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Newsletter #14

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A short newsletter before we break for Spring Break, with a few reminders of upcoming events this week. See important dates below.

As Term Two comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents for a very successful term. Your ongoing support and commitment is imperative to student success. Speaking of success, Term Two report cards will be going home on Friday, March 10th. As mentioned, please take the time to review this important document.

Enjoy your Student-led conferences, scheduled for this week, with your child. Celebrate their successes and congratulate them on their hard work. Unfortunately, I will not be able to see our students' amazing work during this time, as I will be away at a conference from March 8-10, but I know they have all done a fantastic job this term-Bravo! We are so proud of you. Mr. Rupert will be on hand during my absence if needed.

Also, stop by the Book Fair being held during our conferences. A big thank you to Amanda Magee and Janice Johnson for championing this!

If you're taking some time off, enjoy a happy, safe and enjoyable Spring Break. We look forward to working with you third term.

Jacquie Lavoie
Principal

Pocket Market

Join us at our Pocket Market on Thursday after school. See order forms attached.

TRAFALGAR SPRING POCKET MARKET ORDER FORM
THURSDAY MARCH 9 - 1.45 PM – 2.15 PM

ITEM	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
HAPPY BEE PIN	\$2		
SAVE THE BEE PIN	\$2		
BEES WAX CANDLE	\$5		
SOY CANDLE (hand made by kids)	\$4		
BEES WAX LIP BALM (hand made by students)	\$3		
RASPBERRY HONEY (local, uppasturised, 500 ml)	\$12		
WILDFLOWER HONEY (local, uppasturised, 500 ml)	\$12		
WEST COAST SEEDS (pls see attached order form)			
WILD ROSE STARTS	\$5		
RASPBERRY CANE STARTS	\$5		

There will also be flavoured honey sticks & bee bites for sale as a snack.

***Cheques made payable to Trafalgar PAC.
Pick up on March 9, 1.45 pm – 2.15 pm, outside of school.***

Please e mail with your school name. simplykatrina@gmail.com



Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone
and Email: _____

Vegetables	39 Varieties	Prod #	Price	Qty	Total
1	Arugula	Astro	MS483A	2.99	
2	Asian Green	White Stemmed Pac Chai	MU526A	2.99	
3	Beans	Tri colour bush	BN111A	3.49	
4	Beans	Blue Lake Pole	BN126A	3.39	
5	Beets	Beet Blend	BT171A	4.99	
6	Beets	Red Ace	BT166A	3.39	
7	Carrots	Rainbow Blend	CR279A	3.99	
8	Carrots	Little Fingers	CR275A	3.19	
9	Cauliflower	Snow Crown Organic	CF342A	3.19	
10	Corn	Honey and Cream	CN379A	3.19	
11	Cucumber	Marketmore	CU390A	3.19	
12	Cucumber	Tasty Green	CU392A	3.79	
13	Eggplant	Long Purple	EG419A	2.99	
14	Kale	Winter Red Organic	KL432A	3.39	
15	Kale	Red Russian	KL426A	3.19	
16	Kale	Lacinato	KL423A	2.99	
17	Lettuce	Grand Rapids Leaf Lettuce	LT436A	2.99	
18	Lettuce	Super Gourmet Salad Mix	LT435A	3.49	
19	Lettuce	Little Gem, Romaine	LT476A	2.99	
20	Melon	Halona	ML300A	3.79	
21	Misceluns	West Coast Market Mix	MS489A	3.99	
22	Mustard	Mixona organic	MU543A	2.99	
23	Onions	Ramrod Scallion	ON571A	3.19	
24	Onion	Alisa Craig	ON570A	2.99	
25	Peas	Cascadia, Snap Pea	PE619A	2.99	
26	Peas	Little Marvel, Shelling Pea	PE605A	2.99	
27	Peas	Oregon Giant, Snow Pea	PE608A	2.99	
28	Pepper	California Wonder	PP620A	2.99	
29	Pepper	Cheyenne	PP626A	3.29	
30	Pumpkin	Howden	PU661A	2.99	
31	Radish	Easter Egg	RD674A	2.99	
32	Spinach	Olympic	SP703A	2.99	
33	Squash	Black Beauty, Zucchini	SQ710A	2.99	
34	Squash	Vegetable Spaghetti	SQ735A	3.29	
35	Squash	Early Butternut	SQ745A	3.99	
36	Swiss Chard	Celebration	SW733A	3.29	
37	Tomato	Early Girl	TM769A	3.99	
38	Tomato	Tiny Tim, Cherry Tomato	TM758A	2.99	
39	Tomato	Manobob, Medium Tomato	TMB20A	3.19	

