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Newsletter #8

Friday, December 8, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are many initiatives happening around Trafalgar at this time of year that demonstrate that our school community is a very giving and generous community. For example, our Mom2 Mom campaign lead by Mme Aimee and Mme Ashley which helps moms in need, as well as Santa's Workshop championed by Jennie Farahani, which supports local charities.

At Trafalgar, the sense of caring and compassion for others takes place on a daily basis, and not only in December. We are especially proud of our students who take on their own initiatives to demonstrate this and help others. For example: Congrats to Division 3 who lead a campaign called "Have a Heart" whereby students were invited to write a kind and positive message on a small paper heart and then pass on the heart to someone. The heart was then to be passed on to someone else. This project was created in recognition of residential children.



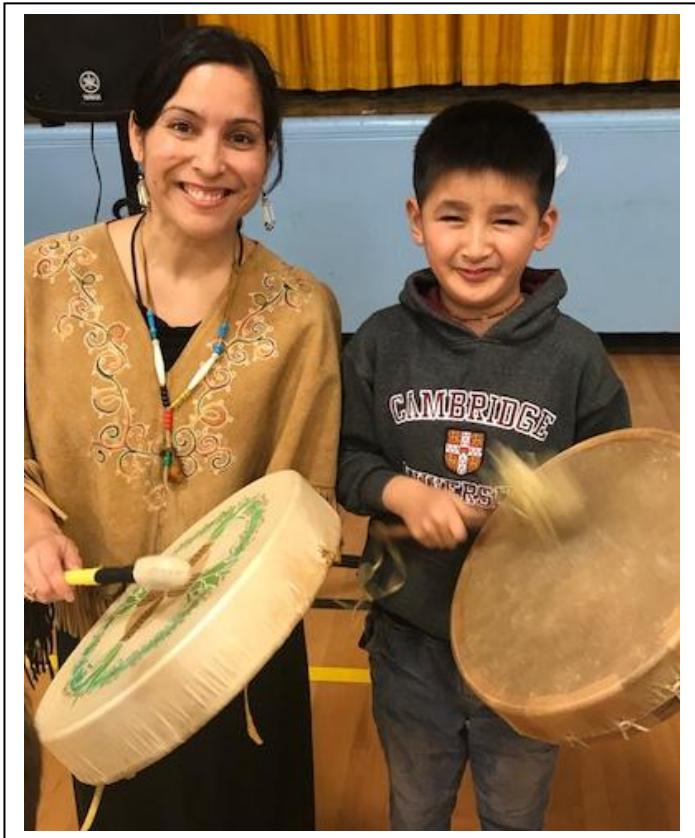
Bravo to Ayaan of Division 1 who has started the "Kindness Club". This club invites students from grades 3 and 4 to join and they are presenting working on an upcoming project. Stay tuned. Students are also helping animals. Bravo to Serena of Division 8 who along with her friends have been creating duct tape accessories to sell to our students. All proceeds will go to the SPCA. These are only a few examples of how Trafalgar students demonstrate genuine care for others. I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with these amazing students. Bravo!

As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions, my door is always open.

Sincerely,
Mme Lavoie
Principal

School Wide Performance

On Wednesday, December, all students attended a performance given by a Cree First Nations traditional singing group, the Iskwew Singers. The three female performers used their voices and hand drums to weave culture, language and teachings of their elders into songs. The Iskwew Singers wore traditional clothing and shared their instruments with some of our students. A big thank-you to the PAC for funding this performance.



First Lego League

Team Spirit Wolves: Jonathan, Billy Liu, Angela Xiao, Selina Xie, Emily and Jessica Hua participated in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Lower Mainland Robotics Tournament at North Surrey Secondary School on Sunday, December 3. The team did extremely well and placed 2nd (out of 19) in the tournament. The team will head off to compete again in the FLL BC Regional Championship next February. Congratulations to our team, we are very proud of you! A big thank-you to their coach, Tze-Wo for his time and dedication to the team.

Senior Choir

Congratulations to our Senior Choir who performed at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver on November 29 as part of the CKNW Orphans Fund raiser. The students were escorted up to the rooftop of the Fairmont Hotel where CKNW 980 was broadcasting live. There were a million things to distract the choir, people being interviewed on air, people answering phones, photographers, sound engineers, parents and members of the public... Regardless the singers stayed focused and sang beautifully. They were praised for being well organized, singing like angels and having some different song choices. Bravo, we are so proud of you! A big thank you to our choir teacher, Ms. Catherine, for preparing and accompanying our singers to this event. What a wonderful experience for our students.

Theme Day: Hat Day



Our first theme day will be held on Thursday, December 21 and the theme will be Hat Day! Students are invited to wear a silly hat, a Santa hat, whatever hat they choose on that day. Theme days are an important way to create school spirit. Thank you to Student Council for organizing this event.

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, jewelry, 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, contact Jennie at jennieclaire@hotmail.com

Trafalgar Band and Choir

We are excited to be presenting two musical events next week featuring the Trafalgar Band and Junior and Senior Choirs. On Wednesday, Dec. 13, there will be a school assembly at 9:00 am that will feature the band and choir. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly but space will be limited.

On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 pm, the band will present their full concert program for the Band as well as the Junior and Senior Choirs. There will be refreshments for performers and audience members following the concert. Please join us if you can!



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

Division 4 students, thank you for your participation!

Kindergarten Registration

Ready for Kindergarten? If you have a child born in 2013 and Trafalgar is your English catchment school, please register at Trafalgar by January 31. Our office is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Choice program registration, will begin mid-January.

If you have a sibling that will be entering Kindergarten in September, please let us know by emailing us at jlavoi@vsb.bc.ca by Friday, December 15. Please note that this request is simply to gather information. If parents wish for the sibling to enter the French Immersion program, parents will need to apply online in the new year.

*** Important Dates ***

- **Wednesday, December 13: Band and Choir performance @ 9:00 am**
- **Thursday, December 14: Band and Choir concert @ 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, December 15:**
 - **Coffee Morning @ 9:00 am**
 - **Lights-Up performance @ 2:00 pm**
- **Monday, December 18:**
 - **Morning Carols in the Halls (All week between 8:25 am- 8:50 am)**
 - **Santa's Workshop**
- **Thursday, December 21: Crazy hat day**
 - **Whole school sing-along & presentations @ 1:00 pm**
- **Friday, December 22: Last Day of school**
 - **Report cards issued for Divisions 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20**
- **Monday, January 8: First day back**

