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Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, Trafalgar School is a UNESCO school. What does UNESCO stand for and what do we do as a UNESCO School you ask? UNESCO: **U**nited **N**ations **E**ducational, **S**cientific, and **C**ultural **O**rganization has existed since 1953. It is a global network of more than 10,000 schools in over 180 countries. The main goal of a UNESCO school is to focus on inclusivity, innovation, and quality education with the overarching goal of peace and understanding. UNESCO schools also work with four key pillars and goals of learning which include: diversity and intercultural learning, peace and human rights, education for sustainable development, and the United Nations' priorities.

Only two schools in BC currently participate in this global network and Trafalgar School is fortunate to be the only UNESCO school in the Lower Mainland, thanks to the committed and dedicated staff members of the school. Teachers and students in the school are constantly working on amazing projects connected to the UNESCO goals of learning. Come see for yourselves the amazing work staff and students have been doing in keeping with the goals.

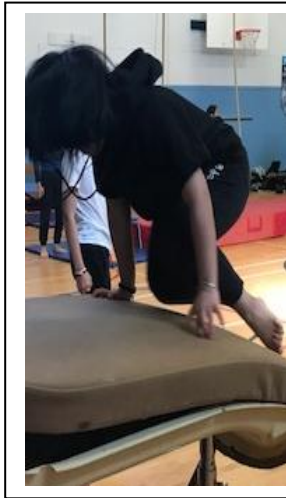
<p>COME AND JOIN US! UNESCO SOIRÉE THURSDAY, MAY 24 FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</p>  <p>Canadian Commission for UNESCO</p> <p>Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture</p> <p>Commission Canadienne pour l'UNESCO</p>
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On Thursday May 24 (5:00 pm-7:00 pm) several classes from Trafalgar School will showcase their UNESCO related work. Their projects will be displayed in the gym and the activity room. Come and see! Some topics include climate change, rising sea levels, local agriculture and food security, and children's rights. We look forward to seeing you at our soiree on May 24! What an honour it is to be the Principal of the only UNESCO school in the Lower Mainland.

Sincerely,
Jacquie Lavoie
Principal

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program has now come to an end. Over the past three weeks, students worked on the vault, balance beam, spring board, tumble mat, ropes, and pommel horse with Coach Serghei. Thank-you to the PAC for supporting and funding a portion of this program, which is part of the Physical Education program.



Ronald McDonald House

A big bravo to Division 20 for their generosity towards those in need. The students and families of Division 20 put together a basket of new stuffed animals for children currently living at Ronald McDonald House. On Thursday, May 10, staff from Ronald McDonald House came to Trafalgar to collect the basket, and praised our students for this act of kindness.



Fantasy Baskets

"Have you seen the amazing Fantasy Baskets on display? We will be raffling them off as a fundraiser to bring new technology to the school. Tickets will be on sale before and after school until Thursday. Ticket prices are \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 15! So buy your tickets, cast your votes, and cross your fingers you win one of the wonderful gift baskets to bring home after Sports Day." Thank you to all divisions for contributing to these amazing and unique baskets!

Concours D'art Oratoire

At Trafalgar, our intermediate students in the French Immersion program participate in the yearly Concours D'art Oratoire, which is an oral French speaking contest. Students prepare a 2-4 minute speech on a subject of their choice, which they present to their peers. At the school level, we hold finals, with 4-5 students per grade level presenting to all of the intermediate classes. Not an easy feat! During these finals, we select two students, one in Grade 6 and one in Grade 7, to go on to the provincial level to represent Vancouver. As we are the only elementary school in the Vancouver School District to still partake in this contest, we have the good fortune of being able to send two representatives to these finals to represent Vancouver.

Congratulations to Danica Selder and Vanessa Schaefer both of Division 4 who represented our school and our district at these finals on Saturday, May 5 at Simon Fraser University. This contest, which is sponsored by Canadian Parents for French, is a wonderful opportunity for students in French Immersion to showcase their oral skills and we are very proud of all of our students who worked hard on their speeches. A big congratulations to Vanessa Schaefer, who represented Vancouver last year as well, and won the first place this year! We are so proud of her!



VSBC Elementary School Catchment Areas Review

Three public information sessions about the review will be held in May. See the invitation attached.

Sports Day



We are gearing up for Sports Day which will be held on **Thursday, May 17**. See the letter attached with details on the day. Students will be given their team colour by their classroom teacher and are encouraged to dress in that colour. Student Council members have written the colour cheers and will be practicing with their respective colour groups during recess and lunch next week. Student Council will also be leading the warm up on the morning of the day. A big thank-you to the Student Council for their leadership! Thank you in advance to our Trafalgar Alumni who will be returning to lead the stations and to the PAC for supplying the snacks at recess and during the tug-a-war. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mme Vessali for all her work organizing the many Sports Days during her time at Trafalgar. She will be missed this year.

A reminder that students will be dismissed at **2:00 pm**. Parents volunteers are needed to help with the snacks, and all parents are welcome to attend and cheer on our students. We look forward to seeing you at Sports Day.

*** Important Dates ***

- **Thursday, May 17: Sports Day - Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 18: No School - School not in session**
- **Monday, May 21: Victoria Day - No School**
- **Tuesday, May 22: Professional Development Day - No school for students**
- **Thursday, May 24: UNESCO Soiree (5:00 pm-7:00 pm)**