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**December 20, 2018**

**Admin Team Message**



We wanted to take the opportunity to offer a Winter Holiday greeting to all of our families, and to wish you a Happy New Year 2019! It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already. The school has been buzzing with a multitude of learning activities and various events. The energy is positive and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students, families, and of course our amazing staff in the New Year! Thank you as always for your ongoing support of our school, and for contributing to make L’Ecole Lord Tennyson a place that is welcoming, and where we practice kindness, empathy, and resilience every day!

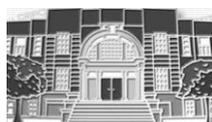
**Lost and Found**

It’s that time of year again – a big thank you to our parent volunteers who have placed a significant number of clothing items from our lost and found in the main hallway, west side. Please have a look by end of day Friday, and claim lost items that belong to your child.



**\*UPDATE\* Tennyson 2020 – New Building**

Construction is well underway – currently the DGS team is working on the new building foundation, site drainage, sewage and water delivery lines, and staging. They expect to be connected to city power sources in the next week or so, which will allow them to progress even quicker! They are even planning to lay the base for the gym floor over the holidays! Students are enjoying watching the trucks and all of the action. Over the holidays, we will be updating the “Tennyson 2020 – New Building” section of our website with plans and photos. Please check it out in January!



**Parking around the school:** Thank you for continuing to observe the signage around the school. City Bylaws allow cars to stop in a No Parking zone for up to five minutes for pick-up/drop-off purposes. Cars are not permitted to stop in a No Stopping Zone. Please be observant of pedestrians, cyclists and traffic flaggers. It is also helpful to avoid parking or stopping facing the wrong direction on the side of the street. We continue to recommend that families stop or park several blocks from the school (such as south of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave) and walk the rest of way. Thanks for your collaboration in helping us with safe traffic flow.



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### **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 Up and Running!**

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! The new page can be found at: [tennyson.vsb.bc.ca](http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca). We will begin updating the calendar on the page, as well as adding new articles about the great things happening at Tennyson!

## **French Immersion Information Night**

Tennyson, along with all Early FI schools in the district, will be hosting an information session for parents interested in applying for K or Gr. 1 French Immersion. This session is not so much about Tennyson per se, but about the French Immersion program in general across the district. We will also talk about the application process. This is scheduled for 7pm on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Tennyson gym.

## **Tennyson Happenings & Classroom News (A selection of the many things happening!)**

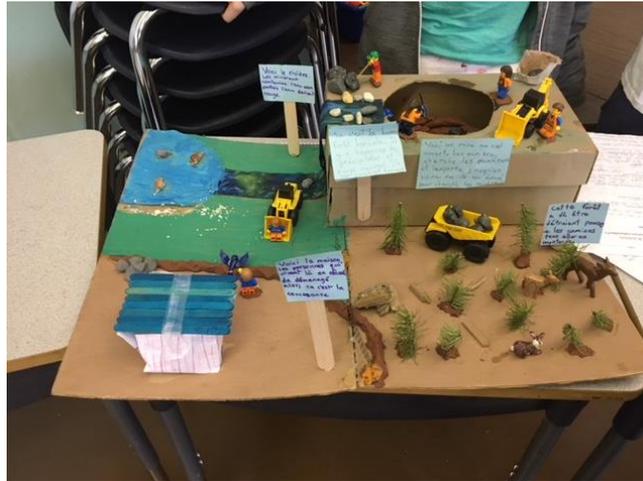
**Winter Music Brings Joy and Cheer:** A big thank you to the parent and student organizers of the daily winter caroling that has permeated the halls of Tennyson between 8:30 and bell-time each day during this last week of school. Many students, parents, and staff members have informally gathered each day to sing around the piano, accompanied by the guitar. Students even handed out sheet music each day! This will continue through December 21<sup>st</sup> – all are welcome!



**Volleyball:** Our Junior and Senior boys and girls teams had a very successful volleyball fall season this year. The teams practiced diligently and played some great games against teams district-wide. Thank you to M. Carrier, Mme Stephanie and Mme Adrienne for fantastic job coaching and for organizing our teams for the games.



**Natural Resources Biomes in Division 7:** The students of Division 7 recently presented projects related to BC's natural resources. The students selected a natural resource which they studied (including scientific and social aspects) and created a physical model showing the natural resource. They orally presented their learnings alongside the models, and invited other classes to learn about their area of study. Merci to Mme Ciara and to the students for inviting us in!



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**Groupe Global Raises money for Médecins sans Frontières:** The Gr 7 students of Groupe Globale organized a Bake Sale on December 18<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Doctors without Borders work in various parts of the world. It was a very popular event, with a line-up literally out the front door. The students handled the crowds magnificently, and the atmosphere was festive and exciting! We really appreciate the students' work in the area of social responsibility, with the goal to make the world a better to place. Thanks to Mme Adrienne and Mme Renée who facilitate Groupe Global.



**WinterFest 2018 – A Festive Success:** WinterFest 2018 was a resounding success - it was an evening of fun for the whole family, with great food, an exciting silent auction, cookie decorating, a photo booth, and of course an exhibition of Tennyson's amazing student talent. This included a variety of songs, musical instruments, dance, and other showcased talent. A big thank you to the organizers (for Quebec 2020), and to our families for attending!





### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: Last day of school prior to Winter Holidays**

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Back to school – Happy New Year!**

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

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>: Professional Day (Non-Instructional Day)**

