

Superintendent's Report



Announcements

Digital Media Academy: Workshop series - ANIMATION for BEGINNERS

Monday & Tuesday, October 22 & 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Argyle Secondary School. Open to all grades 9-11 students, this FREE workshop will cover the basics of digital animation. Limited seating to 30 spaces and attendance at both sessions is required. Please RSVP to [Jennifer VanderMye](#) with child's name, home school and grade level. [Click HERE](#) for more information.

TONIGHT! Parent Event - A CONVERSATION WITH SHELLEY MOORE

Are you a parent of a child in the North Vancouver School District? Are you interested in what Inclusive Education and Competency-Based Planning means in today's classrooms? Please join us for an evening with Shelley Moore. Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 7-9 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale, 5th floor). RSVP: nvsdevents@sd44.ca (space is limited). For information about Shelley Moore, [click HERE](#).

Cannabis legalization

Today, October 17, 2018, the Federal Cannabis Act takes effect making it legal for adults to purchase, possess and grow certain amounts of cannabis in Canada. To reflect this legal change, the North Vancouver School District has updated two policies: Policy 804: Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products and Cannabis on Board Premises, and Policy 506: Employee Code of Conduct. What do these changes mean? [Please read this parent information letter regarding the legalization of cannabis.](#)

Student opportunities – NEW web portal section

To create a central, online resource for students looking to explore volunteer, career, leadership, and other exciting opportunities, we have created a new section in the North Vancouver School District [Scholantis web Portal](#). Parents and students can log into the Portal with the student's login number and password (this is the same login that students use for school computers; if you do not know the login information, school office staff can provide it to you). After logging into the Portal, the Student Opportunities section can be found in the top green banner under the "My NVSD" tab.

Information

Great BC ShakeOut

The 2018 Great British Columbia ShakeOut earthquake drill is taking place on Thursday, October 18th at 10:18 a.m.

Update – New Handsworth Secondary School

On October 2, 2018, initial designs for the new Handsworth Secondary School were unveiled at a Board of Education Standing Committee Public Meeting. To check out the plans, please [click HERE](#).

Municipal Election 2018

The 2018 Municipal Election takes place on Saturday, October 20, 2018. For information about voting in the City of North Vancouver, [click HERE](#). For information about voting in the District of North Vancouver, [click HERE](#).

Initiatives

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is held annually on October 5th. Established in 1994, it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This year also marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) that recognizes education as a key fundamental right and establishes an entitlement to free compulsory education, ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children. Every year, the North Vancouver School District celebrates and recognizes our staff on this day. Thank you to all of our staff for supporting student learning and enabling students to learn, share and grow. [We had a lot of 'sweet' fun this year!](#)

National Principals' and Vice Principals' Month

October is National Principals' and Vice Principals' Month. Thank you to all North Vancouver School District principals and vice principals who go above and beyond to support students and staff in our school district! For more information, please [click HERE](#).

Gas conservation

Following a pipeline rupture near Prince George, FortisBC asked customers to reduce natural gas use. The North Vancouver School District reduced temperatures in our buildings on Friday, October 12, 2018, and into this week temperatures have been turned down just in the afternoons. Thank you for your support as we do our part to help our broader community.