

# Superintendent's Report



Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Chris Kennedy and I hosted a Q&A session with Dr. John Harding, Vancouver Coastal Health's new Medical Health Officer for the North Shore. We are grateful to Dr. Harding for sharing his time with us, for providing our community the opportunity to have their COVID-19 questions heard and answered, and for keeping all of us informed.

The [recorded session](#) is now available for viewing on our district Vimeo account. Chapter markers are included for your convenience and highlight each question asked.

We look forward to continuing to share updates with you as they relate to COVID-19 and our school community. We will continue to work together to keep our communities safe and healthy and our students and staff engaged in learning together.

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## Announcements

### Frances Roberts: Outstanding Secondary Music Educator Award



Please join me in congratulating Argyle Secondary's Frances Roberts, recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Secondary Music Educator Award. Presented by the BC Music Educators' Association, this award recognizes Frances' contributions as a music educator. Frances is celebrated for her attention to foundational music skills, outstanding scaffolding of students' learning and curriculum progressions from grades 8 through 12 and her willingness to take risks and champion new music. *Congratulations Frances! We are lucky to benefit from your passion, energy and commitment to students and their musical learning experience.*

## **October is Canadian Library Month**

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations has proclaimed October as Canadian Library Month, an annual celebration of libraries, library workers and the services they provide to their users. October is also International School Library Month, an annual celebration of school libraries worldwide. Please join me in acknowledging all North Vancouver School District teacher-librarians who play an essential role in ensuring our students and staff have ongoing and regular access to a robust collection of resources that facilitates exploration and discovery of knowledge. Their dedication supports our vision of bringing communities together to learn, share and grow.

## **Information**

### **Kindergarten Orientation Presentation Video Now Available**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to hold our Kindergarten Information Evening at Centennial Theatre this year. Instead, we created a virtual [presentation](#) for parents/guardians of children born in 2016 who enter kindergarten next September 2021. Please feel free to share the link with families who you know will soon have their children joining our NVSD family.

### **Kindergarten Registration Now Open**

Registration for children entering kindergarten in September 2021 (for children born in 2016) is now open until December 30th, 2020. Kindergarten students must be registered in person by a parent/guardian. This year, families must book an appointment using our new online booking system to register their child for kindergarten. For more information

on registration or to book an appointment, please visit our [2021/2022 Kindergarten Registration](#) webpage.

## Outdoor Learning

There are many wonderful examples of outdoor learning that are taking place across the North Vancouver School District. Conor McMullan, Director of Educational Programs, Cheakamus Centre, [wrote about his recent experiences and observations](#) while visiting students and staff at Highlands Elementary.

## Indigenous Education

The latest edition of the [Indigenous Education Flyer](#) includes information on treaties in Canada, a student profile and resources to learn more. These regularly published flyers are posted to the [Indigenous Education](#) section of our website (please scroll to the bottom of the page).

## Capital Projects Update – Recording Now Available

On Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at our Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting, our Facilities Team provided an update on our ongoing capital projects. Visit our [Public Board Meetings and Videos](#) webpage (scroll to the October 6<sup>th</sup> entry) to hear about our projects, including the Argyle Secondary Replacement, Handsworth Secondary Replacement, and Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade.

## Upcoming Events

### Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting – Date Change

The next scheduled Board of Education Standing Committee meeting—previously scheduled for Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>—has been **rescheduled to Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 7:00 pm.

The Standing Committee Meeting will start with a presentation from North Shore Restorative Justice (NSRJ) who will provide an overview of how NSRJ works to support the NVSD through its social-emotional learning opportunities and initiatives for children and youth. The meeting will continue with an update on the NVSD's COVID-19 response,

including detailing COVID-19 related investments the District has made with the provincial and federal government funding. A link to the presentation will be available [HERE](#).

## **Board of Education Public Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 17th**

The next scheduled Board of Education public board meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded. Visit our [Meetings, Motions & 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).

## **Good News Stories from around the NVSD**

I would like to highlight and share with you some of our good news. Be sure to visit our [Learn, Share & Grow Blog](#) and [News & Announcements](#) sections of our website regularly to stay informed. *Enjoy!*

- Cleveland Elementary's Surprise Pumpkin Patch ([NVSD blog post](#))
- North Vancouver's future voters have their say in Student Vote Day ([North Shore News article](#))
- Community benefits from Capilano's own Cooper Cans & Co. ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Principal Johal goes back to school and gets a lesson on friendship ([NVSD blog post](#))

With appreciation,

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

Mark Pearmain  
Superintendent of Schools

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