



**Lord Tennyson Elementary School**

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# LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE MONTHLY TIGER



**June 28, 2018**

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of you on finishing a successful 2017-18 school year. We have very much appreciated the efforts of all of our teachers, support staff, families, and community members who work together to make Tennyson a great place to learn. We wish you all a fun-filled, exciting, and relaxing summer. A special congratulations to our Grade 7 students who are embarking on a new journey at Kitsilano and other local secondary schools. These students recently celebrated their last few days at Tennyson with an amazing graduation celebration – a big thank you to our parent and staff organizers. We are looking forward to welcoming our returning students and their families in September.

Bon été,

Doug & Regina

Tennyson Admin Team



*Principal: Douglas Roch*  
*Vice Principal: Regina Vosahlo*  
*Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo*



*Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis*  
*Official Trustee: Judy Zaichkowsky*  
*PAC Chair: Tam Cummings*

## **Some Farewells**

The Tennyson community says farewell to the following staff members who are moving on to new adventures. Thank you for being a part of our community. We will miss you! Some of these staff members were with us in a temporary capacity until June, and others have been with us for a number of years. They include: Mme Lyse Côté (congratulations on your retirement!), M. Brian Maciborka, Mme Jessica Vanderkuur/Mme Kathryn Gaster (who were in for Mme Zaremba's maternity leave), Mme Eve, Mme Thea, and Mme Florence.

## **Welcome Back: September**

We look forward to welcoming you back to school in September. Please know that the first day of school is September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As in previous years, all VSB elementary schools are in session on September 4<sup>th</sup> for one hour, from 9am-10am. Students will return to their "last year's class and teacher". This may be the case for several days, while we look at our enrollment and analyze potential shifts. We will have more information about this posted and sent to you by late August. This allows for us to see how many students have returned and to make calls and adjustments as necessary. We also have staff meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> that set the course for the school year. September 5<sup>th</sup> will be regular hours, from 9-3pm. The only exception to this will be students who are just beginning Kindergarten; there are 5 additional gradual entry days and parent-teachers meetings; more information will be sent to incoming Kindergarten students in the coming days.

## **Returning Late (after September 4<sup>th</sup>)?**

If for some reason you know that your child will be returning to Tennyson after September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, please contact the office. Thanks!

## **We are looking for Safe Arrival Volunteer Parents**

We are looking for parent volunteers who would like to be a part of our Safe Arrival Program. The main role would be to receive a list of students who are absent that day, and to call parents who have not called in the absence to the school, to verify that the child is indeed at home. We would be looking to have coverage each day of the week, from about 9:15ish to about 10am. If you are interested in volunteering a day a week for this purpose, please contact the school over the summer or in early September. Thank you!



## Gr. 7 Graduation Ceremony

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 7 students experienced a day that was just them; they were honoured with a celebration of their eight years at elementary school, in most cases eight years at Tennyson. The gym looked amazing with a “Paris in the Evening” theme, complete with the music one might hear on a relaxed Paris night in the summer! Students dressed for the occasion and attended alongside their families. Each student was honoured with a certificate of grade seven completion presented by their classroom teacher, while a favorite memory (or two) from Tennyson was read aloud. Next, students and their families enjoyed a catered luncheon culminating in a lovely celebration cake! Finally, the tables were cleared and the gym became a dance floor, with our resident DJ spinning tunes at student request. It really was a great celebration! A big thank you to the staff and parent organizers, to Mme Vosahlo for MCing the celebration, to our excellent parent organizing team, to our Grade 6 parents who served the food, and to our Grade 7 teachers (Mme Christine, Mme George, Mme Lapierre, and Mme Teckert) for all of their work with our Grade 7 students throughout the year. Grade 7s, we will miss you, and look forward to your visits!



