



Add more books to Tennyson classrooms and library:

Every sale goes towards getting up to 60% credit back from Scholastic. These credits will be distributed to all divisions, the library, and resource teachers and will be used to add more books and resources for our children.

Book Fair Schedule:

Monday: Morning Recess (10:25-10:55 am) After school (2:45-6:30pm) ** Open until parent meeting begins.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Before School (8:45-9:15 am), Morning Recess (10:25-10:55 am), After school (2:45-3:30)

Thursday:

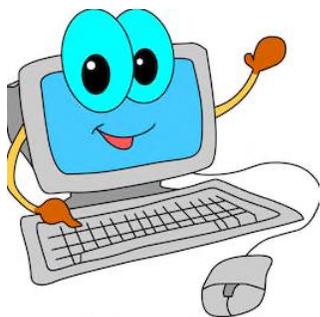
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**** NEW this year — Book Fair open Monday Nov 26th until 6:30pm, and Thursday Nov 29th until 5:30pm**

Teacher Wish Lists: If you would like to donate books to your child's classroom please come take a look at each "Teacher Wish List". Teachers will provide a list of books they wish to have in their class. These lists are posted at the book fair and parents can pick a book to purchase for their child(ren)'s classroom(s). These purchases also go towards our Scholastic credits for the entire school! Please come and enjoy browsing books with your children and support the Tennyson book fair!

**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 basements on some days, but students should be prepared to be outside. We have several undercover areas that students are welcome to use, as well.

**New School Website is Here!**

We are pleased to announce that our new school website is up and running! 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 includes a Tennyson 2020 - New Building page. It currently links to the VSB Facilities site, but should soon be configured for us to add information and photos/plans to the page! The new page can be found at: tennyson.vsb.bc.ca

Winterfest 2018 – Come join us on Dec 7th; 3-7:30pm

Winterfest is just around the corner and excitement is building! The talent show is not to be missed! Seriously, it is A-Mazing to see all the raw talent and enthusiasm from our kids. Winterfest is also THE major fundraiser for our grade 6 students who are off to Quebec next year. Sit back and enjoy dinner, a show and holiday shopping while the grade 6 families do the hosting. Don't forget to take advantage of the FREE childcare while you browse! Everything you need to know about Winterfest 2018:



Talent Show sign up began on Wednesday and is filling up fast. There are a few spots left. Sign up in the main hall.

Silent Auction items are now available for viewing on the website. Preview your holiday shopping!

Wine Raffle tickets are available from any grade 6 student / family: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 10 for \$20: 80 bottles of wine to be won!

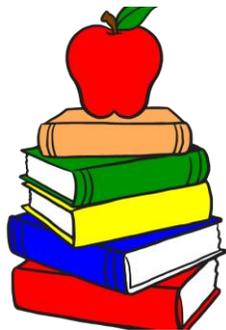
Gingerbread House Contest get your creative decorating ideas flowing and bring in your Gingerbread creations on Friday, Dec 7th before recess.

Photo Booth have your photo taken with friends and family - FREE

Childcare and Craft Room – FREE

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. Merci!

VSB Community Schools Team After-School Programs - Winter Term (Jan - Mar)

We are excited to let you know that the VSB Community Schools Team will be offering the following afterschool programs for the winter term:



-Sportball will run on Tuesdays, Jan 15 - Mar 5, 3:05 - 4:05 pm in the Gym for grades K-2. Registration will open on Thursday, December 6th at 9am. Please register at www.sportball.ca/vancouver

-Xmodus Minecraft Adventures and Python Computer Programming will run on Wednesdays, Jan 16 - Mar 6, 3:05 pm - 5pm in the Library for grades 3-7. Registration will open on Thursday, December 6th at 9am. Please register at www.xmodus.com/register

-Sport and Art Together will run on Thursdays, Jan 17 - Mar 7, 3:05 - 5pm in the Gym/Room 213 for grades 3-5. Please register IN-PERSON ONLY on Thursday, December 6 at 8:30 am and 3pm outside the school office.

If you have any question regarding these programs or how to register please ONLY contact Dianne Sankey, CST Programmer at dsankey@vsb.bc.ca. The school office is **unable** to answer any questions about these programs. Registration forms for Sport and Art Together **only** will be sent home with students on November 29th. Thank you 😊

Digital & Social Media Responsibility Resources for Parents

With mobile devices popular with children and adults alike, digital and Social Media responsibility is something that we address with our students, particularly in the intermediate grades. Earlier this year, we had Gr. 5-7 presentations for all students, as well as a parent presentation. The presenting organization, Safer Schools Together, provided us with parent resources. We wanted to again pass along the link to them:

Saferschoolstogether.com/parent-resources

Password: SSTPAL2018

Classroom News and Happenings

Remembrance Day Observances:



The annual Tennyson Remembrance Day Assemblies were held on Thursday, November 8th, 2018. On this very special occasion, the Tennyson school community gathered together to reflect on the significance of this day in the past, present and into the future. At the 11 am assembly, we had the honour of having Petty Officer Justin Heron speak powerfully to our students about his decade spanning experience in the Canadian navy. We would like to say a big thank you to our Grade 7 leaders who organized and led the entire assembly as well as to Mme Adrienne and Mme Arnold who had had their students work for many weeks on the Remembrance Day Assembly art work.

Poultry in Motion:

Just prior to the break, the students at Tennyson Elementary School had an excellent opportunity to learn about farming methods and chicken raising in BC. This special program, called Poultry in Motion, came to our school in a mini-replica poultry barn. It gave our students a glimpse into local chicken farming and care. Thank you to M. Carrier for organizing this visit!



We Day:

The Gr. 7 Groupe Global leadership students recently attended WE Day at Rogers Arena on Nov 22nd. As the organizers noted, thousands of change-makers packed the Rogers Arena for an unparalleled event. World-renowned speakers, A-list performers, and tens of thousands of youth celebrated a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives. WE is a movement that believes when we come together



we can create an even better world. WE makes it easy for you to get involved—whether at home, school or work—by offering resources to help you create positive social change in your community and around the world. It was great to have our Groupe Global students participate, along with the leadership of Mme Renee and Mme Adrienne. In other recent news, the Groupe Global procured over 1200 food items for our local food bank, making a difference for our neighbours in the community. Merci, Groupe Global!



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Nov 26-30: French Scholastic Book Fair

Dec 4th: Parent Presentation: Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator); library, 6:30-8pm

Dec 5/6: Saleema Noon "Body Science" presentations for classes

Dec 7th: WinterFest; 3pm-7:30pm in the Gym

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

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

Jan 7th: Back to school – Happy New Year!

Jan 10th: French Immersion Info Night (for parents applying for K/1 FI); gym, 7-8pm

Jan 25th: Professional Day (Non-Instructional Day)

