



# SEYCOVE SECONDARY at sáyamətən



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 13, 2025

Dear Seycove Families,

As we approach the final days of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for fantastic first year as principal of this special school. I feel incredibly proud to be part of a community that is so full of creativity, care, and connection.

The past few weeks have been filled with joyful celebration of student learning and achievement. Last week, I was honoured to attend the Superintendent's Celebration of Learning and to cheer on a very special group of grade 12s for their leadership, passion, and accomplishments. Last weekend, our Seycove Cabaret proved to be a magical evening. Thank you to Danny and Chris for inspiring our students to share a love of music – and to the many families who supported this event and helped us celebrate the incredible musical talents of our students. I was also able to enjoy a fantastic Drama performance, brought to life with the support of senior student directors. What a talented group of students we have!

This week, we have been excited to showcase the thoughtful work of our PLP students at their year-end exhibition. And additionally, we get to recognize our students through this week's athletic awards and next week's school-based recognition assemblies (and school-wide BBQ), reflecting the many ways Seycove students shine both in and out of the classroom.

Today, we also gathered as a school to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day. Throughout the building, students and staff were able to engage in a variety of Indigenous-focused activities that honoured the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples. From art, storytelling, and film to outdoor learning and traditional teachings, this was a powerful day of learning, reflection, and celebration. We are committed to continuing this work of reconciliation and deepening our understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and being throughout the year.

This is a special time of year where we get to look back and celebrate all the incredible work that students and staff have poured into the year. I want to thank our families for your partnership, your flexibility, and your belief in our shared purpose. Your support has meant so much to me during my first year in this role.

A quick reminder: information about year-end procedures was sent home on Monday. It includes details about homeroom schedules, locker clean out, yearbook distribution, and outstanding fee payments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

As summer approaches, I wish you rest, sunshine, and time with the people you love. We look forward to welcoming students back in September with renewed energy and we'll be in touch later in the summer with all the information you'll need to start the new year off smoothly.

With gratitude,

Meghan Downie  
Principal

## SEYCOVE CALENDAR

- Jun 13 Concert Band Spring Concert  
Cap U Theatre @7pm
- Jun 17 Celebration Day!  
Recognition Ceremony &  
All-School Lunch
- Jun 18 [PAC AGM](#) - 7pm Library  
\*note new date
- Jun 19 PLP Banquet - 5-7pm
- Jun 20 Last Day of Regular Classes
- Jun 23 Review & Completion
- Jun 24 Review & Completion
- Jun 24 Grad Banquet - 5:30  
Pinnacle at the Pier
- Jun 26 [Yearbook Pick-Up](#)



# Updates & Reminders

Seycove Celebration Day! Tuesday, June 17

**Celebration Day**   
**JUNE 17**  
**TUESDAY**

Period 2 - Senior Recognition Ceremony  
Period 3 - Junior Recognition Ceremony  
Lunch - Hot Dogs / Games / Fun / Prizes

**GO SEYHAWKS!!!**

**WEAR YOUR SEYCOVE  
GEAR OR COLOURS**

## Homestay Families Urgently Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We still have several secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca).

More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.





# Updates & Reminders

## Year End Dates and Events

For a full description of all year end procedures and dates, please refer to the [Family Letter sent home on June 9](#).

Thursday, June 19: Locker Clean Out

Friday, June 20: Last day of regular classes

Monday, June 23: [Review & Completion](#) - Students attend by invitation only

Tuesday, June 24: [Review & Completion](#) - Students attend by invitation only

Wednesday, June 25: [Learning Reports Published](#)

Thursday, June 26: Yearbook Pick Up: 9:00 - Grade 8

9:45 - Grade 9

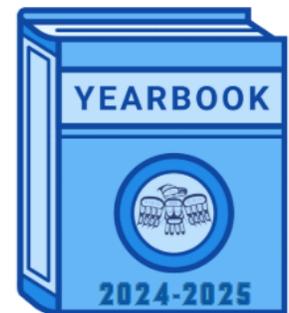
10:30 - Grade 10

11:15 - Grade 11

2:15 - Grade 12

Friday, June 27: Administration Day - School Closed to Students

PLEASE NOTE: If you have outstanding Library Books/Textbooks or owe School Fees, you will not be able to receive your yearbooks until both accounts have been cleared



## Seycove Film Festival - June 18th - Limited Seats!

# SEYCOVE FILM FESTIVAL



DISCOVER THE ART OF STORYTELLING THROUGH THE LENS OF EMERGING FILMMAKERS AT THE SEYCOVE FILM FESTIVAL

## JUNE 18 2025

START AT 3:30 | 1204 CALEDONIA AVE | VORTEX THEATRE

MORE INFORMATION: @ESHOOOP@SD44.CA

Join us for an inspiring afternoon celebrating the creativity and storytelling of our talented student filmmakers!

