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**April 24th, 2020**

## **Mini-Newsletter**

### **Admin Team Message**

This mini-newsletter is intended to give a brief update on a few things:

- Mme Paule's Library Resources Corner
- Continuity of Learning
- PAC-sponsored Parent Speaker (Monday Evening – highly recommended for all parents/guardians!)



Thank you to all of our families for your work with your children this week. We have enjoyed connecting with families, and seeing the learning happening in all divisions. Your support is always important, and it is absolutely crucial during these times of at-home learning. Thank you again! We are in, or working with, all of the classes, and it is great to see that various activities that are happening.

We wanted to share with you something shared with us by a wonderful colleague: *The Happily Family* website posted an article called *How to calm intense emotions and challenging behaviours during COVID*. Here are some of their ideas regarding working with children:

1. Tend to their feelings (and your feelings...)
2. Behaviour is communication
3. For younger (and many older) children, create a flexible routine
4. Give adolescents the freedom to create their own plan
5. Relax limits on screen time
6. Do "one-on-one time" with kids
7. Put the relationship first
8. Ask yourself...a year from now, how do I want my child to remember this time?

Anxiety Canada also has some excellent resources for parents/guardians related to worries and similar feelings. Here is the link: <https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/talking-to-kids-about-covid-19/>





### **Not Returning to Tennyson for 2020/2021?**

We are currently working on our student enrollment numbers for next school year. If you know that your child currently enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will NOT be returning to Tennyson for the 2020/2021 school year, please let the office know ASAP. We thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Mme Paule's Library Resources Corner**

The Tennyson/VSB e-library has many resources, books, and other materials in both French and English. We invite all students to take some time to explore it! Mme Paule has organized a common username and password that all students can use. It is contained in the body of the email accompanying this newsletter, and is for Tennyson student/family use only.



You can access through our new Tennyson Library page here (more to come on this page!):

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-tennyson/Teaching-and-Learning/Learning-Commons-or-Library/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Continuity of Learning Update**

In our April 17<sup>th</sup> update, and during Monday's PAC meeting, we addressed the Continuity of Learning Framework and were able to answer questions. As well our school counsellor provided her contact information for families. We are in regular conversation with all of the school staff, and very much appreciate their work with our children, especially while adapting to a new, temporary form of at-home learning. Teachers and support staff continue to work with students and families. The school will continue to send home an update email or newsletter at least once per week, so stay tuned!

### **Assessment:**

As indicated by the Ministry of Education, *every student will receive a final mark (or proficiency scale), and all students on track to move to the next grade will do so in the fall.* Teachers will

communicate with students and families a final assessment/grade/proficiency scale for students based on work completed to date and essential learning over the coming months. More district information about assessment and end-of-school-year reporting will be communicated to families soon.

**VSB Continuity of Learning Resources:**

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# Continuity of Learning

## Resources

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Message to Parents  
Tips for Parents  
Learning from Home  
Resources

For all Learners +  
For French Learners +  
Multi-Grades and Educators +  
Students Gr 4- Gr 7 +

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

**VSB Covid-19 Updates:**

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Pages/COVID-19-Updates.aspx>



From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



Please consider attending the virtual PAC-sponsored parent speaker session on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:05 pm. Invite to come in the next PAC email. Registered clinical counsellor Nicola Doughty will begin by addressing parenting in the current situation we are in, and then move into the main presentation.

**Screen Time, Apps & Digital Drama: Setting & Sticking to Relationship-Friendly Boundaries around Phones, Devices and the Internet**

**April 27, 2020**

**7:05-8:30 pm**

**Virtually Delivered on MS Teams**

We live in an age where preoccupation with gadgets, devices and all things technological is proving, at times, to be a distraction and interruption to family lives. Nicola Doughty will deliver an interactive workshop where parents can come together to discuss psychological development, family values and establishing (and sticking) to boundaries with their children to create strong family bonds with effective communication. This interactive session will allow parents to explore strategies to open up honest conversations and establish themselves in the knowledgeable lead position providing safe boundaries that incorporate the emotional and social needs of their children.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

<b>April 27th</b>	<b>Parent Speaker (virtual) @ 7:05 pm</b>
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>District Pro-D: Indigenous Education Focus</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Other Spring Activities</b>

