

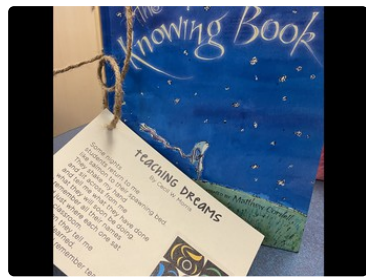
Lynnmour/Xá7elcha



We would like to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people who's traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. At Lynnmour/Xá7elcha we are grateful to the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation to be able to gather on this beautiful land to live, learn and share experiences together.

Thank you to our PAC and community

From helping us to pick the apples on the apple tree to sending in thoughtful welcome back gifts for our staff, we are so grateful for the support we have received from our parent community! Thank you to the PAC for supporting our teaching staff return to the classroom in a positive way with a gift that can be used in the classrooms. Thank you to the Saely's for their effort to remove a bear attractant from the school grounds (pictures from of Analise Saely). Our apple tree has been producing a lot of fruit, which is wonderful, but as the fall approaches we want to ensure that it isn't bringing around some exciting guests.



Weather Appropriate Attire

Please note that due to the COVID-19 restrictions and encouragement to be outdoors, students will be heading outdoors for all breaks. Ensuring that your child has the appropriate clothing to stay dry and comfortable will help them to have a successful day at school. Boots, jackets, rain gear, umbrellas, etc. will be important to have your child stay dry during the fall and winter weather.

Orange Shirt Day - September 30th

Orange Shirt Day is a nationally recognized day across Canada. This important day signifies the approximate date that Indigenous children would be taken to residential schools. The day itself, was started by Phyllis Webstad, from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First nation, to honour and recognize those that attended residential schools. Her story is powerful and important. Schools across the North Vancouver School District will honour Orange Shirt Day on September 30th. We encourage everyone to wear orange on that day. Lynnmour/Xá7elcha staff and students will honour the importance of this day and the truth of the impacts that residential schools have had. This is ongoing learning for everyone and we hope that we can make a difference as we work towards reconciliation.



Terry Fox Run

While we are unable to host our annual Terry Fox assembly, staff at Lynnmour/Xá7elcha are ensuring that we are participating in Terry Fox instruction and events thought others means! We recognize the significance of this event and know how deeply cancer has touched so many families. We wish we could invite families to join us, but at this time, this will be an event for **students only**. Teachers are using resources from <https://terryfox.org> and will be hosting a run in scheduled blocks in order to ensure distancing on Friday.

Health and Safety upgrades for Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

Face Masks- we do have masks available for all students, should you or your child want or require one. Some families/students have already enquired about them. Please let your teachers know if you would like your child to receive one.

Floor signage - we have placed floor signage down to remind students to distance and in areas that they need to wait for assistance.

Wash stations - as our fountains are currently not able to be used, we have had them replaced with hand wash stations. The district has informed us that they will be replaced with water bottle filling/hand washing stations. Handwashing has become a regular part of our daily routines.

Water bottle

We do have a brand new water bottle filling station available to students. We continue to recommend families sending a full water bottle to school with their child each morning to minimize the need for children to travel in the hallway to this station. As the station itself is a "high touch" point, it is sanitized multiple times a day.

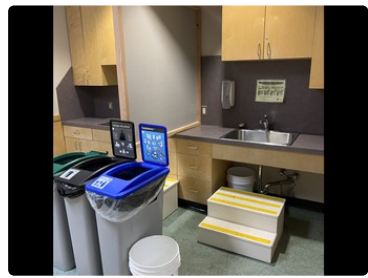
Divider and steps

We have had a divider placed between our two hallway sinks and safe steps provided to allow our littlest hand washers to access the sink safely.

Late?

Students who may be late to school should come through the front doors and wait at the "stop" floor decal. An office staff member will sign them in and ensure that they remember to wash their hands

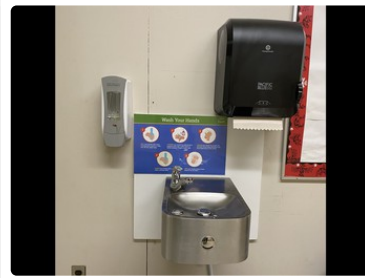
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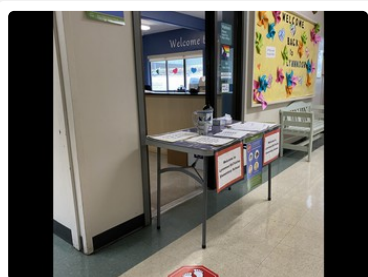
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Masks



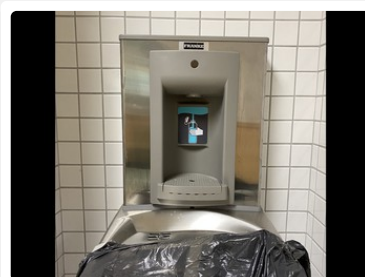
Handwashing stations



Floor decals



Reminder decals



Water Bottle filling station

Reminder to families

Every family is required to do a [daily health check](#) before sending their children to school. Should your child be demonstrating any symptoms (fever, cough/worsening chronic cough, chills, shortness of breath, diarrhea, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting) please keep them home and consult with 811 or your family doctor.

We respectfully ask that when you are around the school on the school grounds that you do your best to observe the safety protocols that we are working on with our students. This includes maintaining appropriate distances from others and minimizing close interaction with others on the school grounds (before and after school as well). We do recognize that some of the families may have one another in their "bubbles" at this time. When possible, we hope that when you are on the school grounds you understand why we are making this request of everyone.

One last reminder, if your child is wearing a mask at school as all are welcome but not required to do, please don't forget to include the mask in your regular wash cycle! We want to keep them as germ free as possible!

Future Fridays

Friday's will be our Lynnmour/Xá7elcha Spirit days! Wearing team colours - for new families there will be more information to come, and/or wearing Lynnmour/Xá7elcha spirit wear - on sale soon, will be a great way to bring our students together during this very different time! We look forward to seeing everyone included.

