



**École Trafalgar Elementary School**  
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## Newsletter #10

Friday, January 19, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and were able to spend some time with family and friends. Welcome to new families who are starting with us this term. Welcome to our New Supervision Aide, Terry who is joining our dynamic trio of Supervision Aides, which also includes Yvette and Corinna. Supervision Aides play an important role in keeping our students safe during recess and lunch.

Hard to believe, but it is that time of year when we must inform the district of our projected population for the 2018-2019 school year. Therefore, if you know at this time that you will **not** be returning next year, please complete the attached form and return it to the office. Please see form attached.



We look forward to working with you this term. As always, my door is always open.

Sincerely,  
Jacquie Lavoie  
Principal

## Library Appreciation

A big THANK-YOU to Division 3 who introduced the 2018 Red Cedar collection by presenting informative and very exciting presentations to all of our intermediate students. Read, Read, Read and have fun! The vote for the best titles will take place in April. I would also like to say another BIG THANK-YOU to the PAC members for the purchase of the library TV. It is a wonderful addition to our resources and will for sure encourage further cooperative and project based learning opportunities. THANK YOU!

## Socks for Covenant House

Thank you to everyone who participated in our sock drive. So far we collected more than 55 pairs of socks for Covenant House, an organization that supports Vancouver's homeless youth. Donations will be accepted until January 31. Please keep the socks coming.



Congratulations to Oliver of Division 5 for organizing this campaign all on his own. Another exemplary example of our students helping those in need.

## \*\*\* Important \*\*\* Safe Arrival and Attendance Information

All Vancouver elementary schools are making changes to the way they take attendance. It will look similar to the way it currently happens at Trafalgar but there are a few changes. Listed below are important reminders:

1. Please call Safe Arrival at 604-713-5479 if your child is sick or away. A message may be left on the Safe Arrival line.
2. If you know in advance your child is going to be away for more than one day and less than 2 weeks (for example, a family vacation), please notify the office at 604-713-5475. It is a good idea to let the classroom teacher know your child's absence but always notify the office.
3. If your child is going to be away for more than 2 weeks, please come to the office and fill out the long-term absence form.
4. If you know your child will be late arriving to school (for example, an appointment), please call the Trafalgar Safe Arrival at 604-713-5479 the night before or on the morning of the appointment.
5. Please do not leave messages on the Safe Arrival voicemail unrelated to your child's absence.

Please try to follow these five reminders to avoid Safe Arrival calling you unnecessarily. You will be contacted every morning when your child is absent but you have not let the office know or you do not call into Safe Arrival. Thanks for your support as we work through the new system.

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## **Trafalgar Is a UNESCO School**

Perhaps you did not know that Trafalgar is a UNESCO School. What is UNESCO? The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization Associated School Project Network (ASPNet) has existed since 1953. It is a global network of more than 10,000 educational institutions (primary, middle school, high school and post-secondary institutions) in 181 countries. ASPnet schools work in four key curricula areas:

- Diversity and Intercultural Learning,
- Peace and Human Rights,
- Education for Sustainable Development, and
- The United Nations priorities

The UNESCO ASPnet provides support in the forms of national teacher and student conferences, national video conferences, teaching resources and provincial as well as national coordinators.

At Trafalgar, our hope is that the UNESCO Associated School Network can support our work around the four key curricula areas and provide us with inspiration from like-minded colleagues from around the country and world, with whom we can collaborate. Trafalgar is the first UNESCO candidate school in Vancouver and the third in BC. All three schools in BC are candidates working towards membership in the network.

The work we have done at Trafalgar for the ASPnet this year may be familiar to you. For example,

- Celebration of national and international days,
- National and international pen pal projects,
- Sustainability Education in lessons, modules, and projects centered on our school garden often led by Earthbites,
- A UN Ambassadors Club with a weekly study and discussion of UN initiatives,
- Poverty awareness lessons, modules and activism,
- Novel studies, art projects, in-school presentations and discussions about Truth and Reconciliation in Canada as well as an upcoming national video conference on one class' work with Project of Heart, and
- School wide Climate Change Soiree in April sharing the work we have been doing with Sustainability Education with you. Stay tuned for this date and time.

### **\*\*\* Important Dates \*\*\***

**Friday, January 26: Reports to go home for Divisions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, & 18**

**Monday, January 29: No School for Professional Development & Curriculum Implementation Day**