Date: Tuesday, June 18th

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Vortex Theatre

Limited GA seating- admission and snacks being sold for \$2 at the door.

Come support emerging voices in film and experience the power of fresh perspectives on screen.

Enjoy a diverse lineup of films, including:

- ◆ Short Films
- ◆ Thought-provoking Documentaries
- ◆ Works by Graduated Students
- ◆ Captivating Animations

Contact [Ms. Shoop](#) for more info.



# Celebrations of Learning

## Year End Choir Concert



Photos: A Davey & I Riebe



Another amazing concert from @seycovechoirs !!





# Celebrations of Learning

## A Hive of Reconciliation: Ms. P's BC First Peoples Classes in Action

This semester, Ms. P's BC First Peoples classes have truly become a hive of Reconciliation. Centered around the powerful driving question, **"What can I do, even if only in a small way, to be a part of Reconciliation?"**, students have taken meaningful steps beyond the classroom walls to connect learning with action.

Driven by curiosity, compassion, and a sense of responsibility, students have designed and led a wide range of community-based projects — each one contributing to a more just and equitable society. Whether small or large in scale, every initiative has added a thread to the broader fabric of truth, understanding, and change.

Project highlights include:

- **Fundraising for a local shelter** to support the overrepresented Indigenous homeless population;
- A **decolonized BC puzzle map** highlighting Indigenous territories across the province;
- An **Indigenized Quarry Walk guide**, educating locals on native plant life and geography through an Indigenous lens;
- A collaborative **school mural** celebrating local flora and fauna while teaching *hən'qəmin'əm'* to the school community;
- **Student-created lesson plans** across a variety of topics and age groups, aimed at deepening awareness of Indigenous culture, history, and perspectives.

And that's just the beginning. Each project reflects our students' dedication to reconciliation as a living, on-going process — one that begins with learning, grows through action, and flourishes in community.

We're so proud of the thoughtful, impactful work being done and look forward to seeing these seeds of reconciliation continue to grow. - Ms. Pitches





# Celebrations of Learning

## BC First Peoples Students Give Back Through Community Car Wash

Sierra Earl-Thomas and Christina Hall, students in Ms. Pitches' BC First Peoples course, organized a car wash last weekend to raise funds for their school project. The pair chose to donate the proceeds to the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society after learning about the overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in Vancouver's unhoused population.

Their efforts were met with overwhelming community support, raising an impressive \$550.

"We were so touched by everyone's generosity," said Sierra. "When people found out where the money was going, they reached back into their wallets and donated even more."

A huge congratulations to Christina and Sierra for their hard work, compassion, and inspiring commitment to giving back.





# Celebrations of Learning

## Cabaret! Night at the Movies



Photos Courtesy: Rob Newell





# Celebrations of Learning

## Cue the Chaos: Seycove Drama Shines in *Anne Arky*!

On June 5th, Block 2 Drama students performed *Anne Arky* by Lindsay Price for an enthusiastic audience of friends and family.

Inspired by the spirit of *Anne of Green Gables*, our young actors embraced the chaos and charm of live theatre—flubbed lines, vanishing props, and all. Under the guidance of student directors, they showcased not just their talent, but their resilience, teamwork, and quick thinking.

Congratulations to this fearless and dedicated group for bringing both heart and humour to the stage!

-Ms. Shoop





# Celebrations of Learning

## Social Justice Fair

For my Social Justice 12 action plan, I decided to do a fundraiser for the organization Paws for Hope. Paws For Hope is an organization that does ongoing work to keep lower income families with their pets by helping pay for their pet finances, providing free veterinary care, and emergency foster care. For my fundraiser, I decided to make bracelets and sell them around the community to whomever wants to support my cause. My goal is to raise \$500, and all of the proceeds will go to Paws for Hope. So far, I have raised \$430, and I am hoping to reach my goal by the end of this weekend (June 15<sup>th</sup>).

- Chloe Kanaoya  
SJ 12 Student





# Celebrations of Learning

## Superintendent's Luncheon



Congratulations to our Superintendent's Luncheon Seycove Invitees:

- Teva Barzilay**
- Ariane Clemente**
- Nolan Fielding**
- Sabrina Giustino**
- Maya Graham**
- Sara Jang**
- Holly Latta**
- Ava Leas**
- Isaac Riebe**
- Andrei Scurtescu**

On Monday, June 2, 2025, the North Vancouver School District proudly hosted its annual Superintendent's Luncheon—an event dedicated to celebrating exceptional graduates from each of the district's secondary schools. Held on the fifth floor of the ESC, the event was complemented by clear skies and sunshine—perfect conditions that helped create stunning photographs. The students selected for this special recognition exemplify excellence in academics, athletics, fine arts, and service.

