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Announcements

Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House – May 7: Workshop registration open

The North Vancouver School District's inaugural Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House takes place on Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School.

This family-friendly community event will showcase the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aims to build awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness.

The event consists of an outdoor trade show and select smaller group information sessions/workshops hosted by participating organizations. Those in attendance will speak with local experts and get up close to emergency vehicles and equipment used in real-life rescues, including helicopters used by North Shore Rescue.

This FREE event also includes a complimentary bike valet service and a variety of food truck options where you can purchase refreshments.

Participating organizations include (links to workshops included below):

- North Shore Rescue ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- BC AdventureSmart ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Shore Emergency Management ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Shore Black Bear Society ([RSVP for a workshop](#))
- North Vancouver RCMP Community Police Services
- North Vancouver City Fire Department
- ShakeOut BC
- Lifesaving Society
- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
- Cheakamus Centre
- Girl Guides of Canada

For more information, visit the [event's website](#).

Information

Updates to Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings

The [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) have been updated to reflect changes to Provincial Health Officer orders and further incorporate public health guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control. A link to the updated guidelines, which go into effect April 16, 2022, has been posted to our [website](#).

Key updates that are explained in the guide include:

- **Health Awareness.** Health awareness is an updated approach to a Daily Health Check. Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person with a communicable disease coming to school when they are infectious. This includes a person checking regularly they (or their child) are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 symptoms) to ensure they are not coming to school when they are sick. (p. 14)
- **Space Arrangement.** Schools can use classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches. (p. 9)
- **A focus on personal practices,** such as the use of masks and face coverings as a personal choice that will be respected and supported, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, personal space, and not sharing food, beverages and other items that touch the mouth. (p. 14)

Policy 213: Student Completion Certificate

Revisions to [Policy 213: School Completion Certificate](#) were approved by the Board of Education at the November 16, 2021, Public Board Meeting. Updated administrative procedures were presented at the March 8, 2022, Public Board Meeting. The updated policy and administrative procedures are posted to the NVSD website.

Reminder: Student Password Change Initiative

The regular resetting of passwords is standard industry practice and one way to ensure the integrity and security of not only student and staff personal information but also North Vancouver School District technology systems. Given students and staff play an important role in keeping our organization safe from cybercrime, the school district has

recently initiated a mandatory password change initiative for staff. For students, the initiative will begin in April.

On April 12, all secondary students will have been prompted to change their passwords. On April 20, secondary students who have not changed their password since April 12 **and** all elementary student account passwords will be reset to a new school district standard. For secondary students, there will be a process in place for regular password resets going forward.

This week, families of elementary students will have been sent information directly from the school district regarding their child's new password. Upon a student's first log in, this new password will need to change, and before April 20, families will receive an additional email from the school district with instructions on how to do this. For elementary students, the updated password will be valid for the duration of their time as elementary students (unless students choose to change their passwords).

Should students (or their parents/guardians) have questions about their new password or require assistance, they should contact their teacher or school office staff. Information, including instructions and support documents, is available on the Technology section of the Parent Portal under [Student District Login Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. 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.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2022. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available [HERE](#).

NVSD Events

We can only hint at this with words (exhibition opening) – April 23

On Saturday, April 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., join guest curator Kate Henderson and exhibiting artists Russna Kaur, M.E. Sparks, and Andrea Taylor to celebrate the *We can only hint at this with words* exhibition and launch of its accompanying publication, a Zine designed

by Margery Theroux and featuring commissioned texts by Yani Kong, SSHRC Doctoral Fellow of Contemporary Art at the School for the Contemporary Arts, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver; and Jayne Wilkinson, writer, editor, and curator. For more information about this opening event and exhibition hosted at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, please visit the [exhibition](#) web page.

Ready, Set, Learn – ongoing until May 13

Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative aimed at encouraging and supporting children's early language and literacy skills. Intended for families and their 3-to 5-year-old children, Ready, Set, Learn events support preschool-aged children prepare for their eventual transition to Kindergarten and help foster positive connections among families, schools and early learning community partners.