Herbs	11 Varieties	Prod #	Price	Qty	Total
40	Basil	Kitchen Blend	HR1011A	3.19	
41	Basil	Lettuce Leaf	HR1035A	2.99	
42	Catnip	Regular	HR1049A	2.99	
43	Chives	Chives	HR1065A	2.99	
44	Cilantro	Santo Long Standing	HR1073A	2.99	
45	Dill	Fennel	HR1081A	3.19	
46	Lemon Balm	Lemon Balm	HR1097A	2.99	
47	Mint	Peppermint	HR1090A	2.99	
48	Oregano	Greek	HR1116A	2.99	
49	Parsley	Forest Green	PL570A	2.99	
50	Stevia	Sugar Plant	HR1032A	3.49	

Flowers	10 Varieties	Prod #	Price	Qty	Total
51	Calendula	Pacific Beauty Mix	FL2241A	2.99	
52	Cosmos	Sensation Mix	FL2403A	2.99	
53	Marigolds	Brocade Mix	FL2948A	2.99	
54	Nasturtiums	Jewel Mix	FL2999A	2.99	
55	Poppy	Flanders	FL3108A	2.99	
56	Sunflower	Giganteus	FL3275A	2.99	
57	Sunflower	Short Blend	FL3307A	3.39	
58	Sweet Pea	Butterfly Blend	FL3279A	2.99	
59	Wildflowers	See Garden Blend	FL3540A	2.99	
60	Zinnias	California Giant Mix	FL3486A	2.99	

Fundraising Collections	Prod #	Price	Qty	Total
61 Kids Collection (6 varieties (Carrots, Peas, Pole Beans, Pumpkins, Sunflower, Nasturtium))	SC028	18.49		
62 Sweet Pea Collection (6 varieties)	SC029	21.65		

Total Sales \$ _____
add GST 5% \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Winter Campaign for the Less Fortunate

Congratulations to Mme Cruickshank's class and Ms. Robbins class for winning the hot chocolate and cookies party after donating the most for the Trafalgar Winter Campaign for the Less Fortunate. Mme Cruickshank's class collected 47 items and Ms. Robbin's class collected 60. We would like to thank everyone who donated. Your kindness is appreciated. Written by Ecar and Carrie.

A big thank you and congratulations to Ecar Tsung and Carrie Pan, along with the other students of Division 6 for organizing this campaign all on their own. Way to go!

Gymnastics at Trafalgar

We are pleased to announce that all students K-7, will have the opportunity to participate in our gymnastics program, during their Physical Education time, with Kitsilano Gymnastics Club. Between Monday, March 27th and Friday, April 7th, all students will receive two, sixty minute sessions with coach Serghei Pirau. Classroom teachers, or our PE teachers, will also be present during the sessions. A big thank you to the PAC for funding this.

School Calendar 2017-2018

The link for the final approved district 2017-18 calendar can be found at:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VBSBSchoolCalendar2017-2018d.pdf>

The dates for Winter Break next year are: last day of school before the break- Friday December 22; return to school - Monday January 8th.

