Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

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



Nanabush and the Bridge as told by Anishinaabe storyteller Eileen Conroy

Division 5 used a creative way to explore structures and their strength in their designs. Students listened to an Ojibwe story, about Nanabush, who is the main character in many legends and is an important figure in Ojibwe culture. He was sent to teach the Anishinaabeg how to live.

Students began to explore how to make a bridge out of a single piece of paper. They explored different folds to make the strongest bridge that they could! Using small blocks they were able to see which creations offered the most support.









Please Remember....

As we have communicated in previous updates and information, we are still having concerns brought to us regarding people not following our health and safety asks. As a reminder, we have included them below. It is through our collective continued diligence that we will all stay safe right now. Please continue to practice the processes and protocols we have in place.

1. Please ensure that you complete the <u>Daily Health Check</u> each day with your child. If your child has any symptoms, please

- keep them at home and consult 811
- 2. Give space to others at drop off and pick up. All adults are asked to wear masks if interacting with others around the school. Role modelling this action helps our students to understand the importance! We appreciate your support with this.
- 3. Do not send Birthday treats for sharing
- 4. Additional personal items (stuffies, toys, etc) should stay at home to reduce the likelihood that others will interact with the items.
- 5. Please remind your children that they are not to share food or items with others.
- 6. If your child is late to school, please have them come to the front doors and staff will sign them in.

Lynnmour/Xá7elcha Code of Conduct

Be Safe
Be responsible
Be positive
Be the best you can be



As a part of our annual responsibilities, Lynnmour/Xá7elcha staff began reviewing our Code of Conduct as a part of our collaboration time this past week. This work will be ongoing throughout the next month as we examine community expectations, behaviour responsibilities for everyone and how we are creating a safe and respectful school environment. Lynnmour/Xá7elcha staff had a great beginning conversation that involved connecting First Peoples Principles of Learning, connection to place and examining the great things that happen at Lynnmour/Xá7elcha. This work will allow us to closely look at our processes and routines at the school. We will be engaging our learners and parents as a part of this review and revamp of our Code of Conduct.

While this is an annual process, we also connect this update to our school plan and **Goal #2 - Social Emotional Growth:** Improvement of the Personal and Social Competency among students K-7. Helping students learn and grow as citizens and supporting them in their development of ownership and empathy is integral to developing a safe and caring school.





IMPORTANT: Valentine's Day message for families

Valentine's day is a time where many celebrate friendship, family and classroom community. If your family decides to participate in giving Valentine's Day cards at school, we respectfully request that:

- Everyone in the class receives one
- Cards only are given out no consumables (treats) are to be sent this year. If they arrive, students will be asked to take them back home with them and not hand them out. This helps us adhere to our no shared food restrictions.
- Please have the cards at the school by Wednesday Feb 10 to be kept in the classroom so that they can "sit" for 2 days
- Students will sanitize before handing out and opening the cards.

 ${\it Class room teachers will provide class specific information through their Week at a Glance messages.}$

PAC Meeting Feb 8

All parents are invited to participate in our PAC meetings!

Topic: February PAC Meeting

Meeting ID: 875 7666 7841

Passcode: 2468

Parent Conferences - via MS TEAMS

Please note that once again, this term's **Parent Teacher Conferences will be done virtually over MS Teams** in order to adhere to our Covid Health and Safety Regulations.

Steps to booking:

- · Use the link below
- Please select your child's teacher from the drop down menu available.
- Select a time that works for you on Feb 8th or 9th.
- PLEASE ENTER YOUR CHILD'S NAME into the booking slot so that teachers can quickly see who has signed up when referencing their class list.
- Please enter your email address (or the email address you would like the confirmation of the meeting sent to.

(If parents would like to meet together but from separate locations, the parent who booked the session, can forward the link to the other and meet together with the teacher.)

To book your Parent/Teacher Conference - Please click here

If there are no times available that work for you, please check in with your child's teacher directly.

Important Dates to note

February 8/9 - Mid Point Conferences - **Students dismissed at 1:40** (Conferences will be done virtually via MS Teams)

Feb 8th - PAC Meeting - link above

February 15 - Family Day Holiday

Feb 15 - March 12 - **DATE CHANGE*** Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs) are scheduled for grades 4 and 7 students

February 24- Pink Shirt day

February 26 - Professional Development Day (Students not in session)

March 5- Report Cards Posted for parents

Band for Next School Year - grades 5-7

Hard to believe that we are thinking about the 2021-22 school year already!

Are you thinking of enrolling your child in band?

Elementary Band is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn new skills and spread their creative wings! Our Band program is open for students in grades 5-7. If your current grade 4, 5 or 6 child is interested in joining band for next year, I encourage you to have a look at the link below.

NVSD BAND INFO and REGISTRATION

In order to secure our Band staffing for next year, a discounted rate is offered to those that register **before March 5th!** Don't miss out on this opportunity!

School District Strategic Plan

An email from the District was sent to families on January 26th about our updated 10 year Strategic Plan. For information about the 2021-2031 NVSD Strategic Plan or to provide input to the district about it, please look for the email or click here

Lynnmour/Xá7elcha Masks available

The PAC still has some Lynnmour/Xá7elcha branded masks available for purchase. They are being sold for \$10. The Masks are:

- 95% Cotton, 5% Spandex
- 3 Layers (2 layers + non-removable filter)
- Built in metal nose clip
- · Adjustable elastic ear loops with slider & stopper
- · One Size fits all, non medical masks.

To purchase your masks, please visit: <u>lpac.parentcouncil.net</u> to register yourself for an account and add your children in order to purchase.



