

Announcements

Season's Greetings



The North Vancouver School District wishes all families a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you Ms. Tapping and Ms. Hudson's grade 2/3 class at Eastview Elementary School for taking part in this year's Superintendent's Holiday Card project.

To the left is a card created by student, Rayna. Rayna's card will be used by Superintendent Mark Pearmain to offer holiday greetings from the North Vancouver School District.

Success Stories – Litterless Lunch

Litterless Lunch and the First Peoples Principles of Learning at École Boundary Elementary

By Jeeniece Chand, Vice Principal, Boundary Elementary

At Ecole Boundary Elementary, our Teacher Librarian, Felicity Eadon, brought to our attention that we could integrate the First Peoples Principles of Learning into our discussion about Litterless Lunch. We based our discussions around the following two First Peoples Principles of Learning:

- Learning ultimately supports well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.
- Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

With Ms. Eadon's great ideas and leadership, and based on our current knowledge, we went forth with courage. Please click [HERE](#) to find out more.

Highlands PAC Waste Reduction

For some time now the Parent Advisory Council at Highlands Elementary School has been undertaking efforts to reduce the waste they generate as a PAC. They are an excellent example of how PACs can support litterless lunch and other waste reduction initiatives at schools. Some of their efforts include no longer using hot lunch vendors with drinks that came in plastic cups/lids/straws; asking vendors to send sandwiches in reusable containers instead of paper bags; offering stainless steel cutlery sets for sale; and encouraging students to bring their own cutlery. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of the waste reduction efforts of the Highlands PAC.

Switching to Play First

By Kelly La Roue, Principal, Queensbury Elementary – The school district Litterless Lunch campaign that took place between November 15-30, 2018 was a great opportunity to re-evaluate lunch time at Queensbury Elementary School. We encouraged all students to take part in litterless lunch and to really consider waste generation from food products. We also took the opportunity to try a new format for our lunch hours - Play first. To find out more about play first lunch, including its many benefits, click [HERE](#).

Litterless lunch impacts school ground cleanliness

The efforts that schools are making to reduce the amount of waste generated at lunch time are impacting the cleanliness of school grounds. There is less food waste on school properties as a result of efforts to make lunches litterless. Not only are the schools and the North Vancouver School District noticing the positive impact on school ground cleanliness, but so too are community members. Click [HERE](#) for more information, including community feedback we have received.

Learning Opportunities

Student Event – Environmental Leaders Network

Are you a secondary school student or do you know a secondary school student who is passionate about environmental issues? Are you part of a green team or environmental club running initiatives at your secondary school? If so, please join us after school on January 16th for a networking event to connect with other student environmental leaders from across the North Vancouver School District.

This is great opportunity to discuss the things that are important to you and to learn with others have been working on. We will provide a brief update on what NVSD has been doing to reduce our environmental footprint, but the main focus will be exploring what students would like to see in our school district. There will be pizza!

Wednesday January 16th 3:45 – 5:30 pm

Education Service Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue

Please [RSVP using Eventbrite](#) by January 14th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nvsg-student-environmental-network-tickets-53919808599>.