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Dear Parents,

We hope you were able to take advantage of the March break and are ready for our final term of the school year. Many activities will be happening this term such as: gymnastics for all grade levels, Track and Field, Primary and Intermediate Talent Show, hosting Quebec twins, Grade 7 Camp, Sports Day, UBC Geering Up workshops for all grades, theme days, year-end assembly, and various field trips, just to name a few. As you can see, this last term at Trafalgar will be filled with lots of exciting and enriching experiences for all of our students. Stay tuned for details.

Hard to believe, but it is also that time of year for us to start planning for next year. Therefore, it is extremely important to inform us if you will not be returning to Trafalgar in September. We have quite a few students presently on our waitlists for September and knowing the status of our current student population will inform us whether we may accept new students or not. We appreciate your help with this.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to working with you all this term.

With thanks,
Jacquie Lavoie, Principal

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Drumming Workshop

On Friday, April 6, all divisions participated in a drumming workshop with Artist in Residence Milton Randall. Mr. Randall brought with him over 80 drums of various types, and every student had the opportunity to learn rhythms and practice new techniques on a drum. A big thank-you to the PAC for funding this experience for our students.



UNESCO

Trafalgar will be celebrating Earth Day this year through a school-wide Climate Change Champions assembly on Thursday, April 19 in the afternoon and Trafalgar Circles on Friday, April 20, whereby each circle will participate in an Earth Day collaborative art project. These activities reflect the UNESCO school network's commitment to combatting climate change and fostering stewardship. We wish you and yours a lovely spring full of opportunities to enjoy nature.

After-School Program: Ultimate Frisbee at Trafalgar

- Mondays starting April 23 - June 11 (3:00 pm-4:30 pm) for grades 3-7
- Cost: \$20 for 8 weeks (Subsidies available – See the registration form attached.)

Join our VSB staff and youth coaches from Prince of Wales to learn Ultimate Frisbee! Participants will learn a variety of fundamental skills, tactics, and moves through engaging games and drills. They will also take part in supervised practice. The program is also aimed at promoting active lifestyles, inclusivity, and fun. Participants will leave the program with new valuable skills and an undeniable love for this sport. A healthy snack and supervision will be provided from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Registration form and fee (cash or cheque) can be handed into the Trafalgar School Office by 12:00 pm, Friday, April 20. For more information, e-mail Jasica Grewal, Community Schools Coordinator at jjgrewal@vsb.bc.ca.

Loonie & Toonie Book Sale on April 25 & 26

Oye! Oye! Trafalgar School annual Book Sale will be back on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. As in previous years, there will be a wide range of books available to suit all tastes and reading abilities. The sale will take place in front of the Trafalgar School Gym during recess, lunch, and after School on both days. \$1 and \$2 per book. All Proceeds of this event will go to the BC Children's Hospital in memory of Liam Law. Liam passed away in 2013 when he was in Grade 2. He was loved by and will always be remembered. Please bring all Book Donations to the School Library by April 24. Thank you all for your support and remember, little things can make all the difference! – Annie Law and Madame Michele

Earthquake Drill: Big One at Two

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 3 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 drill 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. Once again, this year the VSB is adding a mock student-parent **Emergency Reunification** to the drill.

Parent Drill Notification for Earthquake Drill on May 3

Thursday, May 3 is our annual *BigOne@2:00* earthquake drill. We invite **up to 20 interested parents/guardians** to come to school at 2:30 pm to participate in a mock student-parent Emergency Reunification. Interested parents are asked to RSVP with the School Office if you wish to participate or e-mail Mme Lavoie at jlavoie@vsb.bc.ca There is a Student Reunification Information form to fill out. Those who agree to participate will:

- Arrive at 2:30 pm and participate until 3:00 pm on May 3.
- Bring a piece of picture identification with you.
- Expect chaos. This is a practice!
- And if you drive, please do not block the roadway.
You must follow the posted parking regulations.

The drill will end at 3:00 pm 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 and being patient and polite make it go much faster. Also, filling out the Reunification form in advance will expedite the process.

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. Thank you in advance!



Summer School Opportunities



Important Dates

- Wednesday, April 18: U R Strong Workshops (4:00-5:30 pm & 6:00-7:30 pm)
- Thursday, April 19: Climate Change Champions Assembly at 1:45 pm
- Friday, April 20: Trafalgar Circles at 1:30 pm
- Monday, April 23: Gymnastics begins.
- Friday, April 27: Theme Day – Twin Day
- Thursday, May 17: Sports Day (Early dismissal at 2:00 pm – Details are being work out.)
- Please note that Friday, April 27 is **NOT** a Professional Development Day for Trafalgar. Our next Professional Development Day is Tuesday, May 22.