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Friday, May 19, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week, you may notice an extra 26 students around the school. These students, along with three staff members, are visiting from L'école Aubier in Quebec City from May 24th to May 31st. It is our turn to host the Quebec students, and we are very excited to be given this opportunity to share with them our beautiful city, our school and our community. They will have a jammed packed week with outings to Grouse Mountain, Stanley Park, Grandville Island and even Victoria, just to name a few activities. One of the objectives of the exchange is for the Quebec students to practice their English, so if you see them around, feel free to say "hello". A big thank you to Mme Louise, along with Mme Laure, Mme Michele and Mme Ashley for organizing the activities and attending the events. Also, a big thank you to parents for their work and support prior and during the exchange. We know the students appreciate the work and support of both parents and staff in helping them achieve this lifetime and memorable opportunity. The students look forward to sharing their experiences with the rest of the Trafalgar community.

Lots will be happening around the school in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

See calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

Jacquie Lavoie
Principal

Trafalgar Elementary School 2017 - 2018

SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	874
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 29)
Important Dates	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 13, 2017 (in lieu of Saturday, November 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 19 – Thursday, March 29, 2018
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
School not in session	Friday, May 18, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 29, 2018
Non Instructional Days (school not in session)	Professional Development Focus
Friday, September 22, 2017	School Based Professional Development Day
Friday, October 20, 2017	District wide non-instructional day
Friday, November 10, 2017	Curriculum Implementation Day
Friday, December 1, 2017	Professional Development Day- District Wide
Monday, January 29, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day
Monday, February 19, 2018	Professional Development Day- District Wide
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	School Based Professional Development Day

Parent Teacher Conference Dates:	Early dismissal times:
Wednesday, October 18- Goal Setting/Parent Teacher Conferences	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 19- Goal Setting/Parent Teacher Conferences	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 14- Student-Led Conferences	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 15- Student-Led Conferences	2:00 pm

Tennis at Trafalgar

Students will be participating in Tennis lessons during their P.E. periods between Tuesday, May 23rd and Tuesday, June 6th. Instructors from Tennis XL, along with their regular PE teachers will be teaching students the game of tennis. Equipment will be provided by Tennis XL. A big thank you to the PAC for fully funding this program. No permission form to participate is required, as the program is part of P.E. curriculum.

Spirit Week

A big thank you to Becca, Bella and Olivia from Student Council, who initiated and organized our Spirit Week from May 8-12. It was so much fun seeing students and staff dressed in various apparel throughout the week. Such activities enhance our school spirit. Great job Spirit Wolves!



Multicultural Dinner

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Multicultural Dinner on Friday, May 12th. It was well attended and wonderful to see so many families sharing a meal together. Congratulations to our fantasy basket winners. The baskets are certainly a highlight of this event, but this would not be possible without the support of ALL of our parents. Thank you to all for contributing to the baskets, which the students absolutely love!

The winners of the baskets this year are:

Jo Duyzer

Nick Blanchard Div 16

Brynn Adrian Div 4

Finn Martin Div 8

Ila Farahani Div 13

Sam Au Div 1

Grace Virani Div 7

Isla Philp Div 20

Karen Sadler

Victor You Div 2

Jill Gaherty Div 8

Danica Selder Div 7

Darah Cooper Div 15

Jerricky Chen Div 12

Iulia Jawca Div 7

Owen Jurgens Div 14

AlanLachlan Div 5

Ella Gladders Div 7

Billy Liu Div 9

A big thank you to Gord Lau and Jessie Chen for championing this event, as well as thank you to all parents who helped in so many ways to make the evening a huge success. Thank you to Liv and Titcha who did an amazing job as our wonderful MCs.



A Trafalgar Volunteer Tea Party

Thank you to parents who were able to attend our Volunteer Tea Party on Tuesday, May 16th. The staff was so pleased to be able to have this opportunity to thank parents for all they do for our school. We truly appreciate everything you do. Big or small, your contribution, time and dedication does not go unnoticed and for this we say THANK YOU-MERCI!

Sports Day

Thank you to all parents who came out to cheer on our students or to help out at Sports Day. Thank you also to the weather which cooperated that day! The students had a great time rotating through the various activities organized by our staff. The day ended with the traditional tug-a-war. The students worked cooperatively and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Green team on placing first this year. A big thank you to the PAC for providing and distributing the snack at recess and the treat at the end of the day. Also, a special thank you to our high school helpers from Kitsilano High School, Prince of Wales High School and Churchill High School for helping to run the stations and the tug-a-war. Their help was much appreciated in ensuring a successful day!

