Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School

District

Welcome back! I hope you had a great spring break.

Announcements

Internet outage

A school district internet outage will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. All external internet access from North Vancouver School District schools and sites, websites, email, Office 365 and the Scholantis portal will be down. E-mail and Office 365 will work from home. This outage is necessary for a major infrastructure upgrade. Thank you for your understanding.

Approved 2019/20 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2019/20 School Calendar at the Public Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The <u>Approved 2019/20 School Calendar</u> confirms the start/end and holiday dates for 2019/20. These dates remain as indicated in the Proposed Calendar that was made available for public comment in February. ProD dates have <u>not</u> yet been confirmed; dates on the current calendar documents are "placeholder" or "example" dates at this time. NVTA (3) and Staff Committee (2) selection of the 2019/20 ProD dates will be confirmed in May and a final calendar will be published and circulated then. For more information on the 2019/20 School Calendar, please see the <u>NVSD website's District Calendar webpage</u>.

Information

2019 Community Report

The 2019 Community Report is now available on our website <u>HERE</u>. The report highlights happenings in our school district that support the North Vancouver School District's six strategic goals.

Facilities Updates

Argyle construction update

Additional information has been added to the Argyle Replacement Project <u>section of the school</u> <u>district website</u>, including a new flyover animation of the new school.

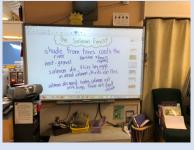
Handsworth construction update

Additional information has been added to the Handsworth Replacement Project <u>section of the school district website</u>, relating to the design feedback received from the community.

School Visits

Blueridge Elementary

I spent a wonderful morning at Blueridge Elementary visiting with staff, students and parents. Overall, the focus was on writing, art and Indigenous Education. Lisa Madill's students were working on story writing. In Jennifer Schmidt's room, students were participating in a guided reading activity.









Dorothy Lynas Elementary



At Dorothy Lynas, I snuck into the gym to see a Metis celebration taking place, organized by Tracey Langer.

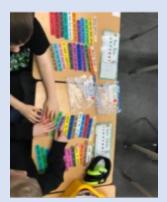




In Alaina Denny's class, students were making Mars landers. They had to successfully design a device out of specific materials that could lower a Lego person to the ground without injury.



Stop motion animation depicting the fur trade was taking place in Tajinder Badesha's class, under the supervision of Samatha Ball when I visited.





In Lisa Reid's class, Mrs. Barnett was engaging students with play based learning of English and Math.



Ashley Roe's class was also engaged in play based learning.