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SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Sherwood Park School Community, students, staff, and parents are expected to demonstrate **SPARK**: Safety, Promoting Inclusion, Always Showing Integrity, Respectful Behaviour, and Kindness and Compassion

I would like acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. I express our gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation and we value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

J'aimerais reconnaître et remercier les peuples autochtones de la côte Salish dont leur territoire traditionnel est le siège de la Commission scolaire de Vancouver Nord. Nous exprimons notre gratitude envers les Nations Squamish et Tsleil-Waututh. Nous apprécions l'occasion d'apprendre, de vivre et de partager des expériences éducatives sur ce territoire traditionnel.

Message from Mr. Johal & Mrs. Curry



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report of 2015 has been integral in understanding the truth about our shared history and moving towards reconciliation. The 94 Calls to Action in the TRC provides detailed information on how we can move forward with reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

Our school's journey is learning about the truth of Canada's shared history. We are learning together, and with leadership from our District Indigenous Team as well as Tsleil Waututh Nation Elders, we infuse

local stories and teachings that are gifted to us. Our school is working hard at following the First People's Principles of Learning into our teachings. Last Tuesday evening at Ecole Windsor Secondary, our English Grade 6/7 students and Grade 9 high school students showcased their journey in residential schools through the story of Chanie Wenjack, an Anishinaabe boy from Ontario who ran away from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School near Kenora, Ontario, in October 1966 at the age of 12. His goal was to get back to his family who lived 600 km away.

We raise our hands to all staff, students, parents, and community members for being part of our journey. A few important resources for your review can be found below.

Apology by the Government of Canada (2008):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCpn1erz1y8>

Sharing Stories of Residential School Survivors:
<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/residential-school-survivors>

First People's Principles of Learning

<http://www.fnesc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PUB-LFP-POSTER-Principles-of-Learning-First-Peoples-poster-11x17.pdf>

TRC Report (2015):

http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

New Staff

We have some exciting updates to share with our parent community regarding staff changes!

Mme Caitlin Fraser, FI Grade 5 Teacher, is on maternity leave and we wish her all the best in the addition to her family.

Mme Chelsea Pederson, FI Grade 5 Teacher (Thurs), has taken Mme Fraser's position. She has a strong background in French Immersion and is excited to join our team!

M Sylvain Des Biens, FI Grade 5 Teacher (Fri), has returned to our school. We are happy to have him back as the staff and students missed him dearly.

Mr. David Barnum, Co-Teacher (Wed to Fri), is an experienced teacher who is working with many staff, including our intermediate teachers in curriculum design and assessment. He is a great addition to our team.

Student Placement

Student placement is a very complex process that we take very seriously. We take a collaborative approach when planning for student placement with all stakeholders (parents, students, staff) having a voice in the process. Please click the link to see our process at

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/sherwoodpark/About/Planning%20and%20Student%20Placement/Pages/default.aspx>

For the **Parent Information for Student Placement** form, please go to

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/sherwoodpark/About/Planning%20and%20Student%20Placement/Documents/Parent%20feedback%20form.pdf>

Visit from Mark Pearmain, Superintendent



Mr. Pearmain visited our school on Fri, Apr 5 for the morning. He visited classes, met with staff and members of the PAC Executive, and spoke with students. In Mme Sulis's class, the Kindergarten students showed Mr. Pearmain how to self-regulate through breathing techniques.

Ready, Set, Learn

The North Vancouver School District welcomes 3 to 5 year-olds who have not yet started kindergarten to come and join us with their parents or guardians to **Ready, Set, Learn** – a free early learning event funded by the BC Ministry of Education. The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative is aimed at helping preschoolers get ready for school by giving them the opportunity to establish positive connections with their community school through fun, play-based language and literacy activities. We would like to invite you to join us for our event “**Sherwood Park's Woodland Friends**”.