Ill Students

A gentle reminder to please keep students at home who are ill. The office staff is unable to diagnose illnesses, but would appreciate if parents could pick up their children when we call you to inform you that your child is ill, as soon as possible.

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing accomplishments:

- Congratulations to Yolanda Zhang of Division 3, who's cheerleading team placed 25th in the world! Yolanda and her team travelled to Florida last month to compete in the world's cheerleading championships and out of all the teams who attended, her team came in 25th. Wow- what an accomplishment!
- Congratulations to Carsen Yuen of Division 4 and Vanessa Schaefer of Division 4 who both represented Trafalgar and our district at the Provincial Concours D'art Oratoire (oral French speaking contest) held at SFU on Saturday, May 6th. Congratulations to Carsen who placed 3rd in his category. We are most proud of both Carsen and Vanessa!
- Congratulations to Jason He who placed 10th in the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences Math Contest on May 6th. Great job Jason



Message from the Library

Trafalgar Circulation deadline and Library bags - 2017

The VSB has set the circulation deadline of elementary libraries for June 2nd, so please return all library materials and all Trafalgar library bags by that time. The Trafalgar library circulation has to close in order to prepare for a new circulation system.

Please make sure your child's cloth library bag is washed so that the library has clean bags to hand out in September. There are two methods for washing the library bag (after removing the paper slip in the front pocket). One is by hand in lukewarm water, using mild soap. The other is in a washing machine with setting on 'HANDWASH'. In both cases, the bags should be air dried and NEVER in a dryer as the plastic cover might melt.

I am asking all students to take responsibility for cleaning their bag. Even the younger students might enjoy taking care of their bags and returning them in good shape!

Many thanks for your ongoing support and understanding. Elly Werb, Teacher-Librarian

Lights Up Performance



**Singin'
in
the
Rain**

6 pm
Friday June 2nd

Lights Up
musical theatre schools

Admission by Donation

Gymnastics Camp

Summer Camps July 2017

Kitsilano Gymnastics Club will be offering Summer Camp programs at Lord Tennyson Elementary. Apart from gymnastics our program includes team sports, movie afternoon, social

games and some arts & crafts, field trip:

Monday – Gymnastics & Movie

Tuesday - Gymnastics & Kitsilano Swimming Pool

Wednesday - Field trip to Vancouver Aquarium

Thursday - Gymnastics & Outdoor team games and water park

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

Cost is 200 + GST for the full day 9-2:30 (plus \$10 Gymnastics BC insurance); Half-Day 185 + GST

(plus \$10 Gymnastics BC insurance); Ages 5-12. Drop-ins welcome at \$45 per day.

Registration is

per week basis: Week 1 – July 4-8; Week 2 – July 11-15; Week 4-July 25-29

Hosting International Students

Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay*

Langara College invites you and your family to join our leading Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Students usually stay for five to 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family.

Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

French Immersion Summer School

(see attached)

SUMMER FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

July 10 - July 28, Mon to Fri

SD = Seord Elementary, 2500 Lakewood Dr. MORNING: 9:00 A.M. – 11:40 A.M. AFTERNOON: 12:20 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

ALL COURSES WILL BE TAUGHT IN FRENCH AND ARE INTENDED FOR STUDENTS IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM OR FRANCOPHONE PROGRAM OR WITH FRENCH IMMERSION EXPERIENCE.

Registration Opening Date is Friday May 5, 2017.

Registration Closing Date for French Immersion programs is Friday, July 7, 2017.

FUNDED COURSES

LANGUAGE ARTS & MATHEMATICS 1 - 7 - REPEAT

LANGUAGE ARTS & MATHEMATICS 1-7 (REPEAT)

Students will repeat Language Arts and Mathematics skills taught in the 2016/2017 school year. Emphasis will be on reading, writing and basic computation skills appropriate for the child and grade level. The summer environment is motivating and enables all students to be successful with their learning. Students MUST register in their grade level as of June 30, 2017

If registration for Language Arts & Mathematics 1-7 classes are lower than expected, courses will be combined into: 1) primary 2) intermediate

Grade 1	..... 12:20-3:00.....	SD00124
Grade 2	..... 12:20-3:00.....	SD00224
Grade 3	..... 12:20-3:00.....	SD00324
Grade 4	..... 9:00-11:40.....	SD00424
Grade 5	..... 9:00-11:40.....	SD00504
Grade 6	..... 9:00-11:40.....	SD00604
Grade 7	..... 9:00-11:40.....	SD00704

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Café des artistes

Using the works of Renoir, Van Gogh, Monet, and others, as well as the natural surroundings of Laura Seord School, students will create and critique their own tableaux. They will use a variety of media and strengthen their French language skills examining and writing about the works explored. This course is designed for both Early and Late Immersion students interested in exploring their creativity.