## Sports Day

Our recent Sports Day was a tremendous display of community spirit. We were fortunate to have experienced a lovely temperate day, and students in all grades enjoyed a variety of stations encouraging movement, team work, laughs, and a lot of fun! We appreciated the goodies and lunch offered by our PAC/parent community. A huge thank you to the families who worked with us to make the day possible, all of our amazing staff members you contributed to our students' success and fun, and to the Kitsilano Secondary Gr. 10 students who volunteered their time to plan and run the stations, and in French! All enjoyed hearing the student-prepared Sports Day cheers, and dancing to the Eye of the Tiger. The day culminated in the annual Tug-of-War in which each of the green, yellow, blue, and red colour teams had a chance to face off in a fun competition of strength and will. Team Yellow was our overall winner for the day, scoring the most points and earning a place on the coveted Tennyson Cup; that said, all of our students were incredible, and all teams did their absolute best, and fun was had by all! A big community thank you to our Grade 5 parents who ran the concession. A special thank you to the sponsors for the Sports Day event: Maple Leaf Foods for providing the all-beef wieners, Starbucks at 1758 West Broadway (Broadway and Pine location) for providing the coffee, Loblaws / Wholesale Club for providing some of the concession items, and to Sportball Vancouver for the gift certificate. Arita Barton in Division 15 was the winner of the draw for the Sportball Gift Certificate.

## Kindergarten and Grade 7 Tiger Tails Exchange Ceremony

On Wednesday, all of our Kindergarten and Grade 7 students participated in a long-standing Tennyson tradition of the Grade 7s exchanging their tiger tails with the K students. This is a celebration of our Kindergarten students successfully completing their first year of elementary school, and the Grade 7s celebrating their last year of elementary school prior to embarking on new experiences in secondary. Many parents came out to be a part of the celebration, which was appreciated. All students sang both the Tennyson Song and the Eye of the Tiger song/dance, and photos were taken in front of the school. All in all it was a great way to end the school year!



## **Classroom News and Events:**

### Division 12: Le Magicien d'Oz

Mme Simone led her class in the production of the play *Le Magicien d'Oz*. Students rehearsed for weeks, created props and costumes, and performed for an eager audience comprised of family members and friends. It was an excellent example of Grade two students using the French they have learned through the incorporation of literature and drama. A big thank you to Mme Simone and the Division 12 class, who performed not only once after school, but offered two performances! Fantastique!



### **Divisions 7 & 8: Un marché pour aider**

The Grade 4 students from Divisions 7 and 8 worked very hard over the last month and a half preparing for a Craft and Used Toy Sale to raise money to help the homeless in Vancouver. The event took place last week outside during both recesses for two days and was very successful! Students put up posters around the school and promoted the event in every classroom to advertise for the market.



Earlier in the year, students welcomed a guest from the Covenant House who shared how they help homeless youth in Vancouver. Both divisions also went to Save-On-Meats for a field trip to learn about how this downtown diner helps provide job training and employment opportunities for the community at large. The diner is affiliated with A Better Life Foundation that helps provide 1,000 daily meals for women, children and those in assisted living in the downtown eastside community. Developing this fundraiser allowed students to create and follow a plan of action to address the selected problem of homelessness in Vancouver which is a curricular competency directly linked to the social studies curriculum.

The classes raised a total of \$1,062.85! The profits have been divided equally between the Covenant House and A Better Life Foundation. We are so proud of all the effort and positive energy students showed throughout this activity. We would also like to thank all staff, parents and students at Lord Tennyson for being engaged and supportive during this memorable "Marché pour aider". A huge thank you to Mme Kulokas, Mme Heath, Mme Perron, and their parent volunteers for making this tremendous event possible!

## 2018-19 School Fees

Fees charged will be \$25 per student for supplies, and \$5 for an agenda. Various fees for field excursions and other opportunities will be determined and communicated by teachers throughout the year. No child will be excluded from any opportunity due to financial hardship. We have posted a copy of the 2018-19 school fee letter to parents on our website at this link:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/tennyson/Publications/Tennyson%20school%20fee%20letter%202018.pdf>

## Lost & Found

Please periodically check our Lost & Found for items that your child may be missing. Our Lost & Found is located on the west side of the main floor, in the stairwell area.

## New School Building

You likely know that the current Lord Tennyson School building is approved to be replaced by a newly constructed building. The new building will be located on our existing west field. It will be constructed while we continue to occupy the current building. Once complete, the current building will be removed, and the fields, playground etc. will occupy that space. The project is currently in the final design phase. The district is working with the architects and the city to finalize the design and have the project go to tender. We will continue to update the community as information becomes available.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 4:** Gr. 1-7 students attend school from 9am-10am; please go to your “last year’s classes”
- Sept 5:** School is in full session, 9-3 (incoming Kindergarten students will be on a gradual entry)
- Sept 17:** PAC meeting; 7pm in the library
- Sept 19:** Photo Day for students
- Sept 27:** Meet the Teacher/School Evening & Welcome Back Barbecue; time TBA
- Sept 28:** Professional Development Day; School is not in session for students

