



Announcing

WinterFest 2006: The Best Ever!

**Friday, December 1st
2 pm to 7 pm**

- Free Admission
- Silent Auction
- Crafts & Games Tables
- Fine Wine Raffle & Specialty Beer Raffle
- 100's of Carefully Used Books, CDs, Videos & Cassettes
- Recycled Jewellery & Kids' Sports Equipment
- Lots of Scrumptious Munchies
- Fabulous Music & Entertainment
- Cash or Cheque (with ID) Accepted as Payment

Special Appearance by

MAGI

Professional Musical
Acoustic Group

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Mark your calendar. Make plans to attend. It's time for Lord Tennyson's annual WinterFest celebration and silent auction to be held on December 1st in the school auditorium.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours for exceptional holiday shopping at "to die for" prices. The kids will be thoroughly engaged with craft making and games, and dazzled all afternoon by wonderful music and entertainment.

All proceeds from the event will go to support our Grade 6 students' Quebec 2007 initiative. Bring your cash or cheque book! Sorry, we will not be able to process credit cards.

Visit <http://tennyson.vsb.bc.ca> 'WinterFest' to preview our fabulous silent auction items.

By Karen Schaubert

How You Can Help Send the Grade 6s to Quebec and Make WinterFest a Success

Pass On Your Bling

Please donate gently used or new jewellery and accessories for sale at WinterFest 2006 to support the Quebec 2007 trip.

Items may be left in the drop box in front of the school office anytime.

By Danica Djurkovic



Sports Equipment Donations Needed

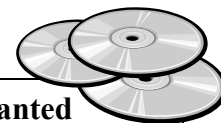
Everyone please donate your unneeded used or new sports equipment to this year's WinterFest. Richard and Brendon will be happy to receive them on Thursday afternoon, November 30th, or first thing Friday morning (Winterfest day) at the school.

Everything sports related is welcome: ski equipment, ski suits or jackets, hockey stuff, bikes, fencing foils, golf clubs, surfboards, helmets, bobsleds; you name it, we'll sell it. Just please make sure it is clean and in a condition that you yourself would like to receive it in. If you have a price in mind, please tag it. If you would like it back if the item doesn't sell, please tag it with a contact and phone number; otherwise, it will be given to charity.

The PREOWNED KIDS SPORTING GOODS SALES TABLE plans on being the most exciting event at this year's WinterFest and we look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions, please contact Richard at 604-782-6852.

By Richard Henry



Recycle Unwanted Books, CDs, DVDs and Other Media

We invite all Lord Tennyson families to donate used or new books, CDs, DVDs and other media for sale at WinterFest to help raise money to send the Grade 6 students to Quebec.

Donations can be left in the marked box in the front foyer of the school anytime.

We welcome and appreciate your support Thank you!

By Sheila O'Donoghue

More WinterFest info on page 2...



Kids and Families Needed to Entertain During WinterFest

Without you, we are nothing! To make this year's WinterFest a success, we need your talent, your participation, and your initiative. We want to make this year's entertainment INTERACTIVE. Come as a family, a duo, or stand on your own and show us your stuff. Get us involved in the show. We know Lord Tennyson families have a lot of talent – BRING IT ON!

Sign up to do your 'thing' – jazz dance, killer karate moves, a sublime Chopin sonata, funky hip hop, incredible gymnastics, over-the-top musical theatre, electrifying rock & roll, or your wackiest comedy routine... Get us singing, shouting out; heck, pull someone up on stage from the audience and teach us something new.

Sign up sheets are in the school lobby. We need YOU!

By Karen Schaubert

Many Thanks to WinterFest 2006 Sponsors and Donors

All of us at Lord Tennyson are extremely grateful to the key sponsors of WinterFest who have helped to make this the 'best ever' fundraiser for our Grade 6 Quebec initiative. We would like to thank them and acknowledge their contributions publicly:



Classical guitar - **Prussin Music**; Bottled water - **Whistler Water**; Jr. Electric Guitar & Amp - **Rufus Guitar Shop**; Jr. Drum Set - **Pacific Drum Centre**; Ipod NANO - **Simply Computing**; Silent Violin (Electric) **Yamaha/Long & McQuade**; Bike Accessory Package - **NORCO**; Telescope - **Vancouver Telescope Centre**; Digital Cameras, MP3 Players, Flat Screen Monitors - **NICX.com**; Juices - **Happy Planet**; Snowboard - **WESTBEACH**

We would also like to thank our donors:

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Please patronize our sponsors and donors who have contributed most generously to support Lord Tennyson and our Grade 6 students' Quebec 2007 initiative.

