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Newsletter #19

Friday, June 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our final PAC meeting and AGM took place on Tuesday, June 5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2017-2018 executive team: Tracey MacLeod, Jessie Chen, Alison Scarlett, Annie Li, Melissa Cheevers, and Jill Jordan. It was a pleasure working with you. I appreciate your time and your commitment in making Trafalgar a wonderful, enriching place for our students to learn. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and hardworking PAC executive, committed to ensuring our students have many amazing opportunities.

Congratulations to the elected executive for 2018-2019; many who are current executive members returning for a second year. I look forward to working with you. A special thank-you to Jessie Chen, whose two year term as Co-chair has come to an end. We all appreciate Jessie's time and dedication to Trafalgar. Congratulations to Christiana Luo who has accepted the position of Co-chair along with Tracey MacLeod, who has agreed to continue on for a second year as Co-chair.

We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the PAC for supporting our initiatives. At the PAC meeting on Tuesday, the PAC voted in favour of supporting our technology needs with a contribution of \$38,000 which will go towards the purchase of 30 new laptops, 15 new Ipads, and other items such as a tech tub to hold the Ipads and bulbs for projectors. We are so very fortunate at Trafalgar to be able to provide our students with these learning tools, thanks to such a generous and dedicated PAC. Merci!

It is now our turn to thank parents for all their help and support this year. We therefore wish to invite you to our Parent Appreciation gathering, which will be held on **Tuesday, June 19 (10:30 am-11:30 am) in the library**. It is important to staff to be able to have this opportunity to thank the parents directly, therefore this special gathering will be held over recess, so that staff will have the chance to visit and thank you.

TRAFALGAR SCHOOL
Volunteer Appreciation

We would like to show our appreciation to the many volunteers who helped at the school.

Join us: June 19th from 10:30 - 11:30 am
in the library
for coffee and snacks

Please RSVP by email to spate@web.bc.ca by June 8th
Child minding Available

Individual invitations will not be sent as we know that many many parents have helped out in so many ways, that we fear we may miss someone if we create an invite list. Please know that we wish to take this opportunity to thank parents for **all** the tasks they have performed and for all the ways they have helped. Even you feel it was small and minor, please know we appreciate your time and support and very much wish for you to attend. We hope to see many of you at our **Parent Appreciation Gathering on Tuesday, June 19.**

Sincerely,
Jacquie Lavoie
Principal

Student Accomplishments

- Congratulations to Gabriella Barton, Jill Gaherty, Ella Gladders, and Chloe Bradley who won first place for the medley girls aged 11 at the Provincial Track and Field Championships on the weekend of May 26. Through the Thunderbirds Track Club, they represented Trafalgar School. I hear they won the race by 100 meters! Way to go girls, we are so proud of you!



- Thank you to Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 15, and 18 that participated in the Keep Vancouver Spectacular litter clean up on Wednesday, June 6. These divisions went out into the neighborhood, with the help of parents, to collect garbage and clean up our streets. Thank you to Mme Laure for organizing this important event and bravo to our students! Way to help out the environment!



- Congratulations to all of the Intermediate students who performed at our Intermediate Talent Show on Wednesday, June 6. You all did an amazing job and we are so proud of you! Who knew Trafalgar had so much talent! Not only are our students very talented, they are also very brave, having performed in front of the whole student body. Bravo! A big thank-you to M. Chiasson for organizing this event for our school. UP next is the Primary Talent Show, which will be held on Friday, June 15. Thank you to M. Marc, Mme Dema, and Mr. Fleming for preparing this.

Notice of Late Return for September 2018

If your family will be returning late in September, please ask Ms. Sharmila in the office for a late return form. We at times have new students moving into the neighborhood in September, so we wouldn't want to fill your spot if you are returning late. The completed form will ensure that your spot is held.

Bike to School Week



Bravo Trafalgar for your outstanding participation during our Bike to School week last week! We had an average of 77 students registered every day. Congratulations to Div. 12, Div.6, and Div.7 for being the top three classes with the most bikers/walker. We know this initiative and successful event would not have been possible without the work of many parents. A big thank-you to Annie Li and Emma Liu for championing this event and to the other parent volunteers Anny, Ada, Cindy, Christiana, Jessie, Rachael, and Kineret. Students were also instrumental so thank you to Amy, Jessie, Tony, William, Shawn, Angela, Jerry, and Shahaf for your help. We hope to see even more riders next year.

