



## Tecumseh Elementary School

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There has been a great deal to celebrate at Tecumseh. Our intermediate students have really been focusing on the Core Competency of Communication. When we think about communication, we think about all the abilities that our students use to share their experiences and ideas and exchange this information with others while they explore the world around them. Our students were fully engaged with their learning and shared what they learned during the 'Celebration of Learning' event with other students in the school and family members who were able to attend. We are so proud of our students. They can explain what they are thinking. They can talk and listen to others, while sharing the work. They all did an exceptional job of finding information and showing what they know. Kudos to our intermediate students and the staff who supported them. Thank you, Ms. Sandhu for organizing this special event.

Our senior students performed 'Dig It'. It occurred to me that the production was a perfect example of bringing our Code of Conduct alive. Our students respected and encouraged each other and shared in giving a wonderful performance. Congratulations! Appreciation goes to contributors of costumes and staff, who are so flexible and supportive. Special thanks to Ms. Harris and Ms. Pearce, our co-directors, who made this production possible.

Another highlight was our 'Celebration of Music' event. There is tremendous learning that takes place when you play an instrument, dance or sing with others. We were treated to watching and listening to many performers ranging in age from our youngest to oldest. Our students demonstrated many skills playing wind, string and percussive instruments. Others danced and sang. We ended our event by the entire student body singing in unison, in preparation for 'Music Monday', May 1<sup>st</sup>. As an audience member, I was filled with joy and so impressed with the risk-taking demonstrated by our students and staff. We have so much talent to share. Special thanks to Mr. Larson for organizing this joyful event.

Our Ready Set Learn event for pre-schoolers was well attended. It was a great deal of fun to watch these very active learners fully engaged in their learning! Thanks to Ms. Evans for making this first connection with our school possible. What a great way to start!

The students in Division 6 are participating in an intergenerational community project with a group of seniors at Shannon Oaks Retirement Home. This experience will be part of lifelong learning for our students as they participate in community building and develop an understanding of and respect for the contributions and experiences of senior citizens. With the support of professional film makers, our students will be making videos to represent their experiences using the iPads that our PAC provided to the school. Ms. Collins, Ms. Prior and the students in Division 6 will really need to use their critical thinking skills, as they work through this special project.

Tecumseh's 'Family Fitness Challenge' has begun. At Tecumseh, our students are encouraged to participate in various daily physical activities that help to keep our bodies and minds active and healthy. The 'Fitness Challenge' encourages families to take an active role in reinforcing a healthy lifestyle full of physical activity. Whether you choose to hike, bike, play soccer, bowling, Frisbee or any other game, dance, fly a kite or walk to and from school each day – we hope you have fun being active together. Thanks to Ms. Evans for organizing this enjoyable challenge for families.

Division 7 will happily be receiving a visit from a Vancouver Firefighter. Jacob Wong won a regional prize in a recent competition and won a pizza lunch for his class. Well done, Jacob. Thanks go to the Vancouver Fire Fighters for the work they do providing schools with safety presentations and resources.

We recently held a 'Lockdown' safety drill. Please ask your child what takes place during this drill. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thanks go to staff who sit on our Health and Safety Committee. They are vigilant in making sure that we routinely practice different kinds of safety drills and evacuations.

It is a privilege working at Tecumseh School. Your PAC works hard on behalf of all students. I am so grateful to the PAC and the Tecumseh staff for the leadership, professionalism and support offered and am so inspired by our students, as they go forward each day with their learning.

### What's Coming?

- The Big One at 2:00(p.m.)      Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>      (District-wide reunification & safety drill.)
- Sports Day      Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Welcome To K      Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>      (invitations have gone out to registrants)
- Grade 6 Camp      May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
- District Recorder Festival      Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Every student is bringing home an updated Code of Conduct pamphlet with this newsletter. Please review it carefully at home. It is important that home and school work together. Please keep this document as your reference.