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Newsletter #5

Friday, October 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to staff, students, and parents for participating in our conferences last week. We hope that you found the time and the format productive and helpful in supporting your child's academic achievements. Stay tuned for upcoming information on your child's written progress report.

Bravo to all students and staff who participated in our "DEAR, Drop Everything and Read" day on Monday, October 23. It was wonderful seeing our students and staff reading even in the gym at impromptu times throughout the day. Thank-you to Mme Michele for organizing this important event.

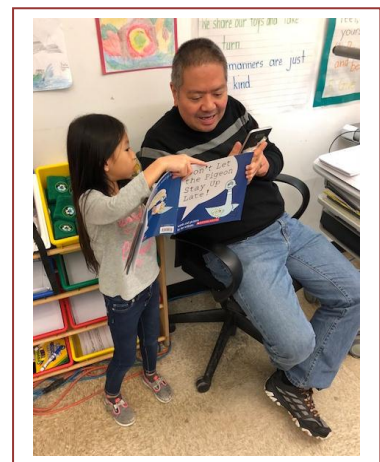


The Monster Ball and Pumpkin patch have arrived to Trafalgar! Join us this evening for the **Little Monsters Ball** being held in the gym from **6:00-8:00 pm**. There will be ghoulish games, crafts, a jack-o lantern contest, and of course the haunted house.

Still need a pumpkin? Our annual pumpkin patch, sponsored by Marty Pospischil, will also be held today until 8:00 pm. We hope to see you all in attendance, for what will surely be a fun evening. Thank you to all parents for your help and support in making this community-building event possible.

Sincerely,

Mme Lavoie
Principal



Halloween Day

Students are invited to come to school in their Halloween costume on Tuesday, October 31, but are asked to please refrain from wearing any kind of mask that may impede their vision. Any type of prop which resembles a weapon, should also be left at home. Please DO NOT send candy to school following Halloween. Teachers, thank you in advance!



YOU can help! Around Halloween or at anytime.

CALL 911 if you see persons acting suspiciously around your school, for example:

On the roof of a school, throwing objects at windows or doors, shooting weapons of any kind, partying, destroying shrubbery or playground equipment, lighting fireworks, painting or marking school buildings with graffiti, committing any other suspicious acts. When you call 911 you need not give your name. Give the name of the school, location, and tell them what is happening. School officials will assist police in prosecuting and seeking restitution. Help us make better use of your education dollars.

We Day and the Global Group

On Wednesday, October 18, 15 Grade 7 students who serve on Student Council attended We Day at Rogers Arena with Mr. Rupert and Ms. Dhillon. It was a very exciting and inspiring day and our students came away with a wealth of new and fresh ideas to help raise funds for and raise awareness about children in need around the world. Our Student Council has already sprung into action to help others by organizing our "We Scare Hunger" Food Bank campaign. The last day to accept food donations, which will go to the Food Bank, is **Thursday, November 2**. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Earthquake Drill

On Thursday, October 26, we held our first earthquake drill. Students practiced going under their desks when they heard the simulated rumbling sounds over the PA and then all counted together to 60 after the sounds had stopped. After this, we all exited the school and gathered on the gravel field as we would during a fire drill. We are required to perform ten drills, which include fire drills, two earthquake drills, and two lockdown drills, in a school year. More info will be sent through the newsletter at a later date about the lockdown drills.

Sports Teams

Our Cross Country season has almost come to an end. We would like to congratulate all students who were part of the team. We are most proud of you for your excellent display of sportsmanship when representing Trafalgar at the mini meets. The Cross Country team would not have had this wonderful experience without the help, support, and participation of many staff members and parents. To wrap up the season, the Trafalgar coaches will be holding a mini Trafalgar final meet on Wednesday, November 1 between 11:00 am-12:00 pm on the school grounds. Join us for this event if you can. A big thank you to our coaches Ms. Macfadden, Ms. McFarlane, Mme Louise, Mme Aimee, Mme Laure, and Mme Nosyk for their time, dedication and support!

Volleyball season has arrived! Grade 6 & 7 girls and boys will be playing teams from all over Vancouver. The Trafalgar teams hope to serve, bump, and set their way to victory and will be practicing hard in the mornings and at lunch times. Good luck!



After School Programs

Our after school programs are well on their way. A big thank-you to Nora Harmsworth for her work in organizing these programs and ensuring they run smoothly! One after school program had a special treat on Tuesday, October 24. Students in the Sea Smart program had the opportunity to work with and assemble a real whale skeleton. Six divisions also got to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity during the day on Tuesday. A big thank-you to Elaine of Sea Smart for bringing the whale into our school for our students.



Welcome

Welcome to our New Supervision Aide, Corinna Leung, who will be beginning with us on November 6. She will be replacing Ms. Bonfield who decided to retire in early September. We wish to thank Ms. Bonfield for her help and care with our students during her time at Trafalgar. We also wish to thank Ms. Keren Savoie who has been with us since Ms. Bonfield's departure, filling in until the position was filled. Trafalgar is lucky to have such caring and dedicated Supervision Aides.

Congratulations



Congratulations to the Trafalgar First Lego League Robotics team who attended the BCFT Super Conference held at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Friday, October 20. The team members, Billy, Jonathan, Emily, Jessica, Selina, and Angela along with their coach Tze-Wo Leung showcased their Lego Robots to teachers who visited their booth.

Thank you for representing Trafalgar!
We are so proud of you!

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

- **Friday, October 27: Monster Ball and Pumpkin Patch**
- **Wednesday, November 1: Cross Country mini meet @ 11:00 am**
- **Friday, November 10: No School for Pro-D ay**
- **Monday, November 13: School Closed for Remembrance Day**