



***Ecole Trafalgar Elementary School***

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**Newsletter #16**

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our special PAC presentation with Dr. Kang on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful seeing parents from our neighbouring schools in attendance, as well as a few parents from Mount Pleasant School.

Dr. Kang spoke about Happy and Healthy 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners and gave parents several tips for helping our children including:

Simple is not easy  
More is not better, need to be in balance  
Kids Learn from trial and error  
Allow and encourage risk  
Praise the process not just the product  
Wait before you step in  
Be firm yet flexible, love with limits

More from Dr. Kang can be found on the following websites: [www.dolphinpod.ca](http://www.dolphinpod.ca) and [www.drshimikang.com](http://www.drshimikang.com).

Thank you Dr. Kang for sharing your knowledge and insight with us.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Lavoie  
Principal

### **Will Stroet Concert**

Thank you to Will Stroet and his band for coming to Trafalgar on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and performing for our primary students. The students loved singing and dancing to Will's songs, sung both in English and French. Not only is Will an alumnus of Trafalgar and a current parent of Trafalgar, he can now add 2017 Juno nominee to his resume! Thank you Will for coming to Trafalgar and sharing your love of music and talents with us.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready Set Learn**

Trafalgar Elementary School and the Kindergarten program are hosting "Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation" and our "Ready, Set, Learn" (for 3 year olds) which will be held on Friday, May 5th from 9:45-11:30 AM in the GYM. On this day, you will have the opportunity to visit the school and learn a bit about the Kindergarten program. You and your child will then be lead through some fun hands-on activities. We are looking forward to meeting the new Ks! Siblings, aged 3 years old, are also welcome to attend on that day and will participate in activities.

### **Big One at Two-Earthquake Drill**

Every year in May, the Vancouver Board of Education runs a district wide Earthquake drill. This year the drill for all Vancouver schools will be held, rain or shine, on Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, all students and staff will begin the practice in the classroom, going under their desks and counting up to 60 in unison.

After the count, everyone will proceed outside onto the field as we do during a Fire Drill. Once outside, we will set up our First Aid station and Release Station.

The VSB has also implemented a radio communication process which will be used during this practice. Each school is equipped with a radio that can be operated through the car. We will be operating and communicating to the staff at the VSB via this radio. Part of this district wide practice is to practice communicating to the staff at the VSB, Command Post, our status (i.e. injuries, structural damages, etc.) Each school is called one at a time to report their status. We must remain on the field until we have reported our school's status and each school has had the opportunity to do so. Once this is completed, we may return into the building.

As this can be a long process, we anticipate finishing this practice close to 3:00 pm. Therefore, if you do arrive prior to 3:00 pm on that day, chances are we will NOT be in the building but on the field.

This year, the VSB is adding a mock student-parent Emergency Reunification to the drill.

## Parent Drill Notification

### **EARTHQUAKE DRILL May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday May 4 is our annual *BigOne@2:00* earthquake drill.

This year we invite **up to 50 interested parents/guardians** to come to the school at 2:30PM to participate in a mock student-parent **Emergency Reunification**. Interested parents are asked to RSVP with the Main Office if you wish to participate.

Those who agree to participate will:

- Arrive at 2:30PM and participate until 3:00PM on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Bring a piece of picture identification with you.
- Expect some chaos...*it is our FIRST Reunification drill!*
- And if you drive, please do not block the roadway. You must follow the posted parking regulations.

The drill will end at ~3:00PM and our regular dismissal will proceed after that.

The VSB uses the same Reunification process as most other school districts. It involves parents reporting to a Check-In desk, showing personal identification (ID), and our staff confirming the person picking-up a student is listed with the school as an Emergency Contact of the student. It does take some time, but bringing ID, having updated Emergency Contacts listed with the school, and being patient and polite make it go much faster.

*We expect this to be a chaotic high energy learning experience...and it will be far from perfect, but it will allow us to learn and improve together!*

### ***Extended Vacations For Students***

We have noticed that increasingly a number of students and their families have either extended their vacation after holidays or are taking holidays during the school year. We do not wish to be punitive when absences arise, nor do we wish to suggest that holidays are not permitted, but if you so choose to extend or take a holiday during the school year, please note that teachers are not expected to prepare, nor provide work for students during their absence.

### **Pedalheads Bike Camp**

Pedalheads Bike Camp at Trafalgar on Tuesdays 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Starts Tuesday April 25. Registration open at [Pedalheads.com](http://Pedalheads.com)

### **RBC Race for the Kids**

Please join the Trafalgar school team and your friends to raise money for BC Women and Children's Hospital. On Sunday, June 4, RBC Race for the Kids will host runners

and walkers of all ages and abilities on a 2k Fun Run or scenic 5k run, followed by a carnival celebration.

Registration is Now Open for the RBC Race for the Kids (2 or 5 km)

Queen Elizabeth Park June 4 at 9 am

Register as to be part of the Trafalgar Elementary School Team;

<https://secure.bcchf.ca/register/register-multiple.cfm?Event=139&from=groupmessage>"

## Family Movie Night at Prince of Wales



**Movie: The Lego Movie**

**Date: Friday, April 28, 2017**

**Location: Prince of Wales Secondary School Cafeteria  
(2250 Eddington Dr)**

**Time: 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm**

**Cost: \$5 early bird, \$7 at door**

**\*includes movie ticket, popcorn, and water bottle**

**Questions? Contact Ms. Linda Fong at [yooknga@gmail.com](mailto:yooknga@gmail.com)**

**Elementary school students and parents may register for early bird tickets at <https://goo.gl/forms/cv9Mliw9idW0D6wt1>**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Wednesday, April 26</b>	<b>Vancouver Theatre Sports League Show for Gr. 4-7, 9:30 am</b>
<b>Monday, May 1</b>	<b>class photos and panorama photo</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>	<b>"Clean Up Your Act" Show for K-3, 11:00</b>
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>	<b>Big One at Two- Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, May 5</b>	<b>Ready, Set, Learn and Welcome to Kindergarten event – 9:45 am</b>
<b>Friday, May 12</b>	<b>Multicultural Dinner – more info to follow</b>
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	<b>Sports Day- Early Dismissal 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>No School-Professional Development Day</b>

