

# Lynn timer/Xá7elcha

*We would like to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. At Lynn timer/Xá7elcha we are grateful to the Skwxwú7mesh and səliwətał with whom we share this beautiful land we live, learn and grow on together*



## Wishing everyone health and fortune...

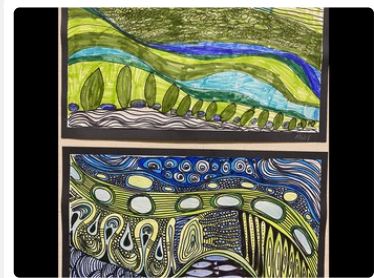
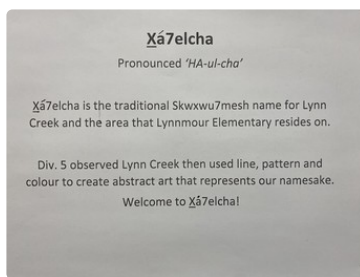
To those that celebrate Lunar New Year today, on behalf of the Lynn timer/Xá7elcha staff, we would like to wish you all good health and great fortune in this year of the Ox.

## With sincere appreciation....

As the Provincial Health Office has stated, at the Elementary level, it is a family choice whether children wear masks at school. Staff are required to wear them when moving about the classroom, when they are within 2m of another person, and/or when they are working outside of their cohort.

The Lynn timer/Xá7elcha staff would like me to pass along their sincere appreciation to the families who are having their children wear masks, and who are, themselves, wearing masks at drop off and pick up. Trying to ensure that students stay distanced and keep their hands to themselves in order to keep everyone from getting sick, is a big responsibility and the staff are grateful to those families who helping us out with this little step. We appreciate the role modelling and the reminders that we are in this together! We know that the vaccine is coming and we are doing our best to stay safe until then.

## Honouring place



Beautiful artwork by our grade 3/4 class to show their appreciation to this beautiful land we are connected to.

## Please be mindful...

We have been fortunate to not have had another Covid exposure at Lynnmour/Xá7elcha at this time. We do receive updates from around the district and are aware that there have been increasing numbers in some areas. We also know that exposures at a couple locations have been linked to social gatherings between students from different schools. In light of this update, and with this weekend in particular, (some may be celebrating Lunar New Year, Valentine's or Family day) we ask everyone to be mindful of the activities you and your families participate in and that you do what you can to keep yourselves safe. This will help us keep our school and school community as safe as we possibly can. We cannot do this alone and we thank you for your support.

## FSAs

The Foundational Skills Assessment will be administered to grades 4 and 7 students across the province over the next few weeks. While informal and formal assessment are continuously administered in classrooms on in classrooms in relation to provincial performance standards, the FSAs allow us the opportunity to gain an understanding through a wider lens as educators from across the district come together to neutrally assess their work. This assessment can help us to inform school planning, provide insight into what supports are needed or how to support students with a more formal assessment process. This assessment does not influence term or final grades for our students.

We know that the public use of this assessment continues to be controversial and we understand that there may be some varying opinions and feelings about it. As a school, we are required to administer the assessment per the directions we receive. We appreciate the time and support of our families and staff to make this a successful experience for our students.