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# JANUARY 2024

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## Seymour Heights

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Grade 1s working on a coding.

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### IMPORTANT NEWS

As we embark on the new term in the spirit of growth and learning, we wanted to take a moment to share the importance of goal-setting for students.

Setting clear and achievable goals is a powerful way to inspire young learners, fostering a sense of responsibility, and accomplishment. We encourage you to discuss these goals with your child and provide the support and encouragement they need to succeed. Here are some suggestions for goals that can positively impact your child's academic and personal development:

#### Academic Goals:

1. Aim for consistent completion of homework assignments.
2. Set a target for improved performance in a specific subject area.
3. Encourage daily reading habits and establish a goal for the number of books to read this month.

#### Behavioral Goals:

1. Practice active listening in the classroom.
2. Demonstrate positive behavior and respect towards staff and peers.
3. Uphold the School Agreements by following them consistently – take care of myself, take care of others, and take care of this place.

#### Organizational Goals:

1. Maintain an organized backpack and materials.
2. Use the school planner to keep track of assignments, due dates, and important events.
3. Develop a daily routine to ensure preparedness for each school day.

#### Attendance and Punctuality Goals:

1. Strive for perfect attendance.
2. Focus on arriving on time for school and all classes.

Your involvement in supporting your child's goals is invaluable, and we encourage open communication between home and school. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if there is any way we can further support your child in achieving their goals.

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### GUIDING BELIEFS

Meaningful learning happens when all members of our learning community model and support our shared values of respect, responsibility, trust, and collaboration; when the learning community is calm and welcoming; and inclusion is practiced and we respect each other's differences.

### MISSION

We believe Seymour Heights Elementary School provides meaningful learning experiences for all students based on a culture of individual and collective success.

### SCHOOL PLAN

**Goal #1** – Social Emotional Learning is valued and intentionally taught.

**Goal #2** – Diversity is honoured.

**Goal #3** – Meaningful assessment is practiced and ongoing feedback is provided.

Please review for the complete [School Plan](#).

### SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Please be mindful that all members of the Seymour Heights School Community, students, staff and parents, are expected to *Take Care of Myself, Take Care of Others, and Take care of this Place.*

Click here for a more information on our [School Agreements](#).

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## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As we continue to experience adverse weather conditions, kindly ensure your child is equipped with warm clothing for outside and additional clothing for any necessary changes. We will monitor the weather and temperature, but on most occasions students will be outside for the usually scheduled breaks.

## SNOW PLAN

As we are in the Winter Season, it is important to review our procedures for emergency school closures. In the event of a major snow event, the movement of traffic can become severely hampered. It is likely that:

1. There will only be a **single lane plowed** along major feeder routes to the school such as Carnation Street;
2. Cul-de sacs will likely **not** be plowed;
3. Parking will be almost **non-existent** along feeder routes; and
4. There will be a **high degree of anxiety** and **frustration** on the part of drivers when regular driver patterns and access routes are compromised by significant accumulations of snow.

Both Municipalities of North Vancouver have provided useful information on their respective websites to assist our community to prepare for and manage conditions related to snow and ice. Please click the link [HERE](#) for important information.

## 2024-2025 ELEMENTARY BAND INFORMATION

Our school will continue providing the band program for next school year. Registration for the 2024/25 Elementary Band and Strings program opened on Monday, January 15. For more information, please click [HERE](#). There are two registration options and fees for 2024/25:

1. Registration between January 15 - February 29, 2024 – the fee is \$535 and can be paid through a monthly instalment plan that will be in place until September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Registration between March 11 - September 27, 2024 (Late Registration\*) – the fee will be \$600. No monthly installment plan is available for this option.

Families can withdraw their child from the program and receive a FULL refund up to June 14, 2024. After this date, a \$75 fee will be charged.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Our school Traffic Safety Team continues to volunteer their time before and after school to help with safety. We are happy that most vehicles follow the rules; however, we continue to see some vehicles speeding, making illegal U-turns, and parking in no-parking spaces or blocking driveways. We remind all drivers that it is **everyone's** responsibility to ensure all school community members are safe. Please review the important information for [traffic safety](#). We have updated the new safe walking route map for Seymour Heights to promote safe and active transportation. Please find the link [HERE](#).



Division 8 is leading the Salmon Project.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 26

Hot Lunch: Lunchi Brunchi

### JANUARY 29

School Based Professional Day – no school

### JANUARY 30

Windsor Gr.8 Student Course Programming Presentation

Assembly: Windsor Music Program

### JANUARY 31

Hot Lunch: Well Fed

In School Field Trip: West Van Field Hockey

### FEBRUARY 2

Hot Lunch: Cobbs Day

In School Field Trip: West Van Field Hockey

### FEBRUARY 5

Hot Lunch: Pizza Day

### FEBRUARY 7

Field Trip: Div. 3 Gordon Smith Gallery

Hot Lunch: Well Fed

### FEBRUARY 8

Primary Student of the Month in the gym

### FEBRUARY 9

Hot Lunch: Lunchi Brunchi

For all events, please go to the [online school calendar](#).

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