

# Superintendent's Report



**To: Parents/Guardians**

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

**Happy Halloween!**

## **Announcements**

### **Long Range Facilities Plan**

All school districts in British Columbia are now required to gather community feedback for their Long Range Facilities Plan. The Long Range Facilities Plan looks at student enrolment projections over the next 10 years with the purpose of knowing where schools are needed and how large these schools need to be. The core mandate of the school district is to provide kindergarten to grade 12 education; thus, the Long Range Facilities Plan must focus on facilities to deliver K-12 educational needs. Feedback can be provided online from November 4-15, 2019. The participant link will be posted to our website and social media channels on Monday.

### **Cyber security, students and schools**

How are we ensuring our systems are secure in order to protect children and students? What careers exist in this sought after field? All parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a presentation on cyber security and its relation to education. Tuesday, November 5, 2019, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave, 5th floor). Neil Armstrong, a Systems Engineer with Palo Alto, will do a short presentation, which will be followed by a facilitated panel discussion and Q&A.

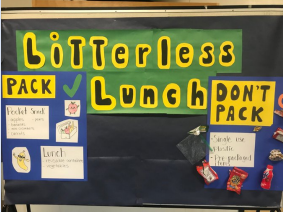


### **International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme – Norgate Community Elementary**

The North Vancouver School District is exploring the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme at Norgate Community Elementary School. The Norgate community is invited to a public information session on Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Norgate Community Elementary School (1295 Sowden St, North Vancouver). More information is available [HERE](#).



## Thank you – Litterless Lunch and Waste Reduction Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in the North Vancouver School District Litterless Lunch event from October 14-25. We encourage all families to make litterless lunches their everyday lunches. Check out these great examples of students and staff having fun with waste reduction over the past few weeks:

<p>Superintendent Mark Pearmain showing off his litterless lunch.</p>	 <p>All signs point to sustainability at Blueridge Elementary for Litterless Lunch week.</p>	<p>Education Services Centre staff get crafty, fashioning reusable grocery bags from old T-shirts.</p>	 <p>Argyle students take part in a clothing swap on Oct. 24, organized by the school's Environment Club.</p>	 <p><i>Tired of being treated like trash, these paper towels are making a break for the organics bin.</i></p> <p>These characters gave staff a memorable recycling lesson at the Education Services Centre.</p>
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## Together to Twenty

The North Vancouver School District is in its final lap to achieve 20 per cent energy savings by the year 2020. To help us get over the finish line we will be running a district-wide "Together to Twenty" campaign from November to March. Each school will be running at least one energy-related campaign during this time.

## Indigenous Education newsletter

In the latest North Vancouver School District Indigenous Education newsletter, read about the white sage lesson our school district provided to all staff, a holiday art contest, the Indigenous Education Book Club, and meet a member of the Indigenous Education Team. Click [HERE](#) to read the newsletter.

## Walk/roll to school – Stay safe in the darker, wetter weather

The North Vancouver School District encourages students to get to and from school in active ways. As the days get shorter and the weather gets wetter, please take the time to review safety tips with your children. It is important to walk/roll in groups, be aware of your surroundings, not speak to strangers, be visible with reflectors or bright clothing, cross streets at crosswalks, and report anything concerning. Further safety tips are available on the RCMP website [HERE](#).

## School visit

### Norgate Community Elementary School



At Norgate I was able to see Principal Rob Smyth bust some moves. This is Rob's last week working in our school district and it was nice to see him going out in style! I also had the honour of witnessing a presentation from Indigo to the entire school. Indigo raised money for the school's library over the summer and presented the school with a cheque for more than \$6,000! Thank you, Indigo for supporting our students and schools.