Peddle Heads at Trafalgar

The following information relates to online registration for Pedalheads Bike Camps @ Trafalgar Elementary

- April 25 – May 23
- Tuesdays (5 straight weeks)
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Price = \$189 + tax
- Registration opens @ 9am on Tuesday, March 7

Registration Link = <https://www.pedalheads.com/Camp>

At this link, to access the Trafalgar Elementary registration, please follow the following instructions:

1. Select "Pedalheads – School Camps" under "Pick a Program"
 2. Select BC in Province/State
 3. Select "Vancouver – Trafalgar Elementary" under "Pick Locations"
 4. Choose the skill level of your choice under "Choose Skill levels"
- *Please note, we are only offering levels 1-3

5. Under "Select Dates", please choose **APRIL 25**
Gifted/Challenge Summer Program July 10th – 28th

This summer, the VSB will again be offering the Gifted/Challenge Summer Program at Van Horne Elementary School. Families will be able to apply to participate in both morning and afternoon sessions with courses approximately 3 hours in duration. Classes are available for students who have completed K through Grade 7. Students are limited to one free course. Applicants are asked to complete an online application form and submit a copy of the student's most recent report card. Please visit www.vsb.bc.ca/gisp to apply.

Gifted/Challenge Program Descriptions Summer 2017

(Please note: Select courses that have your child's current grade for the 2016/2017 school year, please do NOT select courses for any other grade level.)

Funded Courses

Young Explorations

This course is designed for students who completed Kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year. Take a tour with us through the wonderful world of learning as we preview the grade one curriculum by working with numbers, performing experiments, problem solving, and examining both fiction and non-fiction literature.

VH13005	(Kindergarten)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14005	(Kindergarten)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Young Mathematicians

The world of mathematics is a rewarding and engaging experience! Through tactile activities, students will develop their critical thinking skills and expand their understanding of mathematical concepts. We will explore numeracy, measurement, geometry, time, multiplication and division in an exciting and stimulating way. Come and learn in the exciting world of numbers!

VH13025	(Grades 1-2)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14025	(Grades 1-2)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Let's Get Creative!

This creative writing course allows primary students to explore the functions and values of writing; to stimulate their imagination and creativity; and to encourage artistic expression. Students will also be exposed to a variety of literature genres such as fairytales, drama and poetry.

VH13015	(Grades 1-3)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14015	(Grades 1-3)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Enriched Mathematics

Want to look deeper into some of the concepts and challenges you will encounter in Grade 4 Mathematics and beyond? If yes, then this course is for you! This course will engage student learning by connecting mathematical ideas and concepts to everyday experiences and to other disciplines. Using a variety of math manipulatives, students will develop strategies to build their confidence in mental math and estimation, problem solving, and reasoning. Topics may include but are not limited to: arithmetic, data analysis, geometry, measurement, time and many more!

VH13125	(Grade 3)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14125	(Grade 3)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Gifted Creative Writing

Now is your chance turn your ideas and inspirations into creative stories! Gifted learners will participate in writing exercises aimed at developing new skills, such as character development and story elements. In collaboration with their peers, students will write multiple short story drafts on a variety of topics, having the opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses in their own writing. The final week, students will work on refining and publishing one story.

VH13035	(Grades 4-5)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14035	(Grades 4-5)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Writing with a Purpose

Intermediate students wishing to refine their writing skills will love this strategy-focused, interactive course. Students will be guided through each step of the writing process from selecting topics to publishing pieces. We will explore various genres through step-by-step lessons, organizational strategies, and activities emphasizing fluency and flow, as well as tools such as graphic organizers, rubrics and checklists. Join us for an intensive writing challenge in a relaxed, supportive environment.

VH13065	(Grades 4-5)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
VH14065	(Grades 4-5)	12:20-3:00	No Fee

Thought Detectives

In this dynamic course, students will expand and develop their critical thinking skills through the deconstruction and exploration of still and moving images. In addition to an examination of arguments posed by classmates and in the media, learners will debate, identify fallacies, and design counter-arguments in order to expand and refine their own thinking.

VH13075	(Grades 4-7)	9:00-11:40	No Fee
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Junior Journalists

Dreams of being a published writer? Interviewing your favourite musician or reviewing your favourite book? Landing a big interview with a local celebrity? In this course,

learners will create attention-grabbing articles, interviews and insightful and effective reviews.