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth



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Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Presentation begins 6:30 pm
Magee Secondary School – Auditorium,
6360 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

For Parents of School-Aged Children

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more! **PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – what will they find?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

To register and reserve your seat: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raising-digitally-responsible-youth-free-event-for-parents-caregivers-tickets-46445730430/affiliates>

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Year-End Garden Celebration



Please Come to our Year End Garden Celebration



Earth Bites
grow-eat-learn

On Thursday June 14th, 2018 from 1:15pm until 3:30pm

Join us for a feast from our harvest, fun activities and a market selling flowers, produce from our garden, bath salts, lip balm, lavender spray, simple syrups.

Trafalgar Band and Choir

The Trafalgar school band and choir will have a joint evening concert on **Tuesday, June 19** (7:00 pm-8:00 pm). All parents and students are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert. We are also going to add a junior band in the coming school year. Our plan is to keep the Monday and Wednesday morning practices for the senior band and add another two junior band practices on Tuesday and Thursday. We will therefore have a band demo session on **Thursday, June 14** (2:00 pm-3:00 pm) for all grade 4-6 students interested. Any interested student can subsequently sign up for an instrument try-out and registration on Wednesday, June 20 before school (8:00 am-9:00 am) and after school (3:00 pm-5:00 pm). A huge thank-you to our parent volunteers for making our band program possible!



Year-End Party

The year-end party will be in full swing on **Wednesday, June 27**. Celebrate the end of the school year with other Trafalgar families from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Bring a picnic dinner or buy dinner from the White Spot food truck or an ice cream truck while enjoying live music, a photo booth, many games, and even Granville island's famous bubble blower! This event happens rain or shine. Please note that the school and/or PAC is not responsible for the supervision of the students at this event. You must supervise your own children.

Year-End Assembly and Slideshow

Join us for our year end assembly and traditional slide show, which will be held on **Thursday, June 28 at 11:00 am**. We will take this opportunity to thank and say goodbye to staff members leaving us, and then finish the assembly with our fun slide show. But we need your photos!

A huge thank-you to Christian Malcolm for taking this on this year. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Bryony Hunter for all her work with the past slide shows. We know this is a huge amount of work and appreciate your time!

Lost and Found

Next time you are in the school, please have a look at the two tables filled with lost and found objects. Never know what you may find! All unclaimed objects will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year.

PHOTOS 

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURES
FOR THE TRAFALGAR SLIDE SHOW**

WEB/PHONE: TRAFALGARPAC.CA/PHOTOS
EMAIL: TRAFALGAR18@DROPEVENT.COM
DEADLINE: THURSDAY 22 JUNE

Send us what you've got, all pictures from the 2017-18 school year are welcome. We'd love to include as many students and events as possible, so send us your best shots.

Summer Camps 2018

Kitsilano Gymnastics Club will be offering Summer Camp programs at Lord Tennyson. Apart from gymnastics our program includes team sports, movie afternoon, social games, some arts & crafts, and field trip. Most of the outdoor activities are scheduled in the afternoon and will vary depending on the weather.

	Week 1 (July 2-6) & Week 2 (July 9-13)	Note
Mon	Gym and team sports in the afternoon	Ages 5-12 Full-day (9:00 am-2:30 pm) Cost: \$200+GST for full-day \$185+GST for half-day \$45 per day for drop-in
Tue	Gym and movie	
Wed	Field trip to Vancouver Aquarium	
Thu	Gym and Kitsilano Swimming Pool	
Fri	Gym, group games, and sports at the Locarno Beach	

If you are interested in signing up your child for this program or have any further questions, call 604-349-8167 or e-mail kitsilanogymnastics@live.ca or sportkidsgym@gmail.com

***** Important Dates *****

- **Friday, June 15: Primary Talent Show at 1:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 19: Parent Appreciation Gathering (10:30 am-11:30 am) in the library**
- **Tuesday, June 19: Choir and Band Concert at 7:00 pm**
- **Monday, June 25: Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony at 2:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, June 27: Year-End Party (3:30 pm-6:00 pm)**
- **Thursday, June 28: Last Day, Crazy Hair Day, & Hat Day
Farewell Assembly and Slide Show at 11:00 am
Dismissal at 3:00 pm**

