



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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Safe Arrival Absence/Lates Line: (604) 713-5159 (then press 84)

School Website: <http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca>

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.



September 17, 2018

Admin Team Message

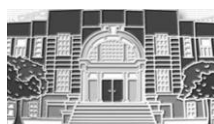
We hope that our students and families are enjoying the last days of summer! We usually prepare a newsletter for families once a month, however we have some important things to communicate to our families. Please read the new building update on page two, as work is starting more quickly than anticipated – it is exciting to see our project begin!

*Important * Safe Arrival – Student Attendance

We will be using the district Safe Arrival line to report student absences. This is effective immediately. Instead of calling the main school number, please call (604) 713-5159, and press 84 to select Tennyson. You will then leave a message for the office. **It is vital that all absences are called in to the school prior to 9am.** There will be an information sheet with more details in your forms envelope. Similar to with many other VSB schools, we will be having parent volunteers to assist with the call out for students whose families have not reported their absence on the line. If you wish to opt out of having your contact information shared confidentially with the Safe Arrival volunteer solely for the purpose of checking to ensure the student is accounted for, please contact the office.

It is also important that students leaving the school prior to 3pm on a given day are signed out. There is a sign out log in the main office that parents will sign.

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

***Update* New School Building – Tennyson 2020**

You likely know that Tennyson has been approved by the Ministry of Education to be re-built. The new building will be constructed on what is our existing field. When school ended in June, the project was in the costing phase. It has been awarded to a contractor (D.G.S Construction). We were anticipating a site start date in the next few weeks. The contractor is eager to begin the project and arrived today to begin site preparation, which will include tree protection and the fencing off of the field, which is the new school site. It is good news that the project is about to begin. While not having the field is something that we will need to work around, it has allowed our school not to have to move to a different school site. We will be using our building more creatively during recess and lunch to ensure that there is ample room for students to be. This will include using our gym, and also our basement. The district has staffed us with an additional supervision aide to help, which is great news. We have learned that the small playground site will need to be used by the construction



crews, and discussed this at the PAC meeting tonight. This is unavoidable due to the small amount of space on site and the contractor needing to meet their regulations, as well as utilities that will be placed on that spot. Students will play in an alternate supervised area. The PAC has voted for the playground (which is in good shape) to be dismantled, stored on site, and then erected on the new school site, which will be a good cost savings for the parent community. There will be parking restrictions on 11th Avenue in front of the construction site where construction vehicles will enter, near Maple Street. The city may place parking restrictions in other areas around the site, if needed. We are talking with the project office about our general parking situation around the school as they look at the traffic plan, and have discussed this with the PAC. Please keep this in mind when dropping off and picking up students. We recommend parking in zones that are a few blocks from the school, such as south of 12th Ave where there are various two-hour zones. We will continue to communicate regular “new building” updates as we learn of them, including creating a Tennyson 2020 bulletin board in the school and on our website. We will share finalized plans and timelines with our parent community once we receive them. Thank you to all of our students, families, staff, and our greater community for all your support of the project!

Allergy Awareness – Nuts and Seeds

Please note that we are an *allergy aware* school. We have several students with severe allergies to seeds (sesame, etc), nuts and nut products (peanut butter, Nutella, etc). We ask that everyone avoid bringing lunches and snacks with these ingredients as such ingredients can be dangerous to others. We have notice that students bring Nutella sandwiches to school. Please note that this spread contains nuts and can be potentially dangerous to others. Please try to avoid such spreads. We appreciate our families working together in this regard.

Volunteering at Tennyson?

We love our parent/family volunteers! Any adults who are non-VSB staff who are working with or around students (assisting on field trips, working on events in common spaces, etc.) are required to read and sign a VSB Volunteer Conduct Agreement that outlines some VSB policies. Classroom teachers have been given copies for field trips, and we have copies at the office. Thank you for volunteering with us!

Tennyson PAC News

The first Parent Advisory Council meeting was held this evening, Sept 17th. There are some executive positions available – please consider submitting your name to the PAC!

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: www.lordtennyson.ca



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sept 19th: Picture Day for Students

Sept 27th: Terry Fox Run (all grades)

Sept 28th: Professional Development Day (students do not attend school)

Oct 1st (*This is a new date): Orange Shirt Day for First People's Reconciliation Awareness

Oct 1st: Parent Presentation – Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints & Cyber-bullying (7pm in the gym)

