

# 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 səliłwətaʔ with whom we share this beautiful land we live, learn and grow on together*



## IMPORTANT: Reminder TOMORROW is a PRO DAY

Please remember that tomorrow is a Professional Development Day for Lynnmour/Xá7elcha. Students are not in session. Some of the Professional Development activities that the staff will be working on include learning with the NVSD Indigenous Team, exploring differentiated learning, and experiencing a new literacy assessment tool.

## Message from the Principal

I want to start by thanking everyone for the kindness and consideration you have all shown in some way over the past 10 months. We have had families experience illness, loss, and hardship, during a time that makes any of those situations that much more difficult. You have been supportive of our staff, students, and of each other. I know that this ongoing feeling of uncertainty is very wearing on everyone. We are all tired of the processes and protocols we are being asked to follow, but we all recognize the importance of taking these steps to keep our community safe. Finally, we know that it is hard to maintain perspective when we are facing our own challenges and worries.

I ask you all to continue to exercise compassion for one another. Each of our families are special and have unique circumstances. I ask you not to judge the actions of others, but to take the appropriate actions for your families. Please remember that at school, we are maintaining all of our Health and Safety Protocols to keep everyone safe. Students are welcome to wear masks. Handwashing and sanitizing are occurring regularly. Our usage of any "common" spaces has been minimized and processes to sanitize those spaces between groups have been implemented, and as always, I ask all of you that you please keep your child home if any symptoms are noted.

We have to trust one another during this difficult time. I ask you to be kind, considerate, and to remember that we don't know what others are experiencing right now. Lynnmour/Xá7elcha is a beautiful community and I know that we will our best to maintain those positive connections with one another.

Thank you again for your support of the school and staff. As always, please reach out to us, at the school, when you have any questions or concerns.

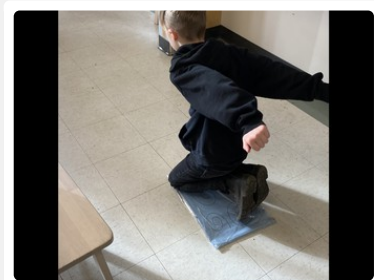
Sincerely,

Cindy

## Salmon Welcoming

We are so grateful to have our NVSD Indigenous Team share important teachings with students and staff throughout the district. We thank Dallas Guss (Swalklanexw) for his leadership and teachings about the Salmon People. Our students will remember this experience throughout their schooling and we are grateful that the salmon are protected with the good thoughts we shared. This is important work that we appreciate, acknowledge and are humbled by. Ms. Harrington's class is home to the salmon eggs this year and due to covid regulations we were unable to combine cohorts for this event. We appreciate Dallas letting us broadcast the welcome over the MS Teams platform so that all classes could participate.

Dallas also spent time in a few other classrooms sharing stories and teachings about animals and Indigenous games! It was great to see the students try some of the games out. Mrs. Robinson's class went on a cedar hunt and received special knowledge about the importance of the cedar tree. Mr. Best and Mr Lloyd's classes had an excellent time with Dallas as he shared some important teachings that will help them with their work for the Downie Wenjack schools initiative.



## SPAM- please note

There have been growing instances where emails are being sent out from emails that "look" like they are from school district employees. Please note that NVSD employees will use their @sd44.ca accounts and they will not email parents for money or gift cards.

## School Plan

## Goal #1 - Communication

Improvement of the Communication Competency among students K-7

One area of communication is literacy (reading, and comprehension). Primary staff will be exploring a new literacy assessment tool that will be utilized in the North Vancouver School District to catch and support students in their early learning development.

Tools like this are important for our staff to support all of our learners in their development. Catching struggling students early is the best way we can intervene and adapt learning to help them be successful.

## Goal #2 - Social Emotional Growth

Improvement of the Personal and Social Competency among students K-7

Staff at Lynnmour/Álcha use a variety of programming options within each of their classrooms to support Social Emotional growth of our students. Each class uses programs such as Second Step and the Zones of Regulation to help teach students the skills they need to learn how to self regulate and be successful.

## Band Registration for 2021-2022 is OPEN!

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](#)

Our amazing band teacher, Mr. Roumeliotis, will be presenting to all our grade 4s on Feb 5th to let them know all the advantages of being in band!

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!

## Important dates to note

**January 22-** Professional Development Day (**Students not in session**)

**January 27-** Staff Collaboration - **Students dismissed at 1:40**

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

**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**)

