

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

Getting Our Hands Dirty

Gardening provides kids an opportunity to get dirty and do some great learning along the way! In our garden boxes you'll start to see what students have planted, and they'll get to enjoy learning how to care for what they plant, and will likely come to understand that not all plants will survive and thrive. Our hope is that by learning about plant care, sharing plants with the animals around us, and food plant harvesting, students will learn that their actions as gardeners and plant stewards can benefit people, animals and the land we live on.



Kindergarten students planted bean plants they started from seed in their classroom.

Members of our Indigenous Foodscapes/ Plantscapes team weeded, trimmed and cared for our garden beds by the front entry.

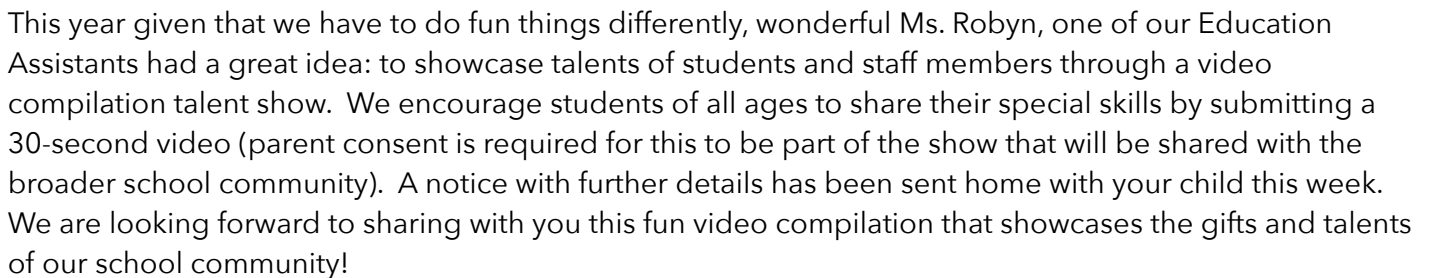


Reminders!

Gr. 7 Max Fruit Frozen Fruit Bar Sales

This week was the first week of the Grade 7s' frozen fruit bar sales. Lots of students chose to participate this week. If you missed out this week, don't despair - there will be sales every week from now through the end of June. These frozen treats cost \$2. The proceeds of their sales will go towards paying for their Class of hoodies for which the PAC generously paid upfront.





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

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.

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.

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Student / Parent Sessions



Saleema Noon Body Science

On May 28th, Cath Blythe, a nurse who is part of Saleema Noon's Sexual Health Educators will be, through virtual means, facilitating Body Science sessions with students in K - Gr.7. During each session Cath will present developmentally appropriate information about the human reproductive system. Student participation in these sessions is encouraged, but it is up to your discretion as to whether they attend. On May 27th via Zoom, Cath will host a parent session during which she will share more specific information about each session and will answer any questions you have so that you are able to decide whether you would like your children to attend. Further information about the sessions can also be found **HERE** (Option A over one day).

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>

Summer Reading Programs through North Van Public Libraries

During the summer months our local public libraries provide great incentives and means for students to continue their reading. The North Vancouver District Public Library's Summer Reading Club has "Explore Our Universe" as its theme and further information about it can be found **HERE**. The North Vancouver City Library might have events that are appealing for you and/or your children, so please see **HERE** for opportunities through the NV City Library. Please consider involving your children in these/other programs to help them build/expand their love of reading!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (MAY 17 - MAY 21)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Max Frut Frozen Fruit Bar orders collected by Grade 7 team Mon-Wed. (contact Mr. Andrews/Ms. Yu if any questions, please)	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (link on school website calendar)	2:15 Early dismissal 2:30 Gr. 6 Cap Services After school program	3:00 Gr. 7 Cap Services After school program	2:50 Max Frut Frozen Fruit Bars distributed to students