

Good afternoon, Parents/Guardians of Tecumseh Students!

We hope this message finds you well and safe at home.

Please see below for a few updates from Tecumseh!

**A very special announcement!**

Mr. Webber, our Vice Principal has been promoted! Effective August 1, 2020, Mr. Webber will be the new Principal of Britannia Elementary School. Please join us in thanking Mr. Webber for his contributions to the Tecumseh community (both at the Annex and at the Main School) and congratulating him on this wonderful achievement! We will enjoy continuing to work with Mr. Webber until the end of this school year and wish him well at his new assignment! You will be amazing and the Britannia community is lucky to have you!

Please join me in welcoming, Mr. Gavin Landreth, as the incoming Vice Principal to Tecumseh Elementary. Some of you may be familiar with Mr. Landreth as he has been the Summer School Principal at Tecumseh for the past three years. Congratulations to Mr. Landreth and we look forward to working with you and welcoming you to the Tecumseh community!

**Student Belongings Pick-up**

Last week, we were able to execute our careful plan for families to come pick up their child's belongings. Thank you all for respecting the physical distancing measures we put in place and we were very glad to see so many of you in-person!

If you were unable to come last week, and you still wish to pick up your child's belongings, please email me at [vedwards@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:vedwards@vsb.bc.ca) or Mr. Webber at [jwebber@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jwebber@vsb.bc.ca) to set up a time for you to come to the school.

**Elementary Students Assessment of Learning**

The continuation of learning and assessment of student learning during the COVID-19 response is important. When it comes to assessing students' learning and providing final grades, teachers will recognize and reflect the following learning goals:

- Learning Together: A partnership between families and educators
- Learning in a New Space: A journey with many pathways of curiosity and exploration
- Learning for All: An opportunity for engagement and connections for all students

A very informative Question and Answer section of the Vancouver School Board website can be found here:

[https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student\\_Learning/Continuity\\_of\\_Learning/Pages/tips-for-parents.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/tips-for-parents.aspx)

**On-going 2-way Communication continues!**

- Maintaining communication is of utmost importance during these unprecedented times.
- Our Teachers and Staff will continue to reach out and establish ongoing 2-way communication with families and students on a weekly basis. This communication can take a variety of forms (e.g. phone call, email, video conference)
- For our younger students, Teachers/Staff may be reaching out to the parents/guardians first to arrange a convenient time to connect with their child.
- If your child is not feeling well and will not be participating in a class' on-line activity for the day or a few days, please email your child's teacher to let them know. This is similar to when parents/guardians phone our Safe Arrival line to report their child will be absent from school due to illness.
- **We worry when we do not hear from students or families during the week.**
- Please remember, teachers/staff are working from home and their calls may come through to you as "Blocked Caller ID/Private Number"—if you are uncomfortable answering calls from numbers you are not familiar with, please check your voicemail and emails regularly, as there will likely be a message left for you that an attempt was made to connect with you or your child. It may work best to schedule a "best time to call" with your child's teacher to avoid telephone tag.

#### **Support is available**

- These are challenging times for many families across the country, please know we are sometimes able to assist in connecting you with supports within our community, and provincially.
- If you are experiencing challenges, please connect with your child's teacher as the first point of contact—we can then work as a school team, to find ways to support you. As good community partners, we are here to assist in whatever way, big or small, we are able.

#### **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: Continuity of Learning](#)
- [Vancouver School Board's YouTube Channel](#)

We appreciate your understanding and your continued support of Tecumseh as we work together to support our students.

We hope you are staying safe and taking good care of each other.

We miss you.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards  
Principal