



March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Argyle Families,

We find ourselves fully immersed in the rhythm of Semester 2 with spring break just around the corner. A gentle reminder this weekend marks the transition as we spring forward our clocks. Next week our 2<sup>nd</sup> set of learning conferences is taking place on Thursday.

Reflecting on the past month, Argyle has been a hub of creativity and exploration, offering our students many innovative learning opportunities. Here is a glimpse into some of the unique learning experiences our students have been part of recently.

Business Education 9/10 students have been taking part in Junior Achievement's Investment Strategies Program (ISP), where students explore the ways in which people save and invest for their future. The program includes an online Stock Market Challenge where students manage their own simulated stock portfolio.

This week Adam C. and Will H.P. of the Digital Media Academy (DMA) pitched their 3D video game to the animator directors of Electronic Arts (EA). Thank you Jay Bulbrook and alum Kianna Delsouz who helped mentor and create such an amazing opportunity for our Sr. DMA students. The students spent four months working on this project in DMA before preparing and pitching their game to EA.

We also had close to twenty students write the challenging Waterloo math contests at the end of February. Students in Argyle's math club have been working together at lunch to practice and prepare for this and other math contests.

Over the past two weeks Outdoor Education 11/12 students traveled to Grouse Mountain and Cypress Mountain to practice winter safety and survival skills. They had a chilly but wonderful overnight experience camping, snowshoeing and cooking outdoors in the snow this week on Cypress.

Senior Drama students have been focused on learning about musical theatre. We have had the privilege of having industry professionals conduct workshops with our students including actor Megan Gardiner and Stephanie Torns from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.



Students from English 11 First Peoples, BC First Peoples 12 and 3D art students have participated in lessons led by our Indigenous support teacher, Courtney Kessel. Students are learning about Indigenous culture, traditions and teachings while creating dream catchers, medicine bags and working with oyster shells in art.

Visual arts students have been creating art installations on the windows in the East Wing. The 3D art class (grades 10-12) created paper plant and fungi sculptures which are on display in the library. Each artwork includes the plant name (common & scientific), the Squamish or another Indigenous name from BC, along with a fact about each plant.

It is great to see the creativity and curiosity of our students on display throughout the school. Today's newsletter contains information on:

1. Upcoming Dates
2. Reminders/Information
3. Parent/guardian opportunities
4. Athletics updates – winter & spring
5. TruEarth Argyle PAC fundraiser

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)

Laura Ames, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)



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## 1. Upcoming Dates

### Before Spring Break

March 5 to 12	Parents/guardians online sign up for Learning Conferences.
Thursday, March 14	Learning Conferences: 2:30pm to 4:30pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm Early dismissal for students at 1:15pm.
Friday, March 15	Early dismissal at 1:15pm. Grade 8 rotation 1 ends (electives)
March 16 to April 1	Spring Break & Easter – School CLOSED

### After Spring Break – April 2 to 5

Tuesday, April 2	School reopens Grade 8 rotation 2 starts (electives)
April 2 to 5	Grad gown ordering (online Teams form will be sent to grads on April 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Wednesday, April 3	Spring athletic team photos in the gym at lunch
Friday, April 5	Goal-setting workshop #3 8:45am period 6 begins, followed by goal-setting workshop at end of P6

## 2. Reminders/Information

Daylight savings	Spring forward 1 hour this Saturday night (Sunday 2:00am to be exact)
Approved 2024/25 calendar	The 2024/25 calendar was approved at the February 27 <sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting. Here is a <a href="#">LINK</a> to the approved calendar. Pro-d dates shown are place holders and not confirmed. The NVTA (North Vancouver Teachers Association) selects three pro-d dates and schools select two pro-d dates by the end of May 2024.
Yearbook photos	Grade 8 to 11 yearbook portrait pages have been posted outside the office. Students are asked to locate their name and photo and submit any corrections to Ms. Uphoff. If your student does not see their photo and wants to be in the yearbook this year they must speak to office staff for more information. Grad portrait pages will be posted soon.



