

# Superintendent's Report



**To: Parents/Guardians**

**From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District**

## Announcements

### North Vancouver RCMP Implementing "Power 5" Initiative in North Vancouver Elementary Schools

North Vancouver RCMP understand the importance of positive interaction with youth from an early age and as a result are implementing a program where uniformed police officers will attend local elementary schools during recess, lunch hour or after school to interact with the students. The uniformed police officers will aim to greet the students with a fist bump, which may then lead into a game of pick-up basketball, soccer, ball hockey, four square, or simply a conversation. Students are encouraged to approach the police officers when they see them on the playground. Each visit is expected to last 15 – 30 minutes depending on calls for police service that day.

North Vancouver RCMP already have a Youth Intervention Unit, which includes a Corporal and three Constables that regularly liaise with students and school officials. The Power 5 initiative will involve all uniformed members of the North Vancouver RCMP taking time out of their day to build a rapport with our youth. Increased interaction with teachers and parents will also result from the program. School Board officials as well as Principals have been briefed on the idea and fully support it. "Power 5" will officially launch the week of December 10th. Should you see a police officer or police car at a school, more than likely it is part of the "Power 5" program and there should be no reason for concern.

### SchoolMessenger Text Message Alerts

On December 3, 2019, we will be turning on Text Message Alerts (or SMS alerts) for SchoolMessenger. This feature will only be enabled for emergency notifications. All parents who have a cellphone on file with the school will receive the text message below on December 3<sup>rd</sup> when the system is activated:

*North Vancouver School District 44 messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. [schoolmessenger.com/tm](http://schoolmessenger.com/tm)*

If you wish to receive emergency notifications from the school or school district, such as a school closure due to a power outage or severe weather, you need to opt in by replying with 'Y'. If you do not

receive the text message on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, it means we do not have your cellphone number on file. Please contact your school to add your cellphone number.

Did you know that you can easily update your message preferences from your school and school district at any time? You can choose what type of messages you want to receive and how you want to receive them. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video explaining how to manage your message preferences.

### Severe Weather Information

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements. All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, sent to parents via email, phone and SchoolMessenger app notification, and emailed to staff. For more information, please [click HERE](#).

### Krow's TRANSformation film screening (Dec. 2)

The North Vancouver School District is proud to host a film screening of *Krow's TRANSformation*, followed by a Q&A panel with the filmmaker, North Vancouver resident Gina Lazarowich, and several cast members from North Vancouver.

Monday, December 2, 2019

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Cineplex Odeon Park & Tilford Cinemas

200-333 Brooksbank Ave., North Vancouver

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP and collect your free ticket. Space is limited; first come, first serve.

### IB Primary Years Programme at Norgate Community Elementary

The North Vancouver School District is considering implementing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme at Norgate Community Elementary School. Community feedback is being gathered until November 30, 2019. Please provide feedback to: [feedback@sd44.ca](mailto:feedback@sd44.ca). More information is available [HERE](#).

## Information

### Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10

At the November 19, 2019, Public Board Meeting, revised *Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10* was approved by the Board of Education. In the new curriculum, *Career Life Education 10* no longer includes topics related to sexual decision-making; references to this course have now been removed from the Policy and Administrative Procedures.

### Childcare BC

Childcare BC invites parents to complete an anonymous survey about child care programs and services offered throughout the province. Please click [HERE](#) to access the survey.

### **“Together to Twenty” Sustainability Campaign**

The North Vancouver School District is launching the *Together to Twenty* campaign – intended to challenge staff and students to take action and help NVSD reach its 20% by 2020 energy reduction target. Between now and March, schools will be running one or more of the campaigns listed below. Right now we have reached an 18.1% reduction in our energy consumption since 2010. We are excited to push to the finish line and reach our goal of a 20% reduction in energy consumption. We have less than 2% to go!

- Winter Fashion
- Lights Out
- Energy Education
- Winter Shutdown
- Print and Copy Challenge