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Newsletter #6

Friday, November 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to parents who were able to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly Thursday, November 9.

A big thank-you to Student Council members who organized, hosted and ran this special assembly. Thank you also to students from Division 1 for their presentation of the poem "In Flander's Field", to Division 7 for their beautiful singing under the direction of Ms. Louisa, as well as bravo to our wonderful Grade One students from Mr. Marc's, Mme Aimee and Mme Nosyk's classes who sang so beautifully the song, "Une colombe".

Thank you to all of the classes who contributed art work and helped to set the tone of the assembly with their beautiful decorations. And a big bravo and thank-you to all of our students for their exemplary behavior during this important assembly. Their respectful behavior demonstrated that they truly understood the meaning behind this somber assembly. We are most proud of them!



[Painted by Andy Zhang of Division 2]

Sincerely,

Mme Lavoie
Principal

Hip Hop at Trafalgar

Three week of practice really paid off for the students of Trafalgar! All Divisions worked on choreography based around famous movies. Whether it was Trolls, Lion King, Transformers or Guardians of the Galaxy the students performed so well to those funky beats. Thanks to the PAC who provided the funds to bring in such a good instruction from the 1Vibe dance crew. There was even a surprise performance for students by the teacher—STAR WARS theme where Mme. Michele and Mme. Jacquet ended with a lightsaber battle!



Vancouver Theater Sports

The students of Trafalgar were very entertained by Vancouver Theatre Sports League. Troy and Taz came through on the morning of November 22 and made everyone laugh with an extremely engaging performance. Students provided movements for the actors, sound effects and many story ideas. Thanks to the PAC for providing the funding for that show.



Professional Development Day

On Friday, November 10, several staff members participated in a workshop entitled, "Infusing Aboriginal Ways into the Curriculum", led by Bertha Landsdowne of the BC Teachers' Federation, here at Trafalgar. As Aboriginal Education plays a large part in the revised curriculum, staff appreciated hearing Bertha's insight and knowledge on how to make space for resources and authentic voices in our daily teaching. Many resources and strategies were shared, which teachers appreciated hearing about.

Communicating Student Learning- Reporting Pilot Project

As shared in the last newsletter, Trafalgar School is participating in a district pilot project on a new reporting system, along with other Vancouver schools and teachers. At Trafalgar School, we have 10 divisions participating in this pilot project: **Divisions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17 and 18**

We invite the parents of these 10 divisions to attend an information night here at Trafalgar on **Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm in our gym**. The ten classroom teachers participating in this pilot project, along with administration, will be presenting to parents what this new reporting format entails, why we are moving in this direction and how we will communicate student learning to parents. The goal is to have all classes throughout the VSB using this format in the next school year, therefore we feel fortunate to have the opportunity to pilot it this year.

Santa's Workshop

Trafalgar's fourth annual Santa's Workshop will be held on December 18. The workshop gives all our little elves the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones for only \$1 per item. Proceeds from this event will be donated to a local charity. The team is now accepting donations! Items can be dropped off in the hall across from the staff room along the gallery wall. Some popular items include books, jewellery, cufflinks, DVDs, CDs, Games, puzzles, candles, pictures, toys, ties, scarves, vases, ornaments and anything else that could be re-gifted. Gifts for Moms and Dads run out quickly so donations of men's and women's gifts are very much appreciated. This year we will be doing something a little different. Your children will be wrapping their fabulous gifts with a buddy in their classroom. It's a great opportunity to build community and holiday spirit! Starting next week, there will be a box in each homeroom that we are hoping parents will fill with wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, name tags, and tape for the kids to use. If you would like to help volunteer for this fun event, please contact Jennie at jennieclaire@hotmail.com

Winter Carnival with Division 4

Did you know that, around the world, 10,000 children die each day because they have no access to clean drinking water? Division 4 students are hosting a carnival for the school as a fundraiser for water.org, an organization dedicated to providing infrastructure for safe drinking water to communities in need. Trafalgar's Winter Carnival, Tuesday December 19, will have games and activities for the small entry fee of \$2.00 per student. Homemade slime will be available for sale for the low price of \$3.00! All profits raised will be donated to water.org Students will be collecting the entrance fee the week of November 27, so please send the \$2.00 admission fee with your child, and provide them with \$3.00 (or more) on the day of the event. Division 4 students thank you for your participation!

A Letter from VSB Trustees

See the letter attached from newly elected VSB Trustees.

Goodbye Ms. Derksen

It is with sadness that we must inform you that our wonderful Office Admin Assistant, Ms. Derksen, is departing from Trafalgar School to embark on a new adventure, that of working in a high School. Ms. Derksen will begin working at Prince of Wales Secondary School in early December, therefore her last day with us will be on Friday, December 1.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Derksen for all of her help and work here at Trafalgar over the past three years. Ms. Derksen not only had the challenging task of keeping our accounting, registration and records up to date, to name a few responsibilities, but she also took very good care of all of our students when they were sick or hurt, or simply came into the office in need of something. We wish to thank her for her care, listening ear and willingness to help the entire community in her gentle, calm and professional way. We will miss you greatly! Prince of Wales is lucky to have her. Please help us in thanking Ms. Derksen for her amazing contributions to our school community.

Welcome Back to Ms. Sukh Randhawa, who will be replacing Ms. Derksen as our new Office Admin Assistant. Ms. Randhawa is familiar with Trafalgar, having worked with us before as our Extra Clerical. We are happy to have her back.

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

- **Thursday, November 30: Communicating Student Learning Information session @ 7:00 pm in the gym for participating divisions**
- **Friday, December 1: School is closed for Professional Development Day**
- **Tuesday, December 5: PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the Library**
- **Friday, December 15: Coffee Morning @ 9:00 am**
- **Monday, December 18: Santa's Workshop**
- **Friday, December 22: Last Day of school**