



Thursday, April 1st, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

This week has been a challenging one and we are humbled by the courage and support you the Lynn Valley Community has shown each other this week. As a staff, we have been very cognizant of students' transition back to school after Spring Break and the events of last weekend.

The outpouring of support from the Lynn Valley community, the North Vancouver School District, alumni and friends across BC has been tremendous. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support to our students and staff who were involved in the recent tragedy. In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. Spring Athletics
2. Argyle's Welcome Pole
3. COVID-19 Protocol Updates
4. Green Shirt Day
5. Community Candlelight Vigil
6. Upcoming Dates

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Jonat, Caren Hall, John Crowley'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



Spring Athletics

Teams are starting up for the spring season. Students interested in participating in Spring Sport offerings should initiate this process by completing the MS Teams Argyle Athletics form. A link for an online 'survey' is located on the school website:

Argyle > Programs & Services > Athletics > 'Fill out the survey online.....'

Although athletics looks very different this year, we are still providing a variety of opportunities for Argyle students to engage in athletic training. Students unsure on how to get started should message the athletic director, Mr. Alex Kelsch via Teams, or see him in-person during the day. Students are also encouraged to talk directly to the coach/sponsor of their respective teams.

Argyle Welcome Pole

A red cedar log, estimated to be more than 200 years old, was sourced from the Squamish Valley forest and donated by Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation to be carved as the Welcome Figure for Argyle Secondary.

The figure will be approximately 18 feet tall and will stand just inside Argyle's front entrance as an acknowledgement that the school sits on the unceded territories of the Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh and Səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. The design has symbols of the land, sea, and sky on the bottom and a welcome figure on the top. The log is currently at the Mosquito Creek Marina and is expected to be transported to Argyle for the start of June. Classes will have an opportunity to help with the carving in the later stages of the process, including making some cuts, helping to paint, and hearing stories of Indigenous Peoples from Coast Salish artist [Jody Broomfield](#).

The plan is to raise the Welcome Figure in August and hold a traditional First Nations ceremony, unveiling and blessing in September after summer break.

Check out the article featured in the North Shore News here: <https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/this-centuries-old-red-cedar-log-will-be-carved-into-a-welcome-figure-for-argyle-secondary-school-north-vancouver-sd44-3557509>



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Artist – Jody Broomfield



Vice Principal – John Crowley



Principal – Kim Jonat



COVID-19 Protocols Update

As indicated in yesterday's email from Superintendent Pearmain, the Ministry's Health and Safety guidelines now indicate: "All students in Grade 4 to 12 are required to wear a mask or face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) **indoors in schools and on school buses – both within and outside of their learning group.**" Please note that there are a number of exceptions to this requirement identified within the documentation and staff have been made aware of these.

The updated guidance and guideline documents are public and available online.

- [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)
- [BCCDC Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) (link is to the new March 30th Addendum only; primary document remains the Feb 4, 2021 version at this time).

The NVSD's Covid-19 Resource contains information & resources for families:

[https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Lastly, please keep in mind that masks remain one layer of protection. To keep each other safe, we must continue to:

- Use the Daily Health Check before arriving at school
- Stay home when feeling ill.
- Practice diligent and frequent handwashing.
- Practice physical distancing when possible, even outdoors.
- Spend time close to home with members of our own household.
- Adhere to province-wide restrictions.

Green Shirt Day – Organ Donation– Wednesday, April 7th

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a green shirt or a hockey jersey to raise awareness for organ donation. Green shirt day started to honour Logan Boulet, a young hockey player who died in the Humboldt Broncos bus crash two years ago and saved six people's lives by donating his organs. Let's all rally together to raise organ donation awareness. See you in green!

For more info visit: <https://greenshirtday.ca/>





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Candlelight Vigil

In response to the terrible events on March 27th the Lynn Valley Lions Club has been working with community partners and with the District of North Vancouver on a drive thru candlelight vigil on Saturday, April 3rd from 7:30pm to 9:30pm through part of Lynn Canyon Park. The Lions have worked with VCH to ensure their plan complies with the current COVID-19 health orders.

For a map of the route and more information please go to the website:

<http://www.lynnvalleylions.com/>

Upcoming Dates

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday – School closed

Monday, April 5th – Easter Monday – School closed

Wednesday, April 7th – Green shirt day/Jersey day for Organ donation

Monday, April 19th – Last day of Quarter 3

