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## Newsletter #6

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Monster's Ball on Friday, October 27. What a great turnout! It was clear that everyone truly enjoyed themselves. A big thank-you to Carrie Linegar and Rup Kang for championing this event, and to Angela Cheng and Deborah Richardson for all their help as well in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out in so many ways and a special thank-you to the student volunteers, including our own alumni students, for their help that evening.

Thank you to Choices Market, Kidsbooks and Tangram Creamery for their donations to our event. We so appreciate the support of our community. I'm sure we all agree that our Monster's Ball would not be as much fun without the haunted house. We are ever so grateful for all of the work done by Andrew Konetzka to set up this *scary haunted house*. Andrew worked tirelessly the whole day before and the day of to prepare this special treat for our students. Thank you Andrew!

Also, a big thank-you to everyone who purchased a pumpkin at our Pumpkin Patch on October 27. We are so fortunate to have Trafalgar alumni Marty Pospischil's very generous donation of the pumpkins and the entire organization of the Pumpkin Patch at our school. Thanks to Marty and his team, he raised \$2,385.50 that day. \$1,480.00 will go directly to Trafalgar School and the remainder to the BC Cancer Foundations Ride to Conquer Cancer. Thank you Marty! We truly appreciate your support.



Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mme Lavoie  
Principal

## We Scare Hunger

During a two week period, Student Council embarked on a food collection campaign called 'We Scare Hunger.' The aim of this event was to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible for our local food bank, through collecting in the classrooms, and for some students who are on Student Council, by taking donations of food items from neighborhood homes while collecting candy on Halloween night.

Due to both parent and student support, and because of all of the hard work by Student Council, this campaign was wildly successful and we are happy to report that we were able to donate **630 items** to the Vancouver Food Bank. Way to go, Trafalgar!

Thank you to everyone for your support and your generosity...You have all surely had a great impact on Vancouver families.



## Reporting Pilot Project

Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year.

This year, a team of teachers in our school will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents with children in these classes will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. Detailed information about these changes will be sent home to parents/guardians if your child's teacher is involved in this pilot project.

At Trafalgar, we have 9 divisions participating in this pilot project. Classroom teachers who are participating, will be communicating to the parents of their class the timeline and format for this pilot project, in the next week. For the remaining 11 divisions who are not participating in the pilot project, teachers will be continuing with the existing format. These reports will be issued on December 22.

## **Hip Hop at Trafalgar**



Hip Hop is going strong at Trafalgar. We will be sharing our dances to parents and families on Thursday, November 16 after lunch. We will have the gym set up for parents to arrive at 1:00pm and will try to have the show begin by 1:15 pm. We will move through the different grade groups and ask parents to stay until the end of the performance which will finish sometime between 2:30 pm and 2:45 pm.

## **Morning Programs**

A reminder that only students participating in early morning volleyball practices or who are participating in band should be in the building prior to 8:55 am. Please note that we are unable to provide supervision for younger siblings of these students participating in morning programs.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

See the attachment 'Kindergarten Registration.'

## **Quebec Exchange**

Help send our Grade 7 French Immersion students to Quebec. See the attachment 'Quebec Exchange Fundraiser.'

## **New Curriculum Implementation Grades 10-12**

See the attached letter 'New Curriculum Implementation' from the Minister of Education.

## **First Lego League**

Team Spirit Wolves will be competing in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Lower Mainland Tournament at North Surrey Secondary School on Sunday, December 3. The event is open to the public. Our team is actively looking for volunteers to support this event. See the attachment 'First Lego-Call for Volunteers.'

## **Fentanyl Response and Discussion Opportunity**

See the attachment 'Fentanyl Discussion Forum' regarding a community response session to be held at Britannia Secondary School on November 28. The evening has been organized in collaboration with the VSB, Vancouver Police Department, and Vancouver Coastal Health. The session is intended for parents and caregivers, and aims to engage participants in learning but also exploring how to be a part of a community response.

### **\*\*\* Important Dates \*\*\***

- **Monday, November 13: No School for Remembrance Day**
- **Thursday, November 6: Hip Hop Presentations @ 1:00 pm**