By Karen Schaubert



French Book Fair Just in Time for Christmas: December 5th to 7th, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Come one, come all to the greatest French book fair of all! Please join us in the main hall Tuesday, December 5th, Wednesday, December 6th and Thursday, December 7th. Come and see firsthand the hundreds of French titles on display: picture books, discovery books, early chapter books, intermediate readers, advanced readers, activities, comic books, parent/teacher books.



For your shopping pleasure, we will be open for business from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Unable to attend? We are offering no obligation estimate/wish list sheets based on your child's selections. Simply send payment for the books you decide on with your child the next morning.

To facilitate your shopping experience, we will be accepting cash, cheques payable to Lord Tennyson PAC, VISA and MASTERCARD.

Did you know that last year's book fair fundraisers put over \$2000 worth of books into Lord Tennyson classrooms? Please come out and support our school! We look forward to seeing you there!

By Kirsten Hunter and Gayle Farrell

Contribute to PAC with the NO-COST-TO-YOU Fundraiser

Imagine if you could raise funds for the school without spending one extra bit of your money or contributing any of your time. Too good to be true? Not so! The PAC fundraising committee is about to re-introduce the shopping certificate program.

An order form will be sent home soon, from which you can order coupons to various stores, such as IGA, Chapters, Starbucks. If you pay \$100 for coupons, you will receive \$100 worth of coupons. In other words, the program costs you nothing. You then redeem the coupons at the particular store as if they were cash. And the coupons have no expiry.

The beauty of this fundraiser is you don't spend anything more than you would have on the goods anyway; you get the full value of your money in coupons. It's the merchants whose pockets the fundraising comes from, as they give the school a percentage of every coupon purchased.



You get what you would have paid for anyway, and the school gets a percentage from the merchant of what you spent. What could be better?

Watch for your order form coming home soon. Why not let all that Christmas shopping also benefit the school?

The Grocery Certificate Fundraising Committee is looking for additional members. If you would like to help out with this rewarding program, please email Leslie Foster at leslie-line21@telus.net.

By Lynn Sackville



New Trees and a Greening Committee Needed

Help! Our little trees at the top of the stairs are looking quite sad...is there anyone out there with gardening connections who can get two more trees donated to us?

And while we are talking about gardening, the PAC is still in need of a greening committee. If you have a green thumb and a little extra time, let us know if you are interested in taking on this creative job. This is a perfect position for someone with a busy schedule who wants to be involved with the school. You get to work around your own schedule, and the PAC provides the funds to play in the dirt!

By Lorraine White-Wilkinson

Last Howl for This Crew a Spine-Tingling Success

This year's Halloween Howl marked a milestone, not only for its 20th anniversary, but also as the last time this particular crew will be putting it together. Bev Melville* and I will soon be passing the Head Organizer torch to Borja Fisher, Ward Stirrat and others.

Before we do, we'd like to acknowledge the crazy organizing team who made this Howl and several others such a wild and wonderful experience for us and the school: **Pauline Martin*** and **Alan Thom***-Treasurers; **Ward Stirrat**-Publicity; **Jennifer Lindsay*** and **Janice Barr**-Public Relations; **Lisa Robertson***-Prize Coordinator and Contest Coordinator; **Tracy Adams***, **Dave Russel*** and **Marilyn Adams***-Prize Table; **Janko Vracar**-Security; **Monique Lunde** and **Eleanor Monro** - Volunteer and Information Table; **Tracy Carroll**-Gym Games; **Dan Kamin***-Jello Eating; **Candace Crossan*** and **Sheila O'Donoghue**-Cake Walk; **Eyal Lebel***-Graveyard; **Leslie Foster***, **Nancy Gambin** and **Mark Fisher**- Photo Room; **Cathey Somerville*** and **Tallulah Winkelman***-Fortune Tellers; **Manny Trinca** and **Borja Fisher**-Haunted House; **Zaklina** and **Janko Vracar**-Bowling; **Gaelen Gibson**, **Kevin McKendy** and **Rick Robertson***-Spooky Stories; **Barry Greenfeld**-Von Shtinko; **Tomi Asakawa***-Bingo; **Luisa Deziel*** and **Wade Metz***-Tattoos; **BeAtrice Winsborrow***-Potions; and **Bob Lunde** and **Grant Rowan***-Hockey. Most of you worked the entire night of the Howl, and some of you put in weeks before getting ready - thank you all, for your time, dedication and enthusiasm. It was great working with you.

