

Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

Emergency lockdown drill – March 6, 2019 at 11 a.m.

On March 6, 2019 at 11 a.m., students and staff will be practicing the Lockdown Drill at their schools. For more information about the Lockdown Drill and our procedures for addressing this scenario, however unlikely, in our schools, please click [HERE](#).

PROPOSED 2019/20 School Calendar: Public Comment open Jan 30 - March 1, 2019

As required by the School Act, the Board of Education invites your comment on the PROPOSED calendar for the 2019/20 school year. A copy of the calendar can be found on our school district website [HERE](#). Public comment on the PROPOSED 2019/20 School Calendar will be received by e-mail up to, and including, Friday, March 1, 2019. The email address is: calendarcomments@sd44.ca. Additional information about the PROPOSED 2019/20 School Calendar and the school district's process for developing school calendars can be found on the North Vancouver School District website's District Calendar [webpage](#).

Budget input

Each year, the North Vancouver School District undertakes a public consultation process for input on budget priorities. Staff, students, parents, education partner groups, and community members are invited to provide their input on budget priorities. Budget priorities align with and support the school district's strategic goals, vision and values.

There are various ways to provide feedback:

- **In-person:** at the Board Standing Committee Meeting on April 2, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave, 5th floor).
- **Email:** from February 6 to March 15, 2019. Send to budgetcomments@sd44.ca
- **Online:** from February 19 to April 8, 2019 through an exchange of ideas on an online platform called ThoughtExchange. The invitation to participate will be emailed, posted to the website and shared on social media on February 19, 2019.

- **Traditional mail:** addressed to Secretary Treasurer, 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 2K6.

Please check out this [informational video and poster](#) for more information.

Information

Sustainability News

One of the North Vancouver School District's six strategic goals is to *Provide leadership in environmental education and sustainability practices*. Please [click HERE](#) for information about the latest sustainability initiatives in the North Vancouver School District, including:

- Pen and Marker Recycling Pilot
- Student Environmental Network Takes Flight
- NVSD Green Ideas Campaign
- Salmon at the Education Services Centre
- Green Collar Futures Career Conference
- Cool It Challenge

Squamish Nation & NVSD commit to equal partnership, collaboration with milestone education protocol agreement

Squamish Nation members, North Vancouver School District staff, North Vancouver Board of Education trustees, local politicians, and community members gathered on January 17, 2019 to witness the signing of a milestone agreement between the North Vancouver School District and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation. The Protocol Agreement for Communication and Collaboration solidifies a partnership between the North Vancouver School District and Squamish Nation. This significant agreement commits to an equal partnership in the education of the 259 Squamish Nation students currently enrolled in the North Vancouver School District, as well as future generations of Squamish Nation children and youth. For further information, please [click HERE](#).

Registration for academies – CLOSES March 1, 2019

Applications for North Vancouver School District Academies for the 2019/20 school year will be accepted between January 21 and March 1, 2019. No payment is required at time of application. For more information about the 11 secondary school academies offered in the North Vancouver School District, please click [HERE](#).

Initiatives and Events

I'm Sleeping Out, so homeless youth don't have to!

On February 28, 2019, I will sleep outside for one night in solidarity with youth who may face many more cold, lonely nights until they find their way through the doors of Covenant House Vancouver. Please join the North Vancouver School District in raising support for and awareness of youth

homelessness. By making a donation you are helping to provide funding for mental health and addictions counselling and care for youth at Covenant House Vancouver. For every \$4,000 we raise as a school district, we fund mental health supports for one youth for a year. Let's support as many youth as possible! [Please click HERE to donate](#). On December 4, 2018 twenty-four Carson Graham Secondary School students kicked-off the initiative by raising \$10,000 and sleeping out in the cold!

Digital Media Youth Expo

We are excited to invite students, parents, staff and the community to our upcoming Digital Media Youth Expo 2019. The 7th annual Expo is Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 12-3 p.m. at Argyle Secondary School. We have more than 40 interactive booths/exhibitors, including Industrial Light & Magic, EA Sports, WORK BC "Find your Fit" and Virtro Entertainment; virtual, augmented and mixed reality! This is a FREE community event. The Digital Media Youth Expo is hosted by the North Vancouver School District's Digital Media Academy (DMA). The Youth Expo is a place to learn about the many educational and employment opportunities available in the Digital Media Industry. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) Information Evening

The YELL Information Evening will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (5th floor - Ocean View Room, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue).

Youth & Vaping - Information, Considerations & Impacts

FREE community conversation for parents. Monday, February 25, 2019, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (5th floor - Mountainview Room, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue). Keynote speaker: Dr. Milan Khara. Panel: Youth, Parent, School District representative. To learn more click [HERE](#). Please [RSVP HERE](#). SPACE IS LIMITED.

Join AFK & Arnold Shives to celebrate the release of "Luminous Fjord"

Friday, February 15, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gordon Smith Gallery (2121 Lonsdale Avenue, 1st floor). For more information, click [HERE](#).

Artists for Kids spring break day camps

Registration is now open for the Artists for Kids spring break day camps. Students will enjoy a week full of studio art activities including drawing, painting and printmaking, taught by an art specialist teacher. They will also have the opportunity to explore the Gordon Smith Gallery through uniquely developed Artists For Kids gallery games and discussions. Each day will include recreational activities outside, weather permitting. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Ready, Set, Learn

The North Vancouver School District welcomes 3-5 year-olds with their parents, guardians, childcare providers, or early childhood educators to Ready, Set, Learn – free early learning events funded by the BC Ministry of Education. Events are taking place between now and the end of May 2019. For the schedule, click [HERE](#).

Celebration of IB 2019

The Celebration of IB (International Baccalaureate) 2019 will take place on February 21, 2019 at Carson Graham Secondary school. This event is an open house and guests are encouraged to visit any time between 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more event details, click [HERE](#).