(Grades 4-7) ... 9:00-11:40.....SD00015..... July 10-28

Games and Theatre for French Literacy

Students will develop written and spoken literacy skills as well as build their confidence in French through various interactive physical and drama activities, and board games chosen to make learning real and enjoyable. Let's have fun together en français!

(Grades 1-3) ... 9:00-11:40.....SD00025..... July 10-28

(Grades 1-3) ... 12:20-3:00.....SD00015..... July 10-28

Early Success in French Immersion

Come join us this summer for a sneak peek at grade 1. This course is designed for students who have completed Kindergarten in English or French and who are going into grade 1 French Immersion. Students will be introduced to grade 1 French vocabulary and Math concepts, and simple routines and songs in French in order to have a successful start in grade 1 next September.

(Kindergarten) .. 9:00-11:40.....SD30035..... July 10-28

(Kindergarten) .. 9:00-11:40.....SD30085..... July 10-28

(Kindergarten) .. 12:20-3:00.....SD50045..... July 10-28

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Budding Builders

Students will use everyday materials to construct a variety of structures. Daily challenges will have students working together to plan and build structurally sound designs. Emphasis will be on developing fine motor skills, creativity, collaborating and communicating in French.

(Grades 1-3) . 9:00-11:40... SD60005... July 10-28..... \$330

(Grades 1-3) . 12:20-3:00... SD80005... July 10-28..... \$330

Extra-ORDINARY Sculpture!

This highly exploratory and collaborative class will challenge students to create extraordinary three dimensional sculptures with ordinary everyday materials such as cardboard, newspaper, tin foil, plastic bottles, wire, foam and plaster. Each lesson, a new material and ideas on how to manipulate it will be introduced. Students will then draw on inspiration from artists, their environment and each other to create their own art. They will learn to problem solve and find creative solutions to make their sculptures work.

(Grades 4-7) ... 12:20-3:00.....SD80505..... July 10-28

\$330

Getting Ready for French Immersion Kindergarten

Help prepare your child for a successful year in French Immersion Kindergarten. This course will focus on preparing young students for the routines of Kindergarten, including classroom expectations, songs, games, numbers, and literature in French. Students will also practice fine motor skills through fun activities.

(Pre-K)..... 9:00-11:40... SD60025... July 10-28..... \$330

Healthy Cooking and Healthy Living!

This course is for students interested in learning about healthy food options, basic food preparation and tips for staying active and leading a healthy lifestyle. Students will have the chance to prepare small meals and stay fit through fitness challenges and skill development in a variety of sports. Each week will have a different food and fitness theme. Register for one, two or all three weeks!

Week 1: Mmm... Healthy salads! Staying fit!

(Grades 5-7) . 9:00-11:40... SD60105... July 10-14..... \$110

Week 2: Small bites and cooperative games.

(Grades 5-7) . 9:00-11:40... SD60115... July 17-21..... \$110

Week 3: Sweet tooth and sports games

(Grades 5-7) . 9:00-11:40... SD60215... July 24-28..... \$110

St. John's Ambulance: Moi, j'aide!

This course is for students interested in safety, first aid, healthy living, and good citizenship. It builds confidence and encourages life-long learning, with a hands-on approach that offers opportunities to expand students' French vocabulary in different situations. Students will learn how to help people in need, and develop basic First Aid skills and leadership skills. Students will be presented with a St. John's Ambulance certificate of completion at the end of the course.

(Grade 4-5) . 12:20-3:00... SD80105... July 10-28..... \$330

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, May 23- Tennis starts at Trafalgar. Runs until June 6th**
- **Wednesday, May 24th- Quebec visitors arrive 5:00 pm**
- **Thursday, May 25th- Pocket Market- 3:00 pm**
- **Friday, June 2nd- Talent Show 9:15 am**
- **Friday, June 2nd- Lights Up Presentation 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, June 28th- SAVE THE DATE- Movie and Canada 150 party- 5:00 pm- more details to follow**