



# LA GAZETTE DU TIGRE

## Lord Tennyson Elementary School

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## DAILY TIGER



**Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you were able to take advantage of our amazing weather and had a restful summer. A special welcome to new families who are joining us this year. We have been working diligently to prepare the classrooms for the students and we are excited to be back at school with you.

I look forward to a productive year working with the PAC executive, parents, staff and students in making Lord Tennyson a caring, safe and academically challenging school for your children

To all Tennyson parents, thank you for your continued support of our school and your child's education. Staying involved on a daily basis sends a clear message to your child that learning is important.

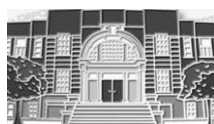
I welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. Please feel free to make an appointment, call or email me [calain@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:calain@vsb.bc.ca) with any concerns.

Sincerely,

Mme Alain

Claudette Alain  
Principal  
Tennyson School

*Principal: Claudette Alain*  
*Vice Principal: Celina Mau*  
*Admin Assistant: Veronica D'Angelo*



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

## Staff Changes

A few staff changes occurred last year and we said goodbye to several people in our June newsletter. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

We would like to thank the Tennyson community to help us in welcoming those new to our school.

Welcome to **Mme. Ashton Sanders** who has joined the team as our grade 6 teacher. Mme. Ashton comes to us from UBC and her passion for the French language is infectious and we are thrilled to have her join our team.

Welcome to **Mme. Emile Perron**, who will be joining the intermediate team. Mme Perron has a wealth of knowledge in curriculum and loves the French language. She also comes to us from UBC.

Welcome to **Mme. Lauren Zarimba**, who has joined our intermediate team. Mme. Lauren comes to us from Jules Quesnel. She is technologically savvy and believes in a positive approach to learning. We are fortunate to have her join us.

Welcome to **Mme. Nicole George**, who will be job sharing with Mme. Teckert on Thursdays. We want to welcome her to our Tennyson team and wish her great success with our students.

Welcome to **Mme. Anna Bailey**, who joined us very recently to replace Mme. Janesse in Kindergarten. Mme. Janesse has accepted a Vice Principal position with the Surrey School District and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Welcome to **Mme. Stephanie Morin**, who is replacing Mme. Nona as our primary resource and Reading Recovery teacher. Mme. Stephanie comes to us from Burnaby and specializes in Early Intervention. We were fortunate to find her and have her join us in supporting our early learners.

Welcome to **Safi Arnold** our Art Prep teacher this year. Safi will be with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She will be teaching art in the TOSS room between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00. She comes to us as an art specialist and we are thrilled to have her join our team.

Welcome to **Edith Mercier** our Gym Prep teacher this year. Edith will be joining us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and she will be teaching physical education. Edith comes to us as a PE specialist and we are happy to have her join us.

Welcome to **Mme. Eve Arsenault, Mme. Amanda Field and Mme. Mme. Yulia Podina** our new SSA's whose valuable support with our students is appreciated.

Welcome to **M. Jonathan Perucho** who is here replacing Chi Ho's as the evening building engineer.

## **Vice Principal at Tennyson**

Last but certainly not least, please join me in welcoming **Mme. Celina Mau** our temporary Vice Principal. Celina is a retired administrator with many years of experience. She comes to us as a past Tennyson principal and brings an incredible amount of knowledge to the team. We are very fortunate to have her join us. Her assignment at Tennyson will be from September 5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and October 30<sup>th</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. In the interim, **Mme. Margaret Davidson** will join us from September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She is also a retired principal and will continue the work Mme. Mau has put in place to ensure consistency. Her experience and expertise will be of great value to the team.

The Vancouver School Board is in the process of recruiting Principals and Vice Principals. In January, a new Vice Principal will join the team and we will inform you as soon as we know who will be coming to our school.

On another note, we are happy to announce that Mme. Lorieau our former vice principal had a beautiful baby girl named Eve Julie-Anne. Both mom and baby are doing well and we Mme. Lorieau and her family all the best.

We are fortunate to have such a strong and professional staff, who care deeply about students' well-being and are passionate about their vocation. We are all excited about the New Year ahead and look forward to collaborating with our amazing learning community.

Finally, please help me in acknowledging and thanking our wonderful office staff Veronica D'Angelo (temporary) and Yit Yuen (temporary) as well as our engineer Sam, Jonathan and Gurchet for helping us with a smooth start up. We couldn't do it without them.

## **A Few Important Reminders**

### **Allergy Aware**

Please note that we are an allergy aware school. We have several students with severe allergies to seeds (sesame, etc), nuts and nut products (peanut butter, Nutella, etc). We ask that everyone avoid bringing lunches and snacks with these ingredients as such ingredients can be dangerous to others. We have notice that students bring Nutella sandwiches to school. Please note that this spread contains nuts and can be potentially dangerous to others. Please try to avoid such spreads if at all possible.

### **Lunch/Snack Containers**

We are all doing our best to be environmentally aware and environmentally friendly. Just a note of caution in regards to glass containers for food during snack or at lunch time. We are finding that the students drop them and they shatter on the gym/cafeteria floor. If at all possible, please try to find containers that do not emit toxins (hard plastic) or have the potential to break. This would assist us in keeping your child and other students from cutting themselves or getting hurt. Thank you in advance for your diligence on this matter.

### **Class Parents**

There will be a school email sent to you in regards to “class parent” and the duties that go along with this position. Please see the email and speak with your child’s teacher for more information about being a class parent.

### **Public Health Nurse**

Finally, we have attached a note from our public health nurse to welcome our new families and to introduce herself. Please make sure to read it.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Sept 15 – 22: Completed and Signed Forms due back to teacher**
  - Student Information Verification Form
  - VSB CASL Consent 2017 – 2018 Form
  - VSB Personal Information and Media Consent 2017 – 2018 Form
  - Acceptable Use of Technology (AUP) Policy Form for new students
  - \$25 School Fees and \$10 Agenda Fees (one cheque/child)
  
- **Friday, Sept 15: Assembly**
  - 9:15 AM ODD Division
  - 11:00 AM EVEN Division
  
- **Thursday, Sept 28: Terry Fox Run 2 - 3 PM OUTSIDE**
  
- **Thursday, Sept 28: Meet the Teachers 5 – 7 PM**
  
- **Friday, Sept 29: Pro-D – NO SCHOOL**