Please note: the starred names indicate Grade 5 parents who may be busy next year fundraising for their children's Grade 6 Quebec trip - more parents from primary grades are needed to get involved!

*By Lisa Herrera**

Highlights of the PAC General Meeting, October 2006

Chair's Report

Leigh Power described the role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC):

- It serves as the parents' voice within the school.
- It serves as a link between parents and the school administration, as the Principal and/or acting Vice Principal attend each PAC executive and general meeting.
- It raises funds to provide additional programs for our kids such as the noon-hour programs, peer tutoring, etc.

PAC doesn't have the authority to change school policies concerning curriculum or facilities, but can serve to make parents' concerns known on these issues.

To help parents share their ideas and concerns, PAC has placed a suggestion box in the school lobby. PAC is also re-establishing a parents' corner on the school's website where it will post minutes of PAC meetings and other information of interest to parents.

Three parents sit on Lord Tennyson's School Planning Council (SPC) which creates the growth plan outlining quantifiable goals for student learning. A copy of the current School Growth Plan is on the school's website.

Leigh outlined PAC's goals for 2006-2007:

- Recruit more primary school parents into PAC
- Raise the profile of the school's website and parents' corner
- Increase fundraising initiatives
- Increase parent involvement in school activities and fundraisers

The PAC is also going to set up a petition to install a flashing light at the corner of 12th and Maple. The city has already done a study and acknowledges this corner is a problem.

Principal's Report

Marion Broadbent introduced herself and acting Vice Principal Elizabeth Rainer. She then noted she is responding to issues submitted to

the PAC suggestion box through her newsletter to parents. She reminded parents that she receives a lot of emails every day and can't always respond promptly. Patience is much appreciated.

Marion spoke about the School Growth Plan and this year's goal to have French spoken always and everywhere within the school.

Marion also reported that the Vancouver School Board will replace the downstairs toilets.

Marion then shared new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education concerning the sale of food and beverages in BC schools. This document has been developed with the goal of eliminating junk food from schools by 2009, which will have an impact on what can be sold at fundraisers at the school. Parents can access a copy of the document on the Ministry website www.bced.gov.bc.ca.

Treasurer's Report

John Metras introduced himself and Karen Barron as the PAC Treasurers. This is John's last year as Treasurer and he is looking for a replacement who could work with him this year to learn the job. John reported that PAC has a \$16,000 surplus but that after several years of budgetary surpluses, PAC will need to start doing more fundraising this year as it eats into previous year surpluses.

If your PAC committee has expenses that require reimbursement, please get a reimbursement form from the PAC box. If any parent would like to make a proposal for funding request, forms are available in the PAC box. All requests are considered by the PAC executive and then at a PAC general meeting.

Parents Invited to Meditation Sessions

Parent Candace Crossan invited parents to join her in a 45-minute meditation session on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the school library.

Quebec 2007 Report

Monique Lunde, co-chair of Quebec 2007, spoke about this year's plans for Grade 6s to go to Quebec in May. Quebec 2007 has to raise substantial funds for kids and teachers to undertake the trip. They are currently organizing WinterFest, which is a big fundraiser for Quebec.

Quebec/PAC Fundraising Reorganization Committee

Leigh Power also talked about the committee which has been formed to come up with a proposal to combine PAC and Quebec fundraising. Please contact Lisa Herrera at lherrera@shaw.ca if you are interested in joining the committee to review ways to improve how parents can plan for Quebec.

By Anna Pappalardo

Newsletter Contact Information

The Lord Tennyson Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a volunteer organization of parents whose children attend Lord Tennyson School. The PAC newsletter is published by the PAC executive to promote meetings and keep parents informed about activities.

