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Announcements

Pride Month

Pride Month is in June and commemorates the Stonewall Riots that occurred in June 1969. The catalyst for early Pride celebrations was the need for equal rights to be extended to all 2SLGBTQ+ people. This call for a world without discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression is the reason we continue to celebrate Pride today.

At the North Vancouver School District, we believe schools should be inclusive places where all feel safe, accepted, supported, respected and welcome. We are committed each and every day to ensure students and staff see themselves reflected in their school community and feel empowered to be the best version of themselves.

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, where we recognize and celebrate the rich and diverse history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada. Visit the [Government of Canada's learning portal](#) to access resources and learning material to learn more about Indigenous history, languages, cultures and experiences.

National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) takes place on the summer solstice, June 21. It is a special occasion to learn more about Indigenous peoples, places and experiences and is an important step forward each Canadian can take on the path to reconciliation.

Information

Cheakamus Centre update

By Conor McMullan, Director of Educational Programs

It has been a year of learning in, with, and about nature at Cheakamus Centre for students and staff. With a focus on day-based programs, Cheakamus staff were pleased to welcome Grade 4 and 5 students in the fall for an integrated experience blending Indigenous learning at the longhouse with outdoor place-based activities at the Outdoor School program site.

The spring saw over 3,000 students in Grades 3, 6 and 7 enthusiastically participate in a wide range of Cheakamus programs, both at the longhouse and in the many unique learning spaces, including the salmon hatchery, farm, archery range and forest trails.

[Read more.](#)

Policy updates

Revisions to Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning and Policy 409: Anti-Racism and Equity through Cultural Diversity were approved at the May 24, 2022, public board meeting.

A one-year review of [Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning](#) was conducted by Greg Hockley, District Principal, Careers, Curriculum and Assessment (Secondary) and Chanin Smyth, District Principal, Curriculum and Assessment (Elementary). Minor edits to the policy and administrative procedures were presented to the Board of Education at the May 24, 2022, public board meeting and approved.

[Policy 409: Anti-Racism and Equity through Cultural Diversity](#) (formerly Multicultural/Race Relations) was reviewed by the Policy 409 sub-committee, chaired by Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal, Handsworth Secondary. The updated policy and administrative procedures were presented to the Board of Education at the May 24, 2022, public board meeting and approved.

Rapid antigen test kits available to all families and staff

We have an oversupply of rapid antigen test kits, and we would like to offer them to all families and staff. Please visit Reception, located on the 2nd floor of the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., to pick up additional test kits.

Homestay families needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2022. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available [HERE](#).

NVSD Events

Public Board Meeting – June 21

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

We can only hint at this with words – Exhibition closes June 25

Presented by the Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists, *We Can Only Hint at This with Words* consists of large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. All three artists navigate the complexities of working with historical reference, and in doing so, find ways to construct their own shapes and gestures. The exhibition will explore the different ways each artist quotes, pulls apart and reshapes the historical narratives that inform their work. For more information about this exhibition hosted at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, please visit the [exhibition](#) web page.

NVSD Registrations

Summer Learning – Registration closes June 23 at noon

[North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through a variety of opportunities in the month of July.

The Summer Learning 2022 suite of course offerings provides students the opportunity to enhance core skills and/or earn credits toward graduation:

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#) (including French 11 - NEW this year)
- [7/8 Transition](#) (including 7/8 Music – NEW this year)
- [Eslha7an](#) Secondary Review & Completion

[Registration](#) is open to students within and beyond the NVSD.

AFKs' Paradise Valley Summer School of Arts - Registration open

Young artists ages 8-14 will explore their surroundings with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley. This overnight camp combines outdoor studio adventures, in-depth instruction in collage, drawing and painting, as well as daily recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, archery and campfire singalongs. Students are taught by B.C. certified art specialist teachers and mentored by an acclaimed Canadian artist. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive - Registration open

Students ages 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register

NVOL – Registration open until June 27 and will re-open August 29

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) provides students with engaging and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from Grades 8 through 12 in both English and French. Summer support is available July 4 to 15, 2022. See the special announcement on the [NVOL website](#) for details.

The French Immersion online course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open until June 27; click [HERE](#) for more information.

Community Initiatives

Housing diversity in the DNV – Have your say this June

The District of North Vancouver is working to add more diverse housing options to single-family neighbourhoods, including secondary suites, infill housing, and short-term rentals. The DNV is looking for feedback as it considers ways to expand housing choice and support affordability. Please visit [DNV.org/Housing-Diversity](https://dnv.org/Housing-Diversity) for a link to a survey and to learn about dates for virtual and in-person open houses.

Walk30 North Vancouver Challenge – until July 10

The first-ever Walk30 Challenge in North Vancouver, sponsored by the City of North Vancouver, TransLink and Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST), encourages people to walk more to improve overall health and wellness, strengthen community connections, and rethink how we get around. Walk30 invites residents to walk at least 30 minutes a day through a 5-week challenge and input their minutes into an online platform. Walk on your own or join a team. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up.

Good News Stories from the NVSD

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

- Norgate Xwemélch'stn welcomes a new logo ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Professional development at Seaspán ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Cheakamus receives Farm to School BC top award ([NVSD blog post](#))
- North Vancouver service dog motivates kids to attend school ([North Shore News article](#))
- Three North Shore players help Fraser Valley Rush score silver at national championships ([North Shore News article](#))
- Budding Tsleil-Waututh artist creates logo for UN Association in Canada ([North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pius Ryan'.

Dr. Pius Ryan
Superintendent of Schools
Superintendent@sd44.ca

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

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.