

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.

Stories of Learning

Releasing the Fry

Reminders!

Masks for Students in Grade 4-7

The Intermediate students have adjusted really well overall to having to wear masks at school. Thank you for helping them remember to bring their masks (ideally two per day - one to wear, and one as a backup) to school each day. As you know, many kids benefit from reminders, so thanks for helping them with this new requirement.



On Monday the Grade 3 and Grade 4 classes helped to release 46 healthy Chum into MacKay Creek! We are grateful to the team of educators at the school who helped take care of the salmon as they developed, and to the students for giving their positive energy to the fish both at the school and during the release. We also thank Indigenous Success Teacher Dallas Guss for leading both the welcoming and release ceremonies. By participating in the salmonid enhancement program yearly, schools in North Vancouver and throughout BC help bolster the numbers of wild salmon in our local waters.



Teacher Appreciation Week

This week was Teacher Appreciation Week and as this week comes to a close, I thought I'd share some of the things I appreciate in our teaching team:

- ★ They are thoughtful, caring, and want to help each student succeed.
- ★ They're willing to expand their practice - through learning from and with the Indigenous Educators we are so fortunate to have at our school, by learning to use the IB Framework to guide their instruction, by co-planning and reflecting on units, and more.
- ★ When they aren't sure about what to do next to move student learning forward, they seek guidance and feedback - from each other, from Kammi and I, and from the broader educator network.
- ★ They make time to create lessons and experiences that make learning fun, engaging, and therefore, memorable.
- ★ And, they have shown incredible flexibility and resilience through this very difficult pandemic as they've had to shift their "usual" practices significantly in light of health and safety restrictions.



I am grateful to work with such a dedicated team of educators!

Appreciating all the Mothers and Matriarchs in our lives...



As Mother's Day approaches this Sunday, please share with the important women in your lives how much you appreciate all that they do. I am so grateful to have my mother as my strongest role model and support, and to work with so many women who are amazing educators as well as amazing mothers. I know, though, that not everyone has a real "mumma" like I have. This is why I have deep appreciation and veneration for the other matriarchs in our lives who choose step forward to care for, teach and nurture people in our communities. Please join me in sharing gratitude for the importance that mothers and matriarchs play in our lives.

School Fees & Calendar for the 2021-22 School Year

As we look ahead to the 2021-22 school year, the school fees that families are asked to pay are as follows:

Kindergarten = \$45 (this is for all school supplies and the teacher will take care of supply purchasing)

Grade 1 - 7 = \$6 for an agenda book (a.k.a. planner) - these well-used tools help students build their communication and self-management skills, as well as keep parents "in the know" about their children's assignments and associated due dates. They also include lots of information that is both helpful and useful for student and parent reference throughout the school year.

Thank you in advance for ensuring these fees are paid promptly to the school so that we can provide these resources to your children.

School supply kits for Grade 1 - 7 students will be available for purchase through School Start (everything your child needs in a bag!) with a maximum cost of \$50. If you do not wish to purchase a kit through School Start, we will send on supply lists so that you can purchase all of the listed items through suppliers of your choice.

The 2021-2022 NVSD School Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

News From the PAC

Volunteers required!

It's time to start thinking about next year's Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Every parent with a student at Norgate is a member of the PAC. Each year, we go through a process to elect PAC executive members.

Rob Gartry will be stepping down as Chair at the end of this school year so we will need a new PAC President/Chair.

We are seeking volunteers for the following positions:

President/Chair, Treasurer, Fun Lunch Coordinator, Communications, FUN-raisers and FUNdraisers!

If you are interested or have questions about participating in the PAC, please reach out to Stephanie at treasurer.norgatepac@gmail.com

There are no special skills required other than a willingness to learn and volunteer your time. It's also great way to keep current of what is going on the school and have your voice heard.

Parent Education Conference

The BC Confederations of PACs host an annual parent education conference, this year it is May 28 and 29. Of course it is virtual this year and has a great lineup of speakers, including Developmental psychologist Gordon Neufeld *Helping Children Flourish in Challenging Times* and Adolescent psychiatrist and family therapist, Ashley Miller *What to Say to Kids When Nothing Seems to Work*.

Early bird registration is only \$35 up to May 3 (\$50 after) (Norgate PAC is a member of BCCPAC so we get member rates)

For full conference details go to:

<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/conference>



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (MAY 10 - MAY 14)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
District-wide Professional Development Day (School not in session)		2:15 Early dismissal 2:30 Gr. 6 Cap Services After school program	3:00 Gr. 7 Cap Services After school program	