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## Announcements

### Heat Wave – Severe Weather Warning

Environment Canada has issued a [heat warning for Metro Vancouver](#), including the North Shore, beginning on Friday, June 25 and lasting until at least Tuesday, June 29.

Families are asked to discuss with their children:

- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Dress appropriately for the heat, such as by wearing light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made of breathable fabric like cotton.
- Bring a hat to wear outdoors.
- Come to school with sunscreen.



- Reduce physical activity levels indoors and out, and where possible make use of shade when outside.

Additional information and resources are available through the [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and [North Shore Emergency Management](#).

## Year-End Messaging

Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Jennifer Whiteside, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and graduates offer their congratulations to all 600,000 B.C. students in kindergarten to grade 12 as the unprecedented school year comes to an end. Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

In addition, the Minister of Education would like to thank everyone in the education system for their extraordinary efforts to keep students safe and to support their learning and well-being. Read the Minister's [thank you letter to parents and caregivers](#).

Next week, I will share a special thank you message to everyone in the school district community who has helped ensure students and staff experienced a sense of normalcy in a most extraordinary year. Please stay tuned!

## Information

### Graduation Update

*Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021!*

Filming of each secondary school's graduation ceremony, which took place at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, is now complete. Videos of the full event will be shown to students and their families and friends on June 30. Highlight videos will also be made available on our school district [website](#).

We would like to commend this year's students, who through a very challenging year, embraced the concepts of adaptability and flexibility and have maintained a positive and hopeful outlook. Hearing the cheers and seeing the 1,000 watt smiles has been one of this year's highlights.

We would also like to thank everyone who made this year's celebrations possible--school principals, vice principals, staff and grad committees; district staff; GradsBC, for filming and video production; community partners and local North Shore companies who

transformed the art gallery and added special touches to the event; and families, who found special ways to celebrate this year's graduating class.

## **2021/22 Return to School Update**

While current health and safety measures must be followed for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year, including Summer Learning, students, families, teachers and staff should plan for a full return to the classroom in September.

The provincial K-12 education steering committee—made up of educators, families, support workers, school leaders, trustees, representatives from the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and Métis Nation BC, and public health experts—will continue to work with the Ministry of Education and BC Centre for Disease Control over the summer to review and finalize school safety plans for the fall.

We anticipate updated guidelines will be available in August, and we will communicate changes with students, families and staff when that information is received. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **2021/22 Budget Update**

The 2021/22 budget was approved by the North Vancouver Board of Education at the June 22, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

The overarching theme to the planning and preparation for the 2021/22 budget year was “Maintain, Hold and Restore,” with the assumption that in the fall, the school district would be operating in Stage 1 of the [Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education](#), meaning no cohorts, no density targets and full-time in-person schooling for all students.

The 2021/22 budget:

- Prioritizes direct support to students.
- Provides for no teacher layoffs.
- Restores staffing and services to pre-COVID-19 levels, where possible.
- Continues to rebuild the International Education Program.
- Relies on accumulated surplus to balance the budget.

The full budget is available for review in the Board package [HERE](#), pages 13 - 38.

We would like to thank all stakeholders who took the time to provide their feedback, which was used to help inform the 2021/22 budget. We would also like to commend the

Board of Education for approving a budget that maintains the short-term and long-term fiscal health of the organization and protects the core educational programming and forward momentum staff have created and sustained and that our community has grown to expect, appreciate and support.

## **North Shore Rescue's "Survive Your Own Adventure" Video**

With summer upon us, bringing with it longer and warmer days, British Columbians are enjoying more of the beautiful outdoors. As a reminder, North Shore Rescue has created a "[Survive Your Own Adventure](#)" online, interactive video, designed to educate people about making good choices while enjoying the outdoors.

Please take some time with your family to go through the different scenarios and learn how you can make the time you spend exploring the North Shore's many trails, safe, enjoyable and memorable. The video, also available on our [Outdoor Safety web page](#), has already had 16,000+ unique views since its launch just before the May Long Weekend.

## **NVSD Registrations**

### **AFK Summer Art Intensives – Spaces remain**

Students in the Artists for Kids (AFK) Summer Art Intensives will explore drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture in the acclaimed Gordon Smith Gallery. Guided by a BC certified art specialist teacher, students will be encouraged to develop a body of work that can be added to their personal portfolio.

Registration is open for the Senior Summer Art Intensive (ages 15-18): July 5 - 9. Visit Artists for Kids' [Spring & Summer Day Camps](#) for more information.

## **Good News Stories from around the NVSD**

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

- Student film takes North Vancouver grad game 'Gotcha' to the extreme ([North Shore News article](#))
- Secycove students launch the North Shore Way, a challenge to explore local trails ([NVSD media release](#))

- Westview Elementary, Ta na wa nsíiy xnit tl'a Teltíwet, celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Traditional wool weaving taught to students across the NVSD ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Collage creature creation with AFK Artist-in-Residence Nadina Tandy ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Windsor students host district-wide Clean Up Challenge ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Student-driven, Chanie-inspired fundraising happening at Ridgeway Elementary ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Three Carson Graham students raise thousands for Heart and Stroke Foundation with class project ([North Shore News article](#))
- Four North Shore students receive 'life-changing' \$40K Beedie Luminaries scholarships ([North Shore News article](#))
- Cleveland Elementary has Pride! ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Sutherland Secondary reflects on Lights, Camera, Autism! ([NVSD blog post](#))
- COVID-era high school grads get diplomas in front of cameras, instead of parents ([North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pearmain".

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Superintendent of Schools