

The Eastview Elementary Welcome Pole BLESSING CEREMONY

Date: Friday, September 18th, 9 am

Location: Entrance to Eastview Elementary School, 1801 Mountain Hwy, North Vancouver.



In the spring and early summer of 2015, First Nations artist Ray Natraoro worked with the students of Eastview Elementary School to create a Welcome Figure that will be permanently installed at the entrance to the school. The significance of the Welcome Figure is not only that it brings awareness of the history and culture of the local indigenous people, but that each and every student had a hand in its creation. Art as a living, breathing and unifying experience continues with the Blessing Ceremony, featuring song and dance by members of the Squamish Nation.

The community of Eastview would like to invite you to attend the Blessing Ceremony on Friday, September 18th at 9 a.m. at the entrance to the school. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Renowned First Nations Artist Ray Natraoro has had a very powerful influence at Eastview. His vision of our Welcome Figure project is to ensure traditional Squamish Art is present on Squamish land and to create a lasting meaningful experience for our students and community. Ray has had a special impact on our learning.

Rob Smyth (Principal, Eastview Elementary)