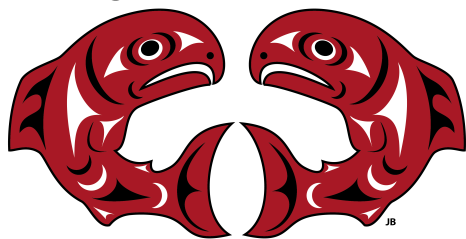


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Community Elementary School



# NXCE NEWS

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이 내용을 번역해 주십시오.

Este aviso es muy importante.  
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Ito ay mahalagang patalastas.  
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## Down Syndrome Awareness

### Canadian Down Syndrome Awareness: Embracing Neurodiversity & Inclusion

Every October, Canada recognizes **Down Syndrome Awareness**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about Down syndrome and promoting inclusivity for individuals with this genetic condition. This month encourages conversations about neurodiversity, the importance of recognizing the value of every person, and fostering connections that highlight the intelligence, capabilities, and unique contributions of individuals with Down syndrome.

Our school community is made richer through its inclusivity and provides your children opportunity to connect and learn with a child who has Down syndrome. *Thank you, SA, for enriching our school!*

## Dancers of Damelahamid



We were treated such a special performance by the Dancers of Damelahamid, an Indigenous family dance group from the Northwest Coast of BC. Through dance and song, they shared traditional songs and legends as well as powerful messages for spectators about our relationship with animals and the land as stewards of the planet. What made the performance even more special for our school community was that one of our students and his mother are part of the group!



# Secret Path Week & Walk for Wenjack



We are grateful to the students and staff members for their commitment to walking for Wenjack as a means to raise awareness in the school and beyond regarding negative impacts of residential schooling on Indigenous people and communities. Our Secret Path tickets stretch all along the hallways! This shows NXCE's dedication to Truth and Reconciliation.

## Grade 6 Outdoor School

The Grade 6s engaged in lots of outdoor activities and learning while at the North Vancouver Outdoor School this week. Thank you to Ms. Malahoff for accompanying the students on this trip and for capturing these great photos!





# Halloween

Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, is a widely recognized tradition across Canada.. Originating from ancient Celtic festivals, Halloween has evolved into a day filled with costumes, candy, and spooky fun.

One of the most anticipated events is trick-or-treating. As dusk falls, children dress up in costumes, and set off into their neighbourhoods to collect treats. Costumes can be anything from superheroes and fairies to ghouls and witches, sparking creativity and excitement.

Many families also decorate their homes with pumpkins, skeletons, cobwebs, and other Halloween-themed ornaments. Pumpkin carving has become a cherished tradition, and "jack-o'-lanterns" are placed on doorsteps to welcome trick-or-treaters. Community events, including haunted houses, Halloween parties, and parades, are also popular.

At the school, students are encouraged to wear a costume if they wish. If their costume includes a mask, we ask that they do not wear their mask at school, except during our parade and dance. Moreover, if their costume includes a toy weapon, we respectfully request that they not bring it to school as we do not encourage or condone weapons at school. I mentioned a parade and a dance: the students will parade around the school (outside too, weather pending) then we will do a special school-wide Halloween/Diwali dance choreographed by wonderful EA, Ms. Sura. This brings fun and light to our NXCE community!

## **\*\*Safety Tips for a Fun and Secure Halloween\*\***

Here are some essential safety tips for a secure Halloween celebration:

1. **Costume Safety:** Choose costumes that are bright and visible in the dark. Avoid masks that obstruct vision; instead, opt for face paint. Make sure that costumes fit well to prevent tripping and allow freedom of movement.
2. **Supervision:** Young children should always be accompanied by an adult while trick-or-treating. For older children who go out independently, establish a clear route and set a specific time for them to return home.
3. **Stay in Well-Lit Areas:** Stick to familiar neighbourhoods and only visit houses that are lit up. Encourage children to cross streets at designated crosswalks and to look both ways before crossing.
4. **Check Treats:** Before indulging in collected treats, parents should inspect all candy and snacks for any signs of tampering. Discard any unwrapped or homemade items unless you know the source.
5. **Reflective Gear:** Consider adding reflective tape to costumes or bags to increase visibility. This helps drivers see children more easily, especially in low-light conditions.
6. **Respecting Others:** Remind children to be courteous and show respect while trick-or-treating. Teach them to say "thank you" and to not engage in vandalism or cause disturbances.
7. **Pet Precautions:** Keep pets indoors during trick-or-treating hours, as the commotion can be stressful for them. A secure area can prevent pets from accidentally escaping and reduce the likelihood of any accidents.
8. **Fireworks:** Ensure your child stays a safe distance from fireworks, and that they know not to pick them up.