When: Saturday April 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Sherwood Park Elementary in the Atrium

Who: 3 to 5 year-olds who have not started school and their parents or guardians

Maple Man Visit



Our students had the opportunity for taffy tasting, transforming maple sap, rhythmic accompaniments, and traditional French-Canadian dance. Huge thank you to Canadian Parents for French for supporting this celebration as well as our FI Teacher-Leaders for getting this organized!

The Maple Man said, *"the harvesting and production of maple syrup is part of the tradition of our country, a cherished tradition that I wish to pass on to future generations. What a great way to pay tribute to the First Nations people! They knew how to observe nature to discover a precious liquid. They gave us their knowledge to harvest the sap of the sugar maple and turn it into a delicious golden syrup. This is another way to salute this beautiful, rich, royal and generous nature."*

Concours d'Art Oratoire



CPF's Concours d'art oratoire is Canada's largest, annual French-language public-speaking competition, involving close to 10,000 students every year, and thousands of dollars worth of prizes. The aim of this public speaking contest is to stimulate the interest of students learning French, to improve their speaking

skills, and to give them experience presenting in public.

This event is organized by Canadian Parents for French (CPF), who has worked together with parents and school staff since 1983 to organize school, district and provincial-level competitions.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this competition and represented our school at the District level. A special congratulations to our Grade 6 student who won and will represent NVSD at the provincials in May! Thank you to all staff you led and supported this event.

Wheelchair Sports Visit

Victoria Wheelchair Sports and one of our UBC Teacher Candidates, Mrs. Sarah LeBlanc, will be facilitating inclusive wheelchair sport gym classes on May 15 and 16 at Sherwood Park for all divisions. These active, fun, and inclusive classes aim to support the development of physical literacy, for children with or without a disability, through practicing movement skills like wheeling, changing direction, spatial awareness, and how to work as a team. These classes also generate awareness for para-sport and promote positive attitudinal change toward disability. These sessions are made possible through funding from the Emily Longworth Memorial Award and from Sherwood Park. Please contact your classroom teacher(s) if you have any further questions.

Important Dates

Fri, Apr 19 – **Good Friday (school closed)**
Mon, Apr 22 – **Easter Monday (school closed)**

Tue, Apr 23 – **Hot Lunch: Sushi**

Tu-Thu, Apr 23-25 – **English Young Actors Project**

Fri, Apr 26 – **School Spirit Day: Crazy Hat/Hair/Clothes Day**

Mon, Apr 29 to Fri, May 3 – **PAC-sponsored In-Line Skating
(Int Students)**

Tue, Apr 30 – **PAC-sponsored Gr4 iGirl/iGuy workshop**

Wed, May 1 – **PAC-sponsored Gr 2 iKid workshop**
-Track Mini-meet 12:45pm @Windsor

Fri, May 3 – **Hot Lunch: Magic Lunch Box**

Mon, May 6 – **District-Wide Non-Instructional Day
(school closed)**

Tue, May 7 – **Hot Lunch: Bluhouse**
-Assembly Duffle Bag Theatre 9-10am
-Field Mini-meet Gr4/5 3:45pm @ Sherwood Park
-Field Mini-meet Gr6/7 3:45pm @ Dorothy Lynas

Wed-Thu, May 8-9 – **Group 1 Gr 3s to Longhouse
(F05 & F06 gr3s only)**

Thu, May 9-10 – **Group 2 Gr 3s to Longhouse
(E05, E06 & E07 gr3s only)**

Fri, May 10 – **Hot Lunch: Subway**
-Transition Project Gr 6&7 1-3pm @Seycove

Mon, May 13 – **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Thu, May 16 **-Field Qualification Meet Gr4/5 3:45pm
@ Sherwood Park**
-Field Qualification Meet Gr6/7 3:45pm @ Dorothy Lynas

Mon, May 20 **-Victoria Day (school closed)**

Tue, May 21 – **Hot Lunch: Sushi**

Fri, Jun 7 – **Hot Lunch: Magic Lunch Box**