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June 29th, 2021

End-of-Year Newsletter

Admin Team Message

We wanted to prepare one more newsletter to wish all of our students and families a wonderful (and likely hot!) summer holiday. It has been quite a year – despite the challenges of the global pandemic, in BC we were able to keep schools open, and we are all very happy about that! Our students, staff, and families adapted to the various obstacles that were in front of us. It was exciting to move into our new building and to see the progress on the demolition of the old structure which will soon be our new school grounds. We hope that you have a great summer, whatever adventures your family has planned – consider some literacy activities such as reading and writing in journals, detailing their adventures. We look forward to seeing you in September. Bonnes vacances d’été!!



Not Returning to Tennison for 2021/2022?

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 Tennison for the 2021/2022 school year, please let the office know ASAP by calling, or emailing tennyson@vsb.bc.ca. We thank you for your assistance with this.

Farewell to Some of our Staff Members

While we are often excited at the end June about warm days and sunshine, we also sometimes need to say farewell to some of our staff members. We are saying farewell to M Pierre Romano, Prep/Learning Assistance Teacher who will be picking up extra days at Quilchena, his other school. Mme Jenna, Grade 3 teacher, is heading on her maternity leave, which is exciting.

Principal: Douglas Roch
Vice Principal: Kateryna McNicol
Admin Assistant: Veronica D’Angelo



Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe
Liaison Trustee: Fraser Ballantyne
PAC Chair: Jo Gromadzki

Mme Coughlin is off on a new teaching adventure out of the country, bonne voyage! Monsieur Yves taught Grades 5 and 6, we'll miss you! Mme Julie & Monsieur Coady taught one of our Kindergarten classes, thank you for joining our team! Mme Janet, supervision aide, was assigned to us temporarily for the year, and will be working in a variety of schools. UBC student teachers Mme Lauren, Mme Emma, and Mme Tara will be heading into their first teaching assignments. We wish all of you the very best, and look forward to seeing you in the future!

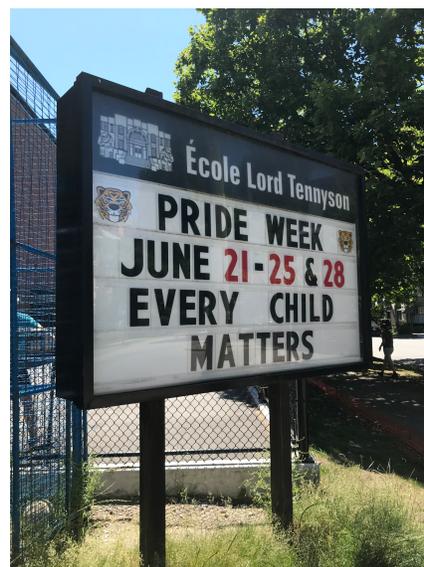
Farewell to our Grade 7 Class

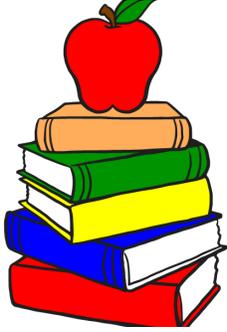
The end of June also means that we say "à bientôt" to our Grade 7 students. We have 56 Grade 7s who are heading off to Kits Secondary and a variety of other schools to continue their learning journey. This is a really fantastic group of students! The Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony was a great celebration (Covid Plan style!), and was a lovely send-off. Thank you to the parent committee who worked on various aspect of the assembly from a distance. Bonne chance à nos septièmes!



Pride Month at Tennyson

June was Pride month at Tennyson in support of our LGBTQAI2S+ students, staff, and neighbours in our community and their allies. Thank you to our SOGI teacher sponsors and to our PAC Diversity & Inclusion group. Here is a link to BC Ministry of Education sponsored SOGI information for parents: <https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>





From the Library...

Our Teacher-librarian Mme Paule is asking you to please keep looking at home over the summer if you have library books that have not been returned. You may contact the office to let us know (we are able to receive them for several more days), or return them in September. Here is a summer reading opportunity through Vancouver Public Library. Bonne lecture!

Come Join VPL's summer reading club: "Crack the Case!"

Sabrina, VPL children's librarian visited several primary divisions "virtually" for a summer reading club presentation. You can learn more and register here:

<https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2021-crack-case>

Happy Reading!

September 2021 Information

Attached again is the 2021-2022 Tennyson Calendar which shows all of our Professional Development Days, Early Dismissals, and Instructional Days. We previously sent the 2021-2022 School Fee letter. You will receive a package in September with instructions about payment. We share the fee information with parents now to give you advance notice (these were also contained in a previous email to all families, and are on our school website in the *Publications* section).



The first day of school for students is Wednesday September 8, 2021. **As in previous years, VSB elementary schools are in session from 9am to 10am only.** This allows us to get a sense of our enrollment, and we then engage in professional meetings. September 9th onwards, school sessions will be regular hours. Students will go to their "last year's class" (the same physical classroom as this year), and will likely be there for several days while we work on our enrollment, as it generally shifts between now and the first week of September. Gr 1-7 students **new to Tennyson** will meet in the gym. We will have signage, and will send an information bulletin to all families prior to school start. **Should provincial circumstances require an alteration of these plans, we will communicate this to families as soon as possible, as well as information about protocols in place, whether the staggered entry (8:50 am/9am &**

2:50pm/3pm continues to be required). We always send out Welcome Back message to all families prior to school start, as well as providing updates to our website and to the PAC.

For students coming into Kindergarten, families will be receiving the **gradual entry schedule** in the coming days. Our Kindergarten team is currently putting together the gradual entry schedule for September, which will be emailed to parents next week.



From our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



The Tennyson PAC website: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca>



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sept 8	Back to school, 9am-10am for Grades 1-7
TBD	Meet the Teachers/School Event & Welcome Back BBQ
Sept 27	PAC General Meeting @7pm



CALENDAR 2021-2022

Lord Tennyson Elementary

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	178
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Wednesday September 8, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 11, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday November 11, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 17, 2021
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 20, 2021-Monday January 3, 2022
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 4, 2022
Family Day	Monday February 21, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday March 11, 2022
Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 14-Friday March 25, 2022
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday May 23, 2022
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Wednesday June 29, 2022
Administrative/School Closing Day	Thursday June 30, 2022

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)

Tuesday September 7, 2021	In-Service Anti-Racism Training Day
Friday September 24, 2021	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 22, 2021	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 26, 2021	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday January 24, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 18, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 25, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, October 27, 2021	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 28, 2021	2:00 pm
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	2:00 pm
Thursday, April 21, 2022	2:00 pm