<p>Linear Schedule</p>	<p>A secondary schedule update was sent by NVSD on Wednesday and is posted <a href="#">here</a>.          Students will take up to eight courses with four courses on Day 1 and four courses on Day 2. Day 1 and 2 alternate all year. Prior to the pandemic Argyle was on a linear schedule.  <b>Flex time is staying next year.</b></p>
<p>North Shore Youth Clinics</p>	<p>Vancouver Coastal Health invites youth to drop-in for free confidential health care at one of their clinics. See the attached poster for locations and types of services they provide.</p>

### 3. Parent/Guardian Opportunities

<p>Exploitation Education Institute</p>	<p>The Exploitation Education Institute (who just completed the presentations for our students in grades 7-9) has created the <a href="#">The Prevention Project</a>. It's an online hub featuring over 100 easy-to-watch videos and resources tailored specifically to grades 3 through 12.</p> <p>These resources tackle topics related to root causes—things like consent, online information sharing, sexting and so much more. Even better, the resources are free to access!</p>
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### 4. Athletics Update

The winter sports season has concluded with many teams representing Argyle at the Provincials.

#### Cheer Team Provincials

Argyle's gold and green cheer teams are off to the BC Provincials this weekend in Abbotsford. Good luck to all the athletes! The team performed their routine in a lunchtime showcase for students this week in preparation for their competition. Go Pipers!





### **Gymnastics Team Provincials**

The Argyle Boys and Girls Gymnastics Teams are **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS!** Argyle won the combined Team Championship. In the process the SR Girls won the Level 1 Trophy. The Girls Team won the Level 5 Trophy. The Boys won the Level 2 and Level 3 Trophy.

### **Wrestling Team Provincials**

At the Provincial Championships Argyle had seven wrestlers compete. Congratulation to **Khaliya M.** who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province and **Rohaam D.** who came 6<sup>th</sup> in BC. **Ollie M.** and **Teslin H., Max E., McKay N.** and **Steven S.** were very close and had an outstanding tournament.

### **Ski & Snowboard Team Provincials**

Last week, two of Argyle's top skiers competed in the Provincial Ski Championship in Sun Peaks. **Emilie G.**, grade 8, came in 18<sup>th</sup> in the Girls Giant Slalom and **Eric K.**, grade 8, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the boys GS. Impressive results and amazing skiing Emilie and Eric!

### **Basketball Team Provincials**

Congratulations to the **Bantam grade 8 girls** basketball team for their outstanding achievement in finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the provincial championships. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork have truly paid off. Congratulations to the entire team for representing Argyle with pride and skill. Additionally, **Eve M.** and **Maria S.** who were both named first team all-stars for the tournament.

Congratulations to the **grade 9 girls** basketball team who are **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS!** After an undefeated regular season, the girls cruised to the finals in the tournament and played an exceptional final game versus New West Secondary. Congratulations to **Ella M.** who was named provincial tournament MVP, and to first team all-stars **Kelsey H.** and **Arianna L.** and to 2nd team all-star **Sophia M.**

Congratulations to our **grade 9 boys** basketball team for their outstanding season. This weekend Argyle competed in the Provincial Tournament and won the Silver Medal. **Logan S., Nathan S.,** and **Illya M.** were selected to the Tournament All Star Team.

Congratulations to the **grade 10 girls** basketball team for placing third this past weekend at provincial championships. **Eva** was a first team all-star and named most outstanding defensive player of the tournament!



Congratulations to the **senior girls** basketball team who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in an extremely competitive AAAA division at the provincial championships.

### Spring Athletics

The spring sports season has started. Argyle is fielding teams in:

- Football – grade 8
- Soccer – Jr Girls, Sr Girls
- Golf
- Tennis
- Ice hockey
- Track & Field
- Mountain Biking
- Ultimate – senior & junior
- Rugby – Jr boys, Sr boys, Girls

## 5. TruEarth Argyle PAC fundraiser

### Argyle PAC Tru Earth Fundraiser - Help Reduce Plastic Waste + Raise Funds for the School

The Argyle PAC has partnered with Tru Earth to bring you a fundraiser that helps reduce plastic waste and raises money for the school. Give Tru earth cleaning products a try, you will be helping the environment and raising funds for Argyle PAC. It's a win-win. Tru Earth offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Shop online for Tru Earth products using our fundraising links and the Argyle PAC will earn 20% on every sale throughout the year.



**Bonus Offer:** Shop online **from March 8-12** and the **PAC will earn 30% on every sale** using this [link](#).

You can also buy many other eco-friendly products that help reduce plastic waste.

**Shop Eco-Collective products online with this link:** <http://ecoc.sjv.io/ArgylePac>

Including: beeswax wraps, bamboo cutlery set, bamboo reusable makeup remover pads, silicone re-sealable zip bags, stainless steel reusable items, various bags + MUCH MORE! **Tru Earth plants a tree with every order, offers plastic-free shipping and a 30-day happiness guarantee on all products.** Learn more about this fundraiser and the eco-friendly products: <https://argylepac.weebly.com/tru-earth-fundraisers.html>



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