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The PAC newsletter and other notices are also available via email. If you want to subscribe, send a note to tennpac@novuscom.net with the following information: Parent/ Guardian name(s) and email addresses, Name, Grade and Division of each child.

School Planning Council (SPC) Elections Scheduled for January PAC Meeting



At our January PAC meeting, we will be holding elections for the School Planning Council. The SPC term runs from January to December and three members are elected each year. The SPC, along with the school administration, is responsible for the School Growth Plan. The School Growth Plan must be submitted to the Vancouver School Board every spring for the following year. It sets out long-term goals for the students and staff and ways to measure the progress of the goals. The SPC starts working on the new plan early in the spring and requires about six meetings to accomplish its goal.

Anybody interested in putting their own name forward or nominating someone else, or if you require more information, please contact me at 604-253-1595 or leighpower@shaw.ca. The SPC is a great way to learn more about the school and to be part of planning for the future of Lord Tennyson.

By Leigh Power

PAC Finances in Good Shape



Here are the PAC financial statements for the 2005/06 school year.

Regarding the profit and loss statement on the right, the PAC had budgeted for a loss of \$8,473 in 2005/06 to spend surplus funds accumulated from previous years. Not all budgeted expenditures could be made during the fiscal year so the actual loss was reduced to \$3,157.

The balance sheet shows the dollar amount at the end of the 2005/06 school year. The total liability and equity thus reflects the amount available to the PAC for the 2006/07 school year.

As the PAC still has a surplus it would like to spend, the budget this year will again project a loss.

By John Metras

Lord Tennyson Parent Advisory Council Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2006	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Casino Chequing	1,524.74
General Chequing	5,313.52
General GIC - 514357	4,000.00
General GIC - 522604	900.00
General GIC - 522605	4,666.36
Total Chequing/Savings	16,404.62
Accounts Receivable	
*Accounts Receivable	290.50
Total Accounts Receivable	290.50
Total Current Assets	16,695.12
TOTAL ASSETS	16,695.12
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Quebec Trust	729.12
Total Other Current Liabilities	729.12
Total Current Liabilities	729.12
Total Liabilities	729.12
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,462.55
Retained Earnings	2,661.12
Net Income	-3,157.67
Total Equity	15,966.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	16,695.12

Lord Tennyson Parent Advisory Council Profit and Loss September 2005 through August 2006

Income	
Ballet BC Net Revenue	290.00
Book Fair Revenue	2,730.46
Casino Revenue	7,460.00
DPAC Contribution	365.00
February Blues Net Revenue	466.41
Fundraising	107.10
Halloween Howl Net Revenue	1,430.89
Interest Income	188.72
Noon Hour Net Revenue	1,938.57
NSF Cheque Charge	7.00
Ski Program Net Revenue	203.75
Total Income	15,187.90
Expense	
Author Readings	699.00
Bank Charges	103.05
Books	
Library	772.56
Books - Other	1,962.75
Total Books	2,735.31
Bursaries	140.00
Equipment	
Noon Hour	482.47
Sports Equipment	537.52
Total Equipment	1,019.99
Greening	649.39
PAC Monthly Meeting Expenses	
Administration/Supplies	92.50
Refreshments	256.13
Total PAC Monthly Meeting Expenses	348.63
Performing Arts	
Performer Refreshments	34.94
Residencies or Workshops	1,050.00
Schoolwide Performances	4,000.00
Total Performing Arts	5,084.94
Quebec Trip	1,450.00
Reading	
English	487.30
Peer Tutoring	340.53
Total Reading	827.83
Safeteen	321.00
School Funds	
Asset Spending	2,787.69
Teacher Funds	1,471.46
Total School Funds	4,259.15
Staff Appreciation	
Gifts	327.86
Staff Lunch	379.42
Total Staff Appreciation	707.28
Total Expense	18,345.57
Net Income	-3,157.67

Gleaned from the Past

In our series on the history of Lord Tennyson School, the PAC newsletter is presenting excerpts from a hand-typed log book entitled Lord Tennyson, School Log found in the storeroom off the school office, which covers the years from 1964 to 1980.