Ready, Set, Learn events are FREE to attend and run until May 13. Visit our [Ready, Set, Learn](#) web page for more information, including a full event listing.

Cheakamus Centre Open House – May 1

The 53rd annual Cheakamus Centre Open House takes place on Sunday, May 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join Cheakamus Centre staff for a fun, family day of nature exploration and discovery, including visiting the Coast Salish longhouse, salmon hatchery, farm animals, forest trails and more. Click [HERE](#) for more information, and if you are interested in volunteering at the event, please email volunteers@cheakamuscentre.ca.

Standing Committee Meeting – May 3

The final Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting for the 2021/2022 school year takes place *in person* on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Public Board Meeting – May 24

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place *in person* on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

NVSD Registrations

Summer Learning – Registration opens May 2

[North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through a variety of opportunities in the month of July.

The Summer Learning 2022 suite of course offerings provides students the opportunity to enhance core skills and/or earn credits toward graduation:

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#) (including French 11 - NEW this year)
- [7/8 Transition](#) (including 7/8 Music – NEW this year)
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Eslha7an](#) Secondary Review & Completion
- [Numeracy 8/9 Foundations](#)
- [Literacy 8/9 Foundations](#)

Registration is open to students within and beyond the NVSD. [Registration](#) opens May 2 for NVSD students (and May 9 for everyone else). Registration closes June 23 at noon.

Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab – Registration open

While space is limited, there is still time for secondary students to enrol in the school district's newest Academy, which will be offered to students in Grades 10-12 in the 2022/2023 school year.

The Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab (Academy) will introduce students to the dynamic, global esports and gaming industry, which continues to attract new audiences and develop innovative new business models. Through a combination of in-class and experiential learning activities, students gain and learn how to apply their newly acquired foundational business knowledge to the esports and gaming industry. Coursework includes marketing, analytics, tournament and league management, special event management, accounting and communications. For more information, visit the [Business of Gaming](#) web page or email academies@sd44.ca.

Artists for Kids' After School Art – A few spaces remain

Taught by art specialist teachers and assisted by secondary art students, AFKs' After School Art classes provide students the opportunity to further their artistic ability and

foster positive attitudes towards the visual arts. Registration for spring classes is open. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Day Camps - Registration open

Students will enjoy a week full of studio art activities including drawing, painting and printmaking taught by an art specialist teacher. All art materials are provided, and children will experiment with many art materials and techniques. They will also have the opportunity to explore outdoor art making and recreation time. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Paradise Valley Summer School of Arts - Registration open

Young artists ages 8-14 will explore their surroundings with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley. This overnight camp combines outdoor studio adventures, in-depth instruction in collage, drawing and painting, as well as daily recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, archery and campfire singalongs. Students are taught by B.C. certified art specialist teachers and mentored by an acclaimed Canadian artist. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive (Secondary Students) - Registration open

Students ages 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) – Registration open

NVOL provides students with engaging and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from Grades 8 through 12 in both English and French.

The French Immersion online course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open; click [HERE](#) for more information.

Community Initiatives

Poverty Reduction Strategy – Calling all North Shore Residents

The District of North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, District of West Vancouver, Skwxwú7mesh Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation are working together to create a Poverty Reduction Strategy for the North Shore.

The consequences of poverty affect everyone and an online workshop open to all North Shore residents is planned for Thursday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. to hear from residents about how we can help to build a better community for all. Topics to be discussed include housing, childcare, mental health, and income supports. [Register for the workshop in advance](#). Please direct questions to Eirikka Brandson at brandson@dnv.org.

Good News Stories from the NVSD

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow](#) blog and [News & Announcements](#) to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- NVSD hosts Climate Action and Sustainability Week ([NVSD media release](#))
- April is Autism Acceptance Month ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Cooking and careers ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Queen Mary RCMP recess takeover ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Argyle's welcome figure wins DNV Heritage Award ([District of North Vancouver news](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sylvia Russell'.

Sylvia Russell
Acting Superintendent of Schools
Superintendent@sd44.ca

Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).

The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast



Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

