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Newsletter #15

Friday, April 7, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! Hard to believe, but we are into the last term of this school year!

Thank you to all parents who came out to the Scholastics book fair. Your support helped us surpass our sales from 2016. The staff very much appreciates your support, as the sales help put books into the classroom and the library. A huge thank you to Amanda Magee and Janice Johnson for championing this event. Thank you also to the many parents who volunteered their time to help out, either with set-up, take down, or ensuring the book fair ran smoothly.

I look forward to working with you all this term.

Sincerely,

Jacque Lavoie
Principal

New Building Engineer

Welcome to our new building engineer, Leon Barnard, who began with us on Monday, April 3rd. Leon is here from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm. Henry has returned to his evening shift. Welcome Leon!

Noon Hour and After School Programs

Noon hour and some after school programs start up again on Monday, April 10th. A huge thank you to Alison Scarlett and Tracey MacLeod, who have spent many hours organizing and coordinating the noon hour programs. Thank you also to Tze-Wo Leung for his work behind the scenes, taking care of the registrations. Our students look forward to these programs and do benefit from them.

After school programs are also starting up again. A big thank you to Nora Harmsworth for her work in bringing the after school programs to Trafalgar. There are still space available in our after school programs. See info attached. (Nora sent us attachments.

PAC Presentation

Trafalgar School and PAC will be hosting a special community event.

Dr. Shimi Kang will be speaking on Tuesday April 11 at 730pm at Trafalgar Gym. (She will be using bilingual English & Simple Chinese language slides).

Topic: The Self-Motivated Kid: How to Raise Happy and Healthy 21st Century Leaders.

Dr. Kang is the Medical Director of Child and Youth Mental Health for the City of Vancouver and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia.

She is the author of The Self-Motivated Kid and The Dolphin Parent: A Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy, and Motivated Kids. This critically acclaimed book became a #1 Canadian Bestseller, released in 8 countries, and won the 2015 US News International Book Award.

Dr. Kang is a writer whose articles have been featured in the Huffington Post, Psychology Today, and TIME Magazine. She is a TEDx speaker and health expert for major media outlets such CTV & CBC National News.

She recently launched Dolphin POD: Innovation, Leadership, and Wellness Programs for youth in Canada, US, and India. Dr. Kang is most proud of receiving the Diamond Jubilee Medal for her years of outstanding community service and being a mother of three “awesome but exhausting” children!

Please join us for this special event

Track and Field

The spring season is here and so is the Track and Field season! Trafalgar will be running the Track and Field Team for all students from Grades 4-7. Permission forms will be given out on Friday April 7th and will be available out front of the office. Students will be provided with the schedule for practices and meets. We plan to start practices on April 18th.

Peer Tutoring

We are a small group of students from Mme Laure's class who help younger grade 1 students with their reading. When we tutor, we tutor in English for Ms. Andres' students who require a bit of extra help. We tutor three days a week and the activities we do are sight words, leveled reading, repeated reading, etc. Our strategies that we use are pointers, we sound the words out, we help them with the difficult words that start with specific letters (e.g. th, w, gh, etc.) and we get them to look for little words in the big words (e.g. cat in caterpillar). We record all the books the grade 1's read and we give them stickers if they do a great job.

Almost all of the grade 1's love coming to read with us because they find it helpful when we sound out the vocabulary and when they have trouble with new words. They tell us they want to read with us more often! The only negative side is they sometimes want to do it all by themselves and may not want our help. Maybe this means they are becoming fantastic readers.

By Andaya, Hana and Hailey of Division 5
(insert pictures)

Trafalgar Choir at the VSB Choral Festival

Congratulations to our Senior choir who participated in the VSB Choral Festival on March 6th.

I am so honoured and proud of my Trafalgar singers last night. The students all sang beautifully, and represented our school so well. We are so proud of you!

A big thank you to our choir teacher, Ms. Catherine, for preparing the students for this enriching experience.

Congratulations everyone and thank you for all your hard work.

Together, Trafalgar School can make a difference in the world!!!

It's likely almost every Trafalgar student's mom or dad has a cell phone. With new versions of iPhones, Androids and other smart phones coming out all the time, have you ever wondered what happens to all those old cell phones? In many cases, they end up at the bottom of a drawer in your home or in the landfill.

Many people in Africa need the basics we take for granted – things like food, water and medical care. Your old cell phones can make all the difference for someone in Africa to call for help, especially in medical emergencies.

Recognizing this problem, a solution was devised under the banner of “Africa Calling.” Africa Calling (www.africacalling.ca) is a non-profit group dedicated to the collection and redistribution of used cell phones to those who need them most in Africa. So please search your homes and offices for your old, unused cell phones and chargers, and send them with your child to school. There are boxes in each classroom where you can drop off your old cell phones and cell phone chargers. The class that collects the most cell phones, will win a PRIZE! So game on and let’s see who can bring in the most cell phones! If you have old cell phone chargers, you can bring those in too! The last day to bring in your old cell phones and chargers is [Thursday, April 27th](#).

Summer School at the VSB

Insert poster here

Community News

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.

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

(Players are organized by age, level)

Cost: \$125

Volunteers Welcome

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, April 11th- PAC meeting and Presentation- 7:00 pm**
 - **Friday, April 14th- No School-Good Friday**
 - **Monday, April 17th- No School-Easter Monday**
- **Tuesday, April 18th- Will Stroet to present- K-3- 9:30 am**