VH14075 (Grades 4-7) 12:20-3:00 No Fee

Creative Writing and Drama

Learn collaborative, improvisational drama skills, practice character development, engage in live, scripted drama performances, and practice the art of storytelling through stagecraft and set design!

VH13105 (Grades 4-7) 9:00-11:40 No Fee

VH14105 (Grades 4-7) 12:20-3:00 No Fee

Math Mysteries and Logic

Students will be given the opportunity to strengthen their problem-solving powers as they explore intriguing mathematical mysteries, numerical puzzles, brainteasers, logical deduction challenges, board games, and geometric puzzles. Through games, hands-on activities, group challenges and puzzles, students will learn to work as a team to create problems for their classmates to solve!

VH13085 (Grades 5-7) 9:00-11:40 No Fee

VH14085 (Grades 5-7) 12:20-3:00 No Fee

Exploring Your Creative Voice

Building on a review of the Six Traits of Writing, students will examine excerpts from established young adult writers and, learning from their various techniques, work towards writing their own literary creations. This course involves daily reading and writing.

VH13115 (Grades 6-7) 9:00-11:40 No Fee

VH14115 (Grades 6-7) 12:20-3:00 No Fee

Fee-Paying Courses

Wacky World of Science

Gear up for an exciting, fun-filled and hands-on experience that will serve to expand your scientific minds. We will explore and 'test our hypotheses' on a number of explosive science experiments designed to stimulate and satisfy your scientific curiosity. The 'scientific method' will be introduced to the participants.

VH23015 (Grades Kindergarten-2) 9:00-11:40 \$330

VH24015 (Grades Kindergarten-2) 12:20-3:00 \$330

Gifted Math Builders!

Is your child a gifted learner interested in using math skills to construct and build? In this exciting course, students will look at different kinds of buildings, ones people build, ones animals build, ones nature builds and see how math works to keep them together. Learners will develop their building skills using mathematic principles and construct structures of their own creation.

VH23115	(Grades 1-2)	9:00-11:40	\$330
VH24115	(Grades 1-2)	12:20-3:00	\$330

Art Exploration

Gifted learners will visually research the world around them through art, looking at how we live in both an urban and a natural setting. This includes media such as charcoal, paint, pencils, as well as sculpture, zine making, and other forms of art.

VH23075	(Grades 2)	9:00-11:40	\$330
VH24075	(Grades 2)	12:20-3:00	\$330

Sports Math!

A fascinating exploration of the numbers of sport and how math leads to interesting sporting statistics. Through a variety of sports (basketball, soccer, baseball), gifted learners will develop their math skills while creating statistics just like the professionals. Most sports are filled with numbers and statistics. Through these activities, students will review and practice basic operations, data collection, decimals, fractions, percentages and probabilities. Math can be active and fun in a physical and safe learning environment. Bring your shoes and your pencil!

VH23075	(Grades 3-4)	9:00-11:40	\$330
VH24075	(Grades 3-4)	12:20-3:00	\$330

Cooking Skills for Gifted Chefs!

Chefs of all abilities will develop and expand their culinary techniques in this fun and engaging cooking class. Learners will experiment with a variety of food combinations including breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack recipes. Students will also discover how different foods impact how the human body functions as well as learn many healthy and interesting recipes to share with family and friends!

VH23035	(Grades 3-7)	9:00-11:40	\$330
VH24035	(Grades 3-7)	12:20-3:00	\$330

The Science of Flight and Rocketry

Why do objects stay aloft in the sky? Whether they are living or non-living objects, the principles of flight remain the same. Explore and discover the history and origins of flight. Understand the physics of flight by designing and constructing kites, hot air balloons, gliders, self-propelled airplanes, rockets and drones.

VH23045	(Grades 3-7)	9:00-11:40	\$330
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VH24045 (Grades 3-7) 12:20-3:00 \$330

Lego Education Robotics – Beginners

Participants will explore simple and complex mechanical and motorized machines through Lego Education kits. Students will work in small teams to tackle increasingly challenging guided building projects and engineer their own robotic creations. Recently added kits will introduce the use of solar and wind power to energize their machines.

