

Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

Long Range Facilities Plan

FEEDBACK CLOSING TODAY (at 11:59 p.m.). 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 until Friday, November 15, 2019. [Click HERE to take part.](#)

All parents are invited to set the future direction of the North Vancouver School District!

Please join us on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave., 5th floor) for an interactive strategic planning session for parents. The North Vancouver Board of Education and school district senior management will guide parents through four activities that will help to create new strategic goals for the school district. Please bring your smart phone or tablet. Further information about the North Vancouver School District strategic planning process is available on the school district website [HERE](#).

TRAX Update: Post-Secondary Institution Selections Using the StudentTranscripts Service

Information for students on how to use the new StudentTranscripts Service website to access and select post-secondary institutions for transcript submission is now available [HERE](#).

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. More information is available [HERE](#).

Information

Water testing results

Since 2016, the North Vancouver School District has been proactively testing drinking water at all enrolling schools with analysis provided by ALS Laboratories. All schools have been tested several times over the past three years. Vancouver Coastal Health has also conducted its own water quality testing in our schools. I am pleased to advise that all of the test results have showed full compliance with Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality at all enrolling schools. Please click [HERE](#) for further information.

Requirements - Vaccination Status Reporting

BC's new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation came into effect on July 1, 2019. It supports the gathering of immunization records by public health. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction. In the coming months, public health staff will check the immunization records we have on file for school age children. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted. Further information is available [HERE](#).

Events

Cathy Piteux wins Lindy Pfeil award



Cathy Piteux, Principal of Larson Elementary School, was recently recognized by the North Shore Restorative Justice Society for her work supporting children to succeed. Piteux won the Lindy Pfeil award. This award was created in 2017 to recognize extraordinary service to children and youth on the North Shore.

Congratulations Cathy!

Higher Grounds (Chilhinup) Café opens at the Education Services Centre



The Higher Grounds (Chilhinup) Café officially opened on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019. Located on the ground floor of the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave.) this café is operated by students from Sutherland Secondary and Carson Graham Secondary in the Inclusive Work Experience Program, along with their Job Coaches. For a donation, patrons can get a coffee and treat from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. every Friday morning (if there is a professional development day, the café moves to Thursday). Please stop by and support our students! More information is available [HERE](#).

Strategic planning



Roughly 350 people recently came together for a strategic planning session for the North Vancouver School District. Students, staff and parents explored the current strategic goals of the school district and delved into where focus needs to be placed as we move forward to ensure success for all students. The entire community is encouraged to take part in the strategic planning process. Information about how you get involved is available [HERE](#).

School visits

Queen Mary Community Elementary



I started off the morning with the Education Assistant huddle; it was really inspiring to see how supportive and collaborative this team is. Then I visited Annette Te Stroete's grade seven class where students were leading a morning meeting. In Paul Wright's kindergarten class students were exploring their creativity and science in various stations. John Fong's grade six students were writing essays and paragraphs. It was neat to see students taking counter arguments and engaging in research to support their perspective. I also met with PAC Chair, Jessica McIlroy.

Westview Elementary School



Stephanie Maki's intermediate students showed off their math skills with a math game and some cool calculators. It was wonderful to see Emily Fung – a former student of mine who is now a teacher. Ben Gehrels' grade 6/7 students were doing a science lesson and exploring whether or not plastic bags would attract or repel certain things. Paige Zeniuk also welcomed me into her classroom and I visited with her students in the library with Gretchen Tolfo.