



LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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DAILY TIGER



Date: March 31st, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful break full of warm activities. I know the weather didn't cooperate but being home with a good book wasn't so bad. The students are happy to be back and ready to engage in more learning as we enter into term 3. This is always a very busy time with several important events throughout so we will keep you informed as these events unfold.

The 100 km club has started and I would like to thank the teachers and parents for their participation, organization and enthusiasm for this great activity first thing in the morning. The students are running on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 8:20. Information on Track and Field will soon be available and we will keep you posted when details arrive.

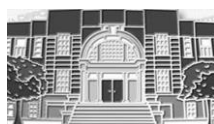
We are in the process of organizing an Aboriginal/Indigenous Focus Week. This will take place April 24th through 28th. There will be many activities, invited guests and performances. An agenda will be sent out to the community as you will be invited to attend the many sessions planned throughout the week.

Finally, I continue to be reminded of how dedicated the staff at Tennyson are with the students. The effort and experience that goes into ensuring your children feel safe and cared for continues to inspire me. Please join me in saying "Merci!"

Sincerely,

Claudette Alain
Principal

Principal: Claudette Alain
Vice Principal: Victoria Lorieau
Admin Assistant: Siaw Wong



Director of Instruction: Magdalena Kassis
Official Trustee: Diane Turner
PAC Chair: Tam Cummings

Student Led Conferences

This is to remind you that the student led conferences are on Wednesday April 12th and Thursday April 13th. Please note that **early dismissal** is only on **Wednesday at 2:00 pm**. Thursday, school will be dismissed at **3:00** as usual.

Tennyson's Dress Guidelines

With the nice weather about to arrive, we wanted to remind everyone about our dress guidelines. According to VSB policy JFCA: Student Dress Code states:

"While it is not the function of the school system to impose or prohibit fashions or styles of appearance, the Board of School Trustees recognizes, as a custom of the elementary and secondary schools of the City of Vancouver, that each student shall attend school clean and tidy in person, and shall refrain from wearing hair styles, clothes, footwear, jewelry, and other articles of personal adornment that are by reason of extreme styling, a distraction to the student himself/herself or his/her fellow students, or that are otherwise adverse to effective teaching in his/her class. These standards and regulations of dress shall apply equally to male and female students."

With this in mind, some years ago, Tennyson staff, with the input of students, developed the following dress guidelines:

While no formal regulations are in place with regard to dress code, it is expected that students at Lord Tennyson will dress tastefully and weather- appropriately. Beach wear, bare midriffs, plunging necklines, visible undergarments, short shorts and inappropriate marked t-shirts are not acceptable in a classroom environment. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will be asked to call home for a change of clothes if no other clothing can be lent to them. Also, a reminder that flip-flops can result in injuries and should not be worn to school.

We ask you please review this with your children, especially those in the intermediate grades.

Babysitting Course

The Community Schools Team is excited to offer a 4 week Babysitting Certification Course after school on Fridays, April 21 - May 19. This course will cover basic first aid, and teach how to respond to choking, bleeding, poisoning and burns as well as child care skills and the rights and responsibilities of a babysitter. After the 4 week program is completed, students will be certified as a Canadian Red Cross Babysitter. The course is open to students in grades 6 - 7. Registration forms are available outside the school office. Please contact Dianne Sankey (CST Programmer) at dsankey@vsb.bc.ca with any questions.

Positive Personal and Cultural Identity and Social Responsibility

Recently, we hosted VSB's Diversity Counsellor, Stephanie Lofquist, who visited the grade 2 and 3 classrooms to talk about gender diversity. Students had the opportunity to learn about these topics related to the new curricular competencies: Positive Personal and Cultural Identity and Social Responsibility. At the VSB, we have a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities policy which guides our schools in creating caring and welcoming learning communities for all.

We will have Stephanie come visit our school again in the near future to speak with the intermediate grades. If you have any questions, please be in touch with me and I would be happy to provide more clarification or information.

At home, you can support your child's resiliency and encourage open communication by reading and discussing books that include family, gender, cultural and all kinds of diversity. This is a great way to encourage your child's social-emotional learning, social responsibility and empathy for others. Ask your school librarian or the librarian at your local VPL branch about books available.

Kind Regards,

Claudette

Free Kick - Timbits Spring World Cup Soccer League

Enjoy a fun, friendly World Cup Spirit with small-sided World Cup games, Music & Country Flags *All Boys and Girls will receive a free soccer ball, Timbits uniform, socks, medals and a Free Kick t-shirt.*

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| Saturday Mornings: April 29 - June 24 (Granville Park (15th & Fir)) 9-10am: Age 4, 5, 6 10-11am: Age 7, 8 | Sundays Mornings - April 30 - June 25 (Jericho Turf) 9-10am: Age 5, 6 10-11am: Age 7, 8 11-12pm: Age 9, 10, 11, 12 |
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(Players are organized by age, level)

Cost: \$125

Volunteers Welcome

REGISTER: FreeKickFC.com

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Free Kick Director

Carrie Serwetnyk



IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday, April 12: Student-Led Conferences 2 PM **EARLY** Dismissal
- Thursday, April 13: Student-Led Conferences 3 PM **REGULAR** Dismissal
- Friday, April 14: Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, April 17: Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

