

Norgate Xwemélch'stn News

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Spotlight on Language Learning

Squamish Language with Ms. Victoria



This year we are so pleased that Ms. Victoria Fraser has been able to increase her teaching time at the school to be able to provide Squamish language classes for Indigenous students in Grades 1 - 7. And, she teaches the intermediate students twice a week. This provides students the opportunity to learn Squamish language as well as participate in rich cultural teachings. Yesterday, classes learned about traditional weaving techniques and materials. It was interesting to learn how long ago Indigenous peoples used mountain goat wool and wool from a fluffy dog to weave blankets and clothing. After learning words in Squamish for weaving and different kinds of wool, Ms. Victoria and Indigenous Support Worker Ms. Dana guided students in weaving a pouch. Thank you to Ms. Victoria for helping students learn language in an authentic way by connecting it to meaningful cultural teachings!

Reminders!

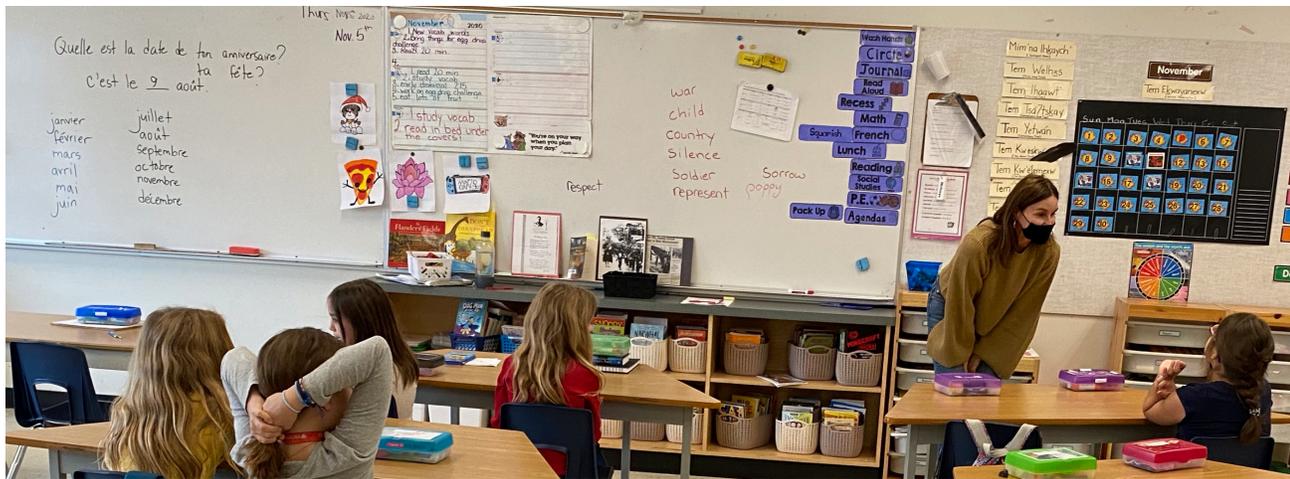
Lost and Found

We have a number of clothing items that have been found and have yet to be reclaimed. Please check with your children to determine if any clothing items are missing, and have them ask after any missing items at the school office.

Student-Family-Teacher Conference Sign-ups

Classroom teachers will/have already reached out to families regarding signing up for conferences. We really hope all families will participate as your perspectives matter as we consider your child's learning!

French Language with Mme. Kowalchuk



We are also pleased to have Ms. Marina Kowalchuk helping our Grade 1 - 7 classes learn French. Yesterday with our Grade 6s she helped students learn some conversational French: "Comment t'appelles-tu? Quel âge as-tu? Est-ce que tu as ___?" (What is your name? How old are you? Do you have a ___?). By learning to ask and respond to questions such as these, students are not only building their capacity to engage in "small talk" in French but they're also learning key language structures that recur in the language. Students in Grades 3 and 4 have been learning days of the week, months of the year, and numbers and learned to put these together to be able to say the date, as well as share their birth date. "Quel est la date? Quel est la date de ton anniversaire?" (What is the date? What is your birth date?). The students are really excited to learn and share the new words and phrases they're learning, and it is impressive how quickly they learn to accurately say and pronounce things *en français*!

Student-Family-Teacher Conferences

During the week of November 16-20 we will be hosting Student-Family-Teacher Conferences. These conferences provide an opportunity for students, their parents/guardians and teachers to have a discussion regarding the student's progress to date this year, including the student's strength areas and areas for growth. Prior to conferences, teachers will help students reflect on their progress to date. We also ask that parents/guardians are prepared to share your thoughts in relation to how the student is progressing. During conferences teachers will provide their input based on the assessment data they have gathered so far this year. Through this three-way dialogue a learning goal will be established for each student, and the group will co-develop a learning plan, inclusive of ways the student will be supported at school and at home in achieving their goal. This year, given need to protect our collective health and safety, all conferences will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Your child's classroom teacher will provide information

regarding how to sign up for conferences, as well as ensure you know how to login for your conference. Please note that during that week we will dismiss early at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (regular 2:15 Wednesday dismissal too) to accommodate conferences. To allow students time to get home before conferences begin the first conference time will be at 2:20. Thank you in advance for making time to participate in these valuable conferences - your input is greatly appreciated!



Remembrance Day

This year at school we will recognize Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 10th. Students have been learning about why we observe Remembrance Day and have engaged in writing about its significance, creating artwork, and sharing what the day means to them. We are grateful to Mr. Murphy and Ms. Robyn for offering to put together a special presentation to be shared with all classes on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE (NOV. 9-13)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10:45-11:15 Remembrance Day Presentation	Remembrance Day (school not in session)	3:00 Grade 7 After school program provided by Capilano Community Services (permission forms required)	