

Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

December 16th, 2022

We would like to acknowledge and thank the long time stewards of this land, the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. At Lynnmour/Xá7elcha we are grateful to the Skwxwú7mesh and səilwətał with whom we share this beautiful land we live, learn and grow on together.



Gratitude

At this time of year we have the time to reflect and hopefully feel immense gratitude for those in our lives. As we possibly feel a little calmer during these cooler months, an Indigenous teaching we have been gifted, and are reminded of, is that this is a time of regeneration. That during this time we are to share stories, take deep cleansing breaths and slow down, as everything around us also regenerates for a new season.

I offer sincere appreciation to so many right now, for without their commitment, work ethic and genuine care for the community, we would not have the "little school with a big heart" that we truly do.

Thank you to our PAC whose endless support is appreciated more than they know.

Thank you to our staff. Each and every one of them offer a special gift to our students. From our custodian team, to our Educational Assistants to the Indigenous Support Worker, teachers, and our office staff.... all of you do so much to make a difference for our students.

Thank you to our community, who come out and participate in events, help us by purchasing items for fundraisers, and support their child or other children in doing those things. Thank you for supporting each other, during some very challenging times. We are very grateful to have groups who help out endlessly with items, donations and kindness for some of our families.

And finally a **thank you to our students** who share their talents, passions and commitment to their learning. Watching them grow, mature and change is a gift that each of us in the school appreciate having.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish each of you and your families a wonderful winter break. We will see you in January.

Sincerely,

Cindy Hudson
Principal

Morning Caroling

After a week filled with concerts, creations, and activities, students and staff at Lynnmour gathered in the hallways this morning for a little festive carolling. Thank you to Mrs. Nafrey, Mr Turco, and Mrs Jensen for leading us all in some fun songs to start the day. It was a lovely way to see everyone and sing a long. Some carols have been heard throughout the day as students continue to sing while they work away in their classrooms.



Band Concert

A big shout out to both our beginning band and our continuing band members who did a phenomenal job at their first winter FOS concert. Both our bands combined with the bands from Blueridge and Seymour Heights for a concert performance at Windsor on Wednesday evening. The growth and talent of these young musicians was amazing. Thank you to Mr. R for your commitment to coaching and developing these students over the past few months. We can't wait to hear them perform again in the spring.



Holiday Concert

It was a PACKED house at both our Matinee and Evening performances yesterday! We were so excited to welcome back our in person concert and to host as many of our community as we did

Thank you to Mr Turco, Mrs Schafer, Mr Best and Mrs Jensen, along with all other staff for their tireless work in decorating, rehearsing, and developing the program! The students all did a wonderful job and we know that it meant a lot to them that so many family members were able to turn out to see them perform.



PAC Appreciation

I want to recognize our entire PAC for their commitment to creating and hosting several important opportunities for both our students and families to connect. We actively want to find ways to welcome in and connect our various families in order to build positive relationships and supports for everyone. Through activities, planned, hosted and organized by our Parents such as Sports Club, Holiday Market, Hot Lunches, Fundraisers, and our Welcome Back BBQ we appreciate the connections being made.

Thank you for all the work that you do!

Playground repairs

Please note that some needed repairs are to be completed on our playground surfacing over the coming weeks (if the temperature allows). Until such time as the repairs are completed, safety fencing has been installed around one of the new structures to keep everyone off of it.

Winter Weather may set in....

Over the next two weeks we hope that everyone takes time to rest, rejuvenate, and relax (some may be doing that away from North Van, others may be staying close to home). Please note that during the break, there is minimal staffing at the school (there will be a custodial team checking in, and some renovations being finished up).

In the event that we have some snow accumulation, the school walkways (aside from the pathway to the front door) will not be cleared on a regular basis as we do not have staff to support this. If you are on the school grounds, please be careful. Upon return, we will do our best to ensure safe entry to the building from all access points. As was the case last year, if the accumulation lasts and freezes, clearing it after the fact, becomes more challenging. We may need to make an early announcement that the field and back entry points are closed and we will need to instruct everyone to come through the front entry. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

(If there are any "elves" out there who like to shovel and who are are around, we send out early gratitude for your support in keeping school entry points clear of snow)

Upcoming Dates to note:

Tuesday January 3rd - School Re-opens

Wednesday January 25th - Collaboration Time (**students dismissed at 1:40**)

Monday Feb 20th - **Family Day (school closed)**

Wednesday March 1st - **Early Dismissal 1:40** - Parent/Teacher conferences



Cindy Hudson

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