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March, 2020

Mini-Newsletter

Admin Team Message



On behalf of the school, we wanted to let all of our families know that we are thinking of you as spring starts. It is now mid-way through Spring Break, and we wanted to write a special mini-newsletter celebrating some the great things that have happened recently at Tennyson. Prior to the break, students engaged in many activities from performances to field excursions, workshops to athletic experiences.

We had our first ever pre-break book swap which was a great success! Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who made this possible, and to everyone for participating – what a great opportunity for students to share books, engage in reading, and to connect the importance of sustainability (re-use!).

We hope that you are all taking good care of yourselves and each other. It is wonderful to see community come together when challenges present themselves - our PAC Exec has reached out to families in this regard; Please see the PAC section towards the end of this newsletter.

Please continue to monitor the district website for updates related to our current provincial and local situation. Here is a link to the page, which includes updates such as the most recent letter from our Superintendent, updates from the Ministries of Health and Education, and other information:

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

Thanks for being a part of the Tennyson community!

Ideas for At-Home Learning Activities during the Spring Break

With one week of Spring Break to go, our PAC has been compiling some sites and ideas for learning activities! Check them out at: <http://www.lordtennyson.ca/news-blog/activities-for-families-staying-at-home>



We recommend some other things during break times (or all the time!). Here are a few ideas:

- **Read, read, read!** Curl up and read, read to a family member, read to a pet, read with a friend on an online social sharing application. This is also a good way to speak French – with a friend!
- **Visit the Library!** While library branches are physically closed, did you know that you can download e-books that can be enjoyed on a variety of tech platforms? Visit www.vpl.ca for more details!
- **Writing for a purpose:** whether your child wants to write a story or a play, blog, keep a journal/diary, create a comic/graphic novel, make a series of poems or songs, writing is a great way to keep the brain active!
- **Play & Physical Activity:** Play and physical activity are vital for children and adults alike. Any opportunities for this are good. If you have limited space, there are still many great ways to remain active; a quick internet search can discover a plethora of ideas, from fun at-home workouts, to various fun games.

Not Returning to Tennyson for 2020/2021?

We will soon be working on our preliminary 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.



Celebrating Learning: Diversity and Inclusion at Tennyson

Late February saw our Pink Day assemblies and activities at the school. A big thank you to the Gr 6/7 Leadership Team and to Mme Kateryna for the organization of the assemblies. They included scenes performed by the students and highlighted how we can practice kindness, gratitude, empathy, and inclusive attitudes towards others. Mme Simone and Mme Jacinthe's Grade 2 classes performed several songs that

connected wonderfully to positive attitudes and actions regarding diversity and inclusion. The assemblies ended with the traditional Tennyson school song and our tiger dance. Teachers engaged in a variety of additional in-class activities related to the theme. While we celebrate Pink Day once a year, the learning concepts it addresses are vital for every single day.

Celebrating Learning: Tennyson Basketball Teams Wrap Up their Season!

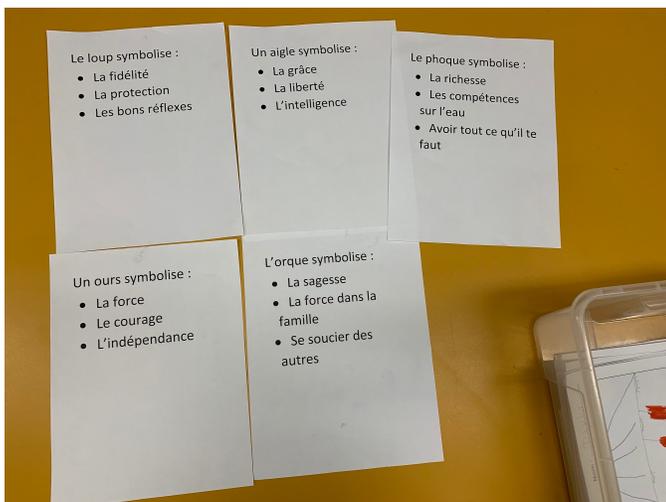
The basketball season ended several weeks ago for our four Tennyson teams (Junior/Senior Girls, and Junior/Senior boys). The teams all demonstrated increasing skill and teamwork, as well as the benefits of being active and engaging in sport. Our teams played against students from a variety of schools including

L'Ecole Bilingue, Shaughnessy, Crosstown, Elsie Roy, Simon Fraser, Lord Roberts, Hudson, and UHill. Our students are ready to engage in basketball for Gr 7 next year, or various athletic opportunities in Gr 8. Thank you again to coaches Eric, Karen, Robin, Ishi, Steven, and Mme George, and to staff sponsors Mme Preston, Mme Simone, Mme Taillefer, Mme George, and M Roch.



Celebrating Learning: Soapstone Carvings by Division 7

The students of Division 7 recently created a series of beautiful soapstone carvings, which are an Inuit traditional artform. The students' carvings were of various animals. Students learned about the process of working with soapstone, about their animals and their traditional indigenous symbolism and importance, and created amazing works of art.



Here, you can see symbolic words and phrases for the wolf, eagle, seal, bear, and orca. Thank you to Mme Heath for organizing this for the students!

Celebrating Learning: Ivory Coast Drumming comes to Tennyson!

Students had the opportunity to meet Fana Soro, a fantastic performer originally from Africa's Côte d'Ivoire. He presented an interactive hour of percussion using traditional African drums and other instruments, dance, song, and storytelling. Students were highly engaged in this performance which also incorporated the themes of respect, kindness, teamwork, and inclusion. A number of students (and staff!) even had an opportunity to play the drums for the audience. Thank you to our PAC for making this event possible through the allocation of funds for Arts performances at Tennyson.



Tennyson 2020 – Construction Updates

Work continues to progress on our new school building. Thank you to the crews at DGS as they continue to work on this project; We very much appreciate their ongoing work and commitment to this project that is so important to our community.



Lord Tennyson Elementary School + Child Care Centre

view from west



This is the south side of the new building on a lovely, sunny spring day!

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Tennyson PAC News: Celebrating Generosity

A huge thank you to the Tennyson PAC Exec for their continuous and tireless work for our community, much of which is highly visible, and a lot of which is behind the scenes. During these times in which being together looks different, the PAC has created some support initiatives.

Please see the recent email sent out by the PAC on these initiatives to help each other during challenging times. If you did not receive an email from the PAC, please make sure you are signed up for emails – simply do so on the website!

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

Please make sure you are getting the weekly PAC emails! Go to the website above to sign up if you are not – they contain a lot of important and interesting information, and inform you of our many PAC-sponsored initiatives and events.



IMPORTANT DATES

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



Mar 16-27: Spring Break/District Closure