***On Halloween and thereafter, PLEASE help your child practice moderation when consuming their Halloween treats. We will appreciate your help with ensuring your child does not bring to school with them too many treats (aim for 2-4 maximum, please).***



# Survey for Our School Plan

As per recommendations from our IB authorization report, our school planning team has identified two school goals:

**Student Agency** - To help students develop the skills and dispositions to be actively engaged learners.

**Community** - To cultivate a collaborative, engaging, and aware learning community for students, families and staff members.

We would appreciate it if you can find some time to complete a short [survey](#) to help us gain better understanding of the extent to which your children currently demonstrate agency at home and/or in the community and to provide your ideas regarding how to enhance our school's sense of community.

*Thank you for your input!*

## School Fundraisers

### Purdys Chocolates

We will be partnering with Purdys to raise funds to benefit our school community. To participate in this fundraiser, please follow the steps below:

1. Open the [Purdys Fundraiser link](#):
2. Click on Norgate Community Fundraiser
3. It will ask you for your email and then it will ask for a code.
4. The customer # that they are asking for is **77294**

These steps will ensure your purchases go towards our school.

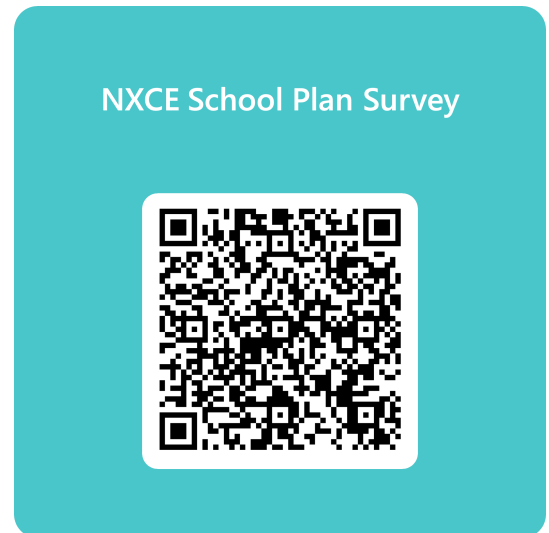
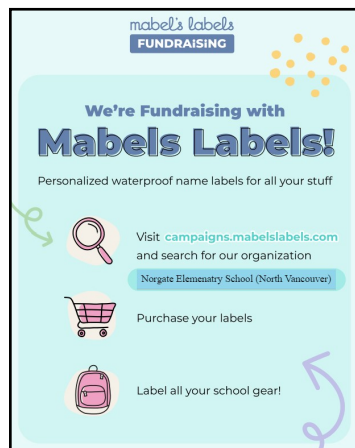
Please feel free to share this with friends and family.

All items will be delivered to our school by December 5, 2024.

Please contact Ms. Michelle in the office if you have any questions or challenges with the procedure.

### Mabel's Labels

These waterproof labels are great way to ensure your child's "lost" belongings are returned to them! They're also helpful if children have the same item to allow them to know whose is whose.





All funds raised through these initiatives will go directly towards enhancing your children’s school experience through programs/other “special” events organized by our Community Education Facilitator. Thank you in advance for considering supporting our school through these fundraisers!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (OCT. 21–OCT. 25)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>8:45 - School starts</p> <p>3:00 Dismissal</p> <p><b>3:00 Boys Basketball Semi-Finals at Carson Graham</b> - <i>let's go team NXCE!</i></p>	<p>8:45 - School starts</p> <p><b>Student Immunizations by Vancouver Coastal Health</b> (parents have already been notified and given consent if they wish their child to participate)</p> <p>3:00 Dismissal</p> <p><b>3:05 - Red Fox Program</b> (registration required)</p> <p><b>3:05 - CCSS Program for Gr. 6/7</b> (registration required)</p>	<p>8:45 - School starts</p> <p><b>2:15 Dismissal</b></p> <p><b>2:20 - Game Ready Program for Gr. 4-7</b> (registration required)</p>	<p>8:45 - School starts</p> <p><b>1:30 Halloween Parade and Dance</b></p> <p>3:00 Dismissal</p> <p><b>3:05 - CCSS Program for Gr 6/7</b> (registration required)</p>	<p>8:45 - School starts</p> <p>3:00 Dismissal</p>