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National Indigenous Veterans Day / Remembrance Day

National Indigenous Veterans Day, recognized annually on November 8, is a day for Canadians to honour all First Nations, Métis and Inuit soldiers who served in war for Canada ([source](#)). Remembrance Day (November 11) is a statutory holiday in B.C., where Canadians take a moment of silence to honour individuals who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace ([source](#)). [Read how one group of students marked this week](#), and please join me in remembering the important contributions, and for many, the ultimate sacrifice, made to guarantee the freedoms we enjoy today. Furthermore, please [heed the request from the North Shore Veterans](#)



[Council](#), asking the public to watch this year's Remembrance Day services at the Victoria Park cenotaph online.

November is Adoption Awareness Month

November is Adoption Awareness month in British Columbia. Please join me in recognizing families in our community who have opened their hearts and homes and welcomed children and youth as permanent members of their family. It is important to acknowledge there are children who are still waiting for permanent, stable homes--filled with love, guidance and support. For information and support services for families who wish to adopt, please visit the [Adoptive Families Association of BC](#) website.

Reminder: Anti-Racism Focus Groups

As part of the North Vancouver School District's commitment to learning from the community's lived experiences to help ensure a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members, parents/guardians are invited to participate in anti-racism focus groups scheduled to take place via Zoom on Thursday, November 18 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, November 25 at 4 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in the focus groups, which are facilitated by Bakau Consulting, please email Consultant Will Shelling at will@bakauconsulting.com, and use the **subject line: NVSD Parent/Guardian Focus Group [INSERT PREFERRED DATE]**. Please direct any questions about the focus groups to Bakau Consulting at feedback@bakauconsulting.com. Thank you for your participation.

Information

Indigenous Education

The [November issue](#) of the Indigenous Education flyer is now available. In it you will find information and resources on National Indigenous Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, Louis Riel Day and the Métis people, and a variety of educational resources around the Core Competencies. These flyers are posted to the [Indigenous Education](#) section of our website (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Kindergarten Orientation Information available

An informational kindergarten orientation presentation for parents/guardians of children born in 2017 who will enter kindergarten in September 2022 is available online [HERE](#). Please share the link with families you know who will soon have their children join our NVSD family.

NVSD Events

Public Board Meeting – November 16

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place virtually on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the agenda and board package (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art: Beyond the Horizon Exhibition

This year's fall exhibition, Beyond the Horizon, is an expression that encourages us to consider what is "farther than the possible limit of sight, beyond what we can foresee, know or anticipate." It is both visual – what we see – and conceptual – what we know. The horizon as a metaphor provides us with an opportunity to challenge and evaluate our own ways of knowing. The artists in this exhibition expand conventional uses of materials and explore modes of making through collaboration with other artists and the land. Click [HERE](#) for more information about this exhibition, including gallery hours.

NVSD Registrations

2022/2023 Kindergarten Registration open

Registration (priority placement) for children entering kindergarten in September 2022 (children born in 2017) is open until December 17, 2021. Parents/legal guardians must book an appointment using our online booking system to register their child *in person* for kindergarten. Detailed instructions on the registration process, including forms and documentation required, are available [HERE](#).

Good News Stories from the NVSD

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow Blog](#) and [News & Announcements](#) section of our website to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- How one class lived the phrase 'I Remember' ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Montroyal student calls on school community to put litter in its place ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Meet the artist behind the new Braemar logo ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Sutherland Secondary staff connect with the land and each other at Cheakamus Centre ([NVSD blog post](#))

- North Vancouver's Charlie Dannatt claims bronze at GNAC cross-country championships (NVSD alumnus; [North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools

The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).