Guests enjoyed a delicious Greek buffet catered by local company *The Banqueting Table*, while professional photography—graciously donated by GradsBC—captured moments throughout the event.

The keynote address was delivered by Kaila Butler, a Canadian National Team hammer thrower, who shared her inspiring journey through the highs and lows of elite competition. Her message to graduates was powerful: embrace the journey, and see failure not as defeat, but as a valuable opportunity for growth.

In his closing remarks, Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan encouraged students to recognize their roles as leaders—within their schools, communities, and beyond. He spoke about the responsibility that comes with leadership and the importance of choosing to make a positive impact on the world. Dr. Ryan reminded graduates that while they can't control everything, they can control their own actions and decisions. And when individuals act with purpose and integrity, even small choices can contribute to meaningful, lasting change.

Congratulations to all the students who received this well-deserved honour. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.





# Seycove Snapshots



## Staff Lunch - Thank You Seycove Community & PAC



We are deeply grateful to our amazing PAC and Seycove community members for the incredible staff lunch last week. It was a true gift to share a delicious meal, take a moment to relax, and enjoy great conversation together. Your thoughtfulness and effort meant so much to us—thank you for your kindness and support!

# THANK YOU!





# Seycove Snapshots



## Congratulations on 35 years of Teaching, Mr. Earl!

Seycove's very own, Ryan Earl, was recently honoured with a special plaque—beautifully created by Paxtyn Williams—in recognition of his 35 years of teaching with the North Vancouver School District.

Mr. Earl's teaching journey began in December 1989 with his very first TOC call-out—to Seycove! He officially joined the Seycove staff full time in 1991 and has been a cornerstone of the school community ever since, making him the longest-serving staff member at Seycove.

Over the years, Mr. Earl has taught Social Studies, Geography, Law, and Physical Education. When asked about his favourite part of teaching, he fondly recalled the many field trips he's led—especially the 25 camping trips to Black Tusk, a true highlight of his career. One of his most meaningful memories is carrying a student—who used a wheelchair due to cerebral palsy and spastic quadriplegia—up the mountain with a team of staff and students so they could participate fully in the experience.

Always attuned to student needs, Mr. Earl took on the role of International Student Coordinator six years ago, supporting hundreds of students in both their academic journey and their outdoor adventures through Seycove's Outdoor Education program. He also founded Seycove's first school hockey team two years ago, which has quickly grown into a vibrant and successful athletic program.

Mr. Earl's passion, leadership, and commitment to building lasting student experiences have left a lasting impact on our school. We are incredibly grateful for his dedication and proud to celebrate this milestone with him.

Congratulations on 35 remarkable years, Mr. Earl!





# Seycove Snapshots



## AP Psychology - Yoga Paddleboard

As part of their final unit on Positive Health Psychology, AP Psychology students are leading wellness-based activities to support mental and physical well-being. They recently kicked things off with a yoga paddleboarding session at Strathcona Beach, which was a refreshing and calming experience.

Upcoming student-led activities include: Art Therapy, making stress balls, psychological film analysis, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT), cold plunging, and a guest speaker from Pathways Society.

The class is looking forward to exploring these creative and meaningful approaches to wellness together!





# Seycove Snapshots



## Social Justice 12 Drag Show Lunch & Learn

This Pride Month, Social Justice 12 was proud to host a special performance by drag queen Conni Smudge as a celebration of inclusivity, acceptance, and self-expression. This event was more than just entertainment—it was an opportunity to learn about the rich history of the LGBTQ2IA+ community, explore themes of identity, and reflect on what it means to find one's true place of belonging. By celebrating ourselves and each other, we continue to build a strong school community where everyone feels seen, valued, and free to be who they are.



② Personal Commitment Pledge  
I will always strive to make sure my friends feel safe and comfortable to express their sexualities no matter where they are





# Seycove Seyhawks



### A Day to Celebrate Our Seyhawks!

The Seycove Athletics Department hosted a BBQ this week to honour our outstanding student-athletes. Throughout the year, our Seyhawks have gone the distance—showcasing determination, resilience, teamwork, skill and sportsmanship across a wide range of sports.

For a small school, we have a deep bench of talent and drive. We're grateful to our staff and volunteer coaches who put in the hours behind the scenes. Thank you for making Seycove shine on every court, gym, mountain, waterway, field, rink, and track.



Photos: A. Davey, M. Downie

