

# Superintendent's Report



**To:** Parents/Guardians

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

## Announcements

### Thank you to the outgoing Board of Education and Welcome to the new Board of Education

I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of the North Vancouver School District to the outgoing Board of Education, and to welcome the incoming Board. Over the past four years our school district has done incredible work to support student learning. We are proud of all that has been accomplished in collaboration with our partners in education. [Please read this letter of thanks.](#)

### Halloween safety

Halloween is a wonderful time to celebrate with our community and families. It is also a time when we ask for your cooperation to help make Halloween a safe and enjoyable time of year. Please review [these safety measures](#).

## Information

### StudentTranscripts Service

StudentTranscripts is an online application by the Ministry of Education for current and former students to access secondary school transcripts, certificates, marks, and order/send transcripts to post-secondary institutions. Please encourage your Grade 12 student to sign up for the StudentTranscripts Service. For details, please [click HERE](#).

## Initiatives

### North Vancouver schools partner with Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund

The North Vancouver School District is very excited to announce a new partnership with the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund, an organization that aims to, "continue the conversation that began with Chanie Wenjack's residential school story, and to support the reconciliation process through awareness, education, and action." Norgate, Westview, Carisbrooke and Sherwood Park elementary schools and Windsor Secondary are the five North Vancouver schools involved in the initial rollout of the program. This program aligns with our school district's strategic goals to enrich curriculum, encourage collaborative, adaptive and personalized learning

environments, nurture healthy environments, and strengthen and expand reciprocal community relations. To learn more about the partnership and to read the full North Shore News article, please [click HERE](#).

## Sleep Out

The North Vancouver School District is excited to support this year's Covenant House *Sleep Out*. This program raises awareness about issues surrounding youth homeless, such as mental health supports, and also raises funds for programs offered at Covenant House. For one night, participants will be sleeping outside on cardboard boxes. Schools will be provided information shortly about how they can get involved. I, Superintendent Mark Pearmain, will be sleeping outside downtown for one night in February, and secondary schools are encouraged to host their own *Sleep Out* events at their schools. As a school district team we will be fundraising for this initiative. To support my fundraising campaign, [click HERE](#). Schools will also run online campaigns, with the total raised being pooled together into the North Vancouver School District team total. For every \$4,000 we raise, we will fund one-year of mental health supports for one youth. Let's support as many youth as possible! *Sleep Out* demonstrates our commitment to the social emotional and mental health needs of students, while also supporting our strategic goals of strengthening and expanding reciprocal community relations and nurturing healthy school environments.

## School visits

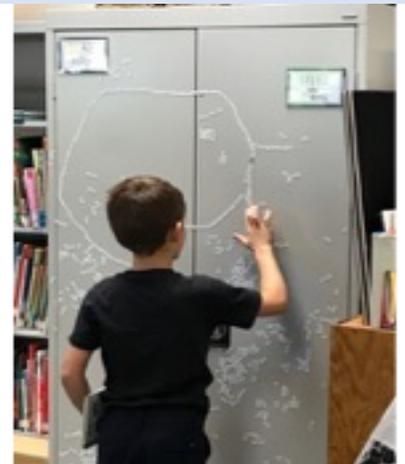
### Braemar Elementary School



I learned some new dance moves!



In Kathleen (Kate) Arkiletian's class, I was presented with a card signed by all of her students.



I was impressed by the calming environment in the redesigned library.



Student engagement in the Band and Strings program was a true testament to the power of the program.



And I earned my wings!

This feather project to recognize the effects of residential schools was truly inspiring.

### Larson Elementary School

At Larson Elementary, I enjoyed welcoming new staff to our district, playing "bingo" with primary students and working on math sets with grade 6 students in Katrina Russel's class. Might need to come back to play in an upcoming "Quidditch Game" with the grades 6 and 7 students!