It's interesting to see how activities at Lord Tennyson reflected international, national, provincial and regional events and trends. For example:

School year 1964-65

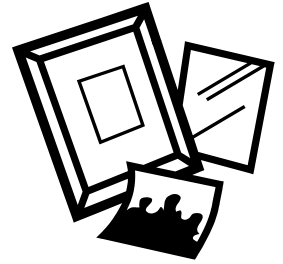
"Two special assemblies were held during the year. The first was to pay respect to the memory of the Hon. Sir Winston Churchill whose death occurred in January. The second one was when the new Canadian flag was flown for the first time at the school."

School year 1965-66

"During February, the latter part, and early in March, a flu epidemic swept through the city with the schools being quite hard hit. At one time during this period as many of 152 pupils were absent at the same time and seven teachers were also absent from Tennyson School."

"May 6, a tree planting ceremony was held on the school grounds at which selected children took part. This seedling was planted in connection with the B.C. Centennial."

"On May 16, a letter was sent to Mr. Mel Wallace outlining the school's plans for celebrating the B.C. Centennial and the Canadian Centennial, which is to be celebrated during 1967."



School year 1966-67

"Project 100 was a project which was in force throughout the province from which the money raised was to be used for educational purposes in underdeveloped or emerging countries. A movie was put on at noon on Tuesday, November 6 and the children were asked for a donation. The sum of \$80 was raised for this project and plans call for another movie at a later date and the proceeds will likewise go to Project 100."

School year 1968-69

"A pilot program of dental fluoridation was held in June. Over two hundred and fifty youngsters (with parental permission) entered the program. It is planned for three such program days during the next school year."

School year 1970-71

"The members of the City Police Drug Squad held a noon hour session with the staff. The "what", "why" and "who" of the drug world, especially Kitsilano District."

By Lynn Sackville

The Last Word: Thoughts from the Chair



Rain, rain, go away...but rain means snow on the mountains and that means good things for the Ski and Snowboard Club. This is a great program for the kids that takes them up for a lesson and skiing or boarding for four Friday afternoons after school in January and February. A hand-out with registration information should have come home with your child recently. For more information you can contact Tomi Asakawa, 604-732-7476 or ahotchick@telus.net, or Shaun Cathcart, 604-733-5784 or shauncathcart@shaw.ca.

Giant kudos to Lisa Herrera and Bev Melville and the whole Halloween Howl crew! The 20th anniversary Howl was a roaring success. Thanks to all of the volunteers and room organizers who transformed the school into a very scary place in record time. There were so many people...

Before the Howl had even ended, Grade 6 parents had already begun planning WinterFest. WinterFest is Tennyson's pre-Christmas bazaar with crafts, baked goods, music and a fabulous silent auction. It is on Friday, December 1st this year. WinterFest is the major fundraising event for the Quebec group each year. This year, PAC will help organize the entertainment for the event and more volunteers would be appreciated in other areas. You can sign up to volunteer or the kids may sign up for the talent portion of the evening to play or sing a holiday tune or two. Sign-up boards are in the front hall of the school. WinterFest is a great place to do some early shopping. Handmade crafts are available and the silent

auction this year will have great gifts for the whole family (and dads!). So make sure you make it to WinterFest this year and lend a hand, get a jump on your Christmas shopping and have a great time with the family, all while helping to raise funds for Quebec 2007.

And speaking of fundraising, the PAC is back in the business of fundraising. For the last two years, the PAC has been in surplus position trying to spend accumulated monies. We budgeted for a loss each of those years, and this year we need to start fundraising in earnest again.

Currently, the PAC fundraising committee is exploring some new options. The grocery certificate program is being reviewed and we are looking to expand it to include other vendors, and we have the printer cartridge and cell phone recycling in the front hall also. We need these programs to work in conjunction with our major community events such as the Howl, WinterFest and February Blues. We would like to do a mathathon or spellathon again and are also exploring new programs.

Of course, all of this requires time and parent involvement. We are looking also for new ideas (and new parents) to bring some innovative fundraising options to our community. Anyone interested in fundraising or with a fundraising idea should contact Leigh Power 604-253-1595 leighpower@shaw.ca or Leslie Foster 604-738-6254 leslieline21@telus.net

Stay dry and we'll see you on the school ground.

By Leigh Power