VH23065 (Grades 4-6) 9:00-11:40 \$330

VH24065 (Grades 4-6) 12:20-3:00 \$330

Web 2.0: Digital Tools for Beginners

In this interactive class you will learn how to create a website, use web-based tools and iPad apps to present your work in a more dramatic and impactful way. You will learn to use movie making tools, create a podcast, and be introduced to a variety of tools for presenting your work at school.

VH23095 (Grades 4-7) 9:00-11:40 \$330

Web 2.0 Plus: Advanced Digital Tools

Do you already know the basics about computers? Would you like to build your own website and learn to use great web and computer based tools to create great projects for school? Come learn how to impress your friends and your teacher with animated presentations, videos and talking creatures. You will also be introduced to some coding skills as well.

VH24095 (Grades 4-7) 12:20-3:00 \$330

Engineering and Inventions

Be part of a successful classroom that explores motion. Learn about building fun machines or structures designed to do simple tasks. M/S Discover how the scientific concepts of wheels, levers and pulleys can be used to produce motion. Invent a vehicle which can travel and be controlled using electricity. Learn how to be a successful toy engineer by building strong bridges or making a robotic car. Here is an opportunity to have fun inventing and building your own vehicles and electric machines.

VH23055 (Grades 5-7) 9:00-11:40 \$330

VH24055 (Grades 5-7) 12:20-3:00 \$330

A message from the library

Dear Parents and students,

Trafalgar Library has been very busy this past term; the French Immersion Grade 3's have been studying the Ancient Inuit, the English Grade 2 (Div. 12) have conducted a research of Canadian animals and present their work to their parents this week. Grade 3's of Div. 12 have completed research on Canadian Indigenous Cultures. The French intermediate students of Div. 7 researched and wrote their 'Concours' in the library and Div. 9 completed research on Indigenous Cultures, also in the library. Their posters will be displayed in the Trafalgar Gallery.

Thanks to the tireless help provided by the wonderful parent volunteers in the Library and the amazing teams of Library Monitors, the circulation remains very high, reaching over 46,000 borrowings so far!

Primary students are still diligently filling in their Reading Slips for the monthly draw and the Intermediate students are reading through the Red Cedar choices. The French Livromanie program was launched in January with the help of the students of Div. 5.

Red Cedar voting will take place around mid-April and the Livromanie votes will be collected at the end of May. The most prolific readers will enjoy parties and gift certificate draws in June!

This term has seen Mme Louise take on an extra day in French LAC, so she will no longer be able to be in the library on Fridays. Mme Turgeon, who does frequent replacements in the school, has kindly agreed to take her place in the library on Fridays.

This term has just flown by and everybody has worked very hard. I hope that you will enjoy a fun-filled break with lots of sunshine!

Mme Elly

Want to continue to receive the newsletter straight to your email address?

The Trafalgar newsletter will be sent directly to families that have signed up via the PAC website. Parents can subscribe to the PAC newsletter by visiting their website at www.trafalgapac.ca and clicking on the "email list" link at the top of the page.

If you choose not to register to receive school information via the PAC email then the Trafalgar newsletters can also be found on the Trafalgar website at: Trafalgar.vsb.bc.ca or a paper copy is printed outside of the school office for your review.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 8

2:00 pm Early Dismissal
Student-led conferences
Scholastics Book Fair 1:30-7:00 pm

Thursday, March 9

2:00 pm Early Dismissal
Student-led conferences
Scholastics Book Fair 1:30-5:00 pm
Pocket Market 1:45-2:15 pm
Jr and Sr Choir to present 2:00 pm in activity room

Friday, March 10

last day before Spring Break
"Lights Up" after school drama group to present 2:00 pm in the gym

Monday, March 27

first day back

Tuesday, April 11

PAC meeting 7:00 pm- Dr. Kang to present