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Newsletter #20

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Final Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As the school year comes to a close, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Trafalgar community for their ongoing support and dedication in making our school an amazing place for our students to learn. We are very proud of all of our students, as they worked very hard throughout the year to achieve academic and personal success. Some were confronted with more challenges than others, but all proved to make huge gains and for this we are so proud of them.

Report cards will be going home on Thursday. If you will be away on the last day, unclaimed report cards will be left in the office. Please note that the office will be closing on Friday, June 29th for the holidays and will reopen on Monday, August 27th.



A few thank yous! For fear of omitting someone, we will not list names.



- Thank you to class parents, for helping us to deliver messages and for supporting teachers in many, many ways.
- Thank you to parents for running and helping out with the Fruit and Vegetable program, the weekly hot lunches, driving to sporting events, the noon hour programs which

our students love and benefited from, as well as for helping with the after school programs.

- Thank you to all parents for everything you do. No job and amount of support goes unnoticed, and for this we thank you!

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who officially graduated on Monday, June 25th. We are so proud of you. I am especially proud of them and honored to have been their Principal these past two years. I know they will all be successful and look forward to hearing about their adventures in the future. As the famous Dr. Seuss said in his book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" which I read to the graduates, "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! 98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed. Your mountain is waiting. So.... Get on your way!"

To students and families who will not be returning in September, all the best and please come visit.

We wish you all a very safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Jacquie Lavoie
Principal

DEPARTING STAFF MEMBERS

At this time of year, we unfortunately need to thank and say goodbye to a few staff members who will not be returning in September.

- Aurevoir to Mme Aimee who will be moving to the Island with her family. We wish to thank Mme Aimee for all of her work at Trafalgar over the past years. Mme Aimee taught in various classrooms at various grade levels, as well as coached many sport teams and sat on many committees, all for the benefit of our students. Mme Aimee has been a part of the Trafalgar community for many years and will be missed! We wish to thank her for all of her work, time and dedication to Trafalgar and wish her all the best on the island.
- Aurevoir to Mme Pascale who will be leaving us for new adventures abroad. Mme Pascale has only been with us since September, but has made a huge impact on her students and our school, with



her caring and devoted nature. We wish to thank her for all of her work and time at Trafalgar and wish her all the best in her future journeys.

- Aurevoir to Mme Vessali who will not be returning to Trafalgar in September. Mme Vessali taught at Trafalgar for many years at the intermediate level, as well as helped with many sport teams, committees and was always lent a helping hand with Sports Day. We wish to thank Mme Vessali for all of her work at Trafalgar and wish her all the best.
- Aurevoir to Mme Aedin who has been with us since January. We appreciate her help stepping in when needed. Not only was Mme Aedin new to Vancouver, she was also new to Canada knowledge she brought to her students and our school which included Irish dancing. Good luck where ever your next teaching assignment may take you.
- Goodbye to Mr. Fleming who has been filling in for an absent teacher since September. We are so fortunate that Mr. Fleming was able to remain with us for the entire school year. Mr. Fleming, in drama, brought his wealth of knowledge in this area not only to his students but to our whole school. We so appreciate this gift, his care and compassion for all of our students! We will miss Mr. Fleming and his positive cheerful demeanor.
- Goodbye and thank you to our counsellor Ms. Simons who has been with us since September. Unfortunately, the vacant position was not filled in September and Ms. Simons came to the rescue by agreeing to come to Trafalgar for this school year. We so appreciate her wealth of knowledge and experience she brought to our students, staff and parents. Thank you Ms. Simons!



To all of these staff members, a big merci for being part of Trafalgar! We are most fortunate to have had you on our team. All the best! You will be missed!



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.

YEAR END ASSEMBLY AND SLIDESHOW

Join us for our year end assembly and traditional slide show, which will be held on **Thursday, June 28th at 11:00**. 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.

A huge thank you to Christian Malcolm for taking this on this year.

YEAR END PARTY

The year end party will be in full swing on June 27th this year! Celebrate the end of the school year with other Trafalgar families 3:30 to 6:00pm. Bring a picnic dinner or buy dinner from the White Spot food truck, 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: the school and/or PAC is not responsible for the supervision of the students at this event. You must supervise your own children.



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.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to the choir and band who performed so beautifully at the year end concert on Tuesday, June 19. A big thank you to our choir teacher, Ms. Catherine as well as to our band teachers, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Erin for their time and dedication. We are most fortunate to have your expertise, time and dedication. Trafalgar is lucky to have these opportunities for our students.



- On Monday, June 18th, Trafalgar held its first Kindness Symposium Assembly. A student of Division 1, Ayaan, first organized and ran Trafalgar's Kindness Club as part of his class's Genius Hour program. On June 18th, Ayaan organized an assembly for our primary students, where the band played for them and students saw a video created by Ayaan, who interviewed our students on what kindness means to them. At the intermediate level assembly, students heard from guest speaker Zamina Mithani, who shared personal, powerful and encouraging words with students about kindness. We are very proud of Ayaan for organizing these assemblies!



SEPTEMBER START-UP

The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 4th from 9:00-10:00 am.

All students will return to their previous classroom including the Kindergarten students.

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 and some arts & crafts, field trip. Most of the outdoor-activities are scheduled in the afternoon and will vary depending on the weather.

Monday - Gym & team sports in the afternoon

Tuesday - Gym & movie

Wednesday - Field trip to: Vancouver Aquarium

Thursday - Gym & Kitsilano Swimming Pool

Friday - Gym & Group games and sports at the Locarno beach

Cost is 200 + GST for the full day 9-2:30; Half-Day 185 + GST; Ages 5-12. Drop-ins welcome at \$45 per day.

Dates

Week 1 -- July 2-6; Week 2 --July 9-13;

Please let me know if you are interested in signing up your child for this program or have any further questions; kitsilanogymnastics@live.ca or sportkidsgym@gmail.com; 604-349-8167



IMPORTANT DATES



❖ **Thursday, June 28th- Last Day- Crazy Hair Day and Hat Day Farewell Assembly and Slide Show- 11:00 am**

- Report Card distribution
- Dismissal 3:00 pm

❖ **Tuesday, September 4- 9:00-10:00 am only**

❖ **Wednesday, September 5- full day**