




NXCE NEWS

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Sharing Gratitude

This weekend in Canada, we recognize Thanksgiving. Knowing that many students and their families are new to our school community, as well as to Canada, I thought it worth sharing some information pertaining to [Thanksgiving's history](#) in Canada. At school, though many of the holidays recognized through the Canadian calendar are rooted in religious tradition, we take a neutral stance on religious aspects to holidays. Therefore, we share that Thanksgiving is an opportunity to express gratitude without reference to God. Anyone, of any faith/belief system, can show thanks. As a science enthusiast, I thought it worth sharing as well that there are significant [health and wellness benefits to gratitude](#).



So with that, on behalf of the NXCE staff, we hope you and your loved ones enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend, and find reasons to feel and share gratitude.

PAC Meeting

Next Tuesday, October 10, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be hosting its first meeting of the school year. The meeting will be held [at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom](#) to make it easier for parents to attend. Any/all parents are encouraged to join this and future meetings. During this meeting, this year's PAC Budget, goals for the school year, and opportunities for parent involvement will be discussed. There will also be opportunity to ask questions and voice ideas you have as parents. I will be part of all PAC meetings, as will other school representatives so that we can engage in dialogue with you and answer any questions that come up during meetings.

Lunchtime/Washroom Etiquette

We have been experiencing some challenges with respect to student behaviour during lunch eating time as well as in the washrooms. Staff members have gone over expectations, and we have posted lunchtime expectations in all classrooms and washroom expectations in the washrooms to reinforce acceptable behaviour and etiquette.

Lunchtime Expectations	Washroom Expectations
WASH HANDS/use sanitizer before eating.	WALK in the washroom.
STAY SEATED while you eat.	Keep VOICE QUIET when in the washroom.
TALK QUIETLY with your classmates.	ONE PERSON per stall with DOOR CLOSED.
CLEAN UP after you have finished eating.	RESPECT PRIVACY. <u>NO</u> PEEKING.
If you need to use the washroom/waste bins, ASK A SUPERVISOR first, so that they know where you are.	Use only <u>toilet paper</u> to WIPE.
*Note: use of personal devices is not permitted during lunchtime.	FLUSH when finished.
	WASH hands.
	DRY hands.
	Put <u>paper towel</u> IN THE BIN.

Specific to washroom issues, on a frequent basis we have had misbehaviours such as: clogging toilets/urinals with paper towels and/or other items, throwing wet toilet paper/towel balls onto the ceiling and floors, writing on the stalls and walls, spreading soap all over the sink counter, splashing water on each other and all over the washroom, not flushing, peeking into bathroom stalls, more than one child in a bathroom stall, hanging on stall doors. It's come to a point where we are going to have students sign-out of their classrooms every time they need to use the washroom, so that we can better determine which students are involved, and until things improve.

This is very concerning given privacy violations, vandalism, and ongoing, unnecessary mess-making.

We ask that you please go over the above expectations with your child, and understand that if your child is found to be involved you will be contacted, and there will be logical consequences put in place. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Student Photos

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is: **MONDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2023** (after the date a late fee is applicable)

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

About Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2023**
- Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/norgatecommunity> and sign up by **THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2023**

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

After School Basketball Program

G2 Athletics is proposing an after-school program at Norgate for grade 2 to 5 students.

- Wednesday's; November 8th to December 13th
- 2:15 - 4 pm
- Cost \$150

You can find more information on their website;

[School Programs – G2 Athletics](#)

Contact Ms. Kelly (ksangha@sd44.ca) if you have any questions or are interested in bringing this program to our school.

Artists for Kids After School Classes

Artists for Kids offers After School Art classes for students each Fall, Winter and Spring term. Led by BC certified art specialist teachers and assisted by secondary art students, our classes provide the opportunity to build skills and foster creative growth within the visual arts. Students will have the opportunity to expand their artistic abilities in a multitude of different mediums, including painting, felting, printmaking, and sculpting. Classes vary in duration, price, and medium. All art materials are included in the price of the program. See [HERE](#) for info and to register!

Supports for Parents/Caregivers

On the school website, I have tried to put together a helpful [list of service providers for parents/caregivers](#) with a description of what they can offer. I know this listing might have some providers not represented, so if you know of something that should be added to help families, please let me know. My goal is to make it easy for you to find and access the supports available and that you might need, so I appreciate your input regarding additional sites/services to add.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (OCT 10 – OCT 13):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statutory Holiday - Thanksgiving School not in session	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35) 3:00-4:30: Red Fox Active Play 3:00-5:00: Gr. 6/7 Capilano Community Services Program 6:30 PAC Meeting (link on school calendar)	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35) 2:15 Dismissal	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35) 3:00-5:00: Gr. 6/7 Capilano Community Services Program	8:15 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35)