

Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

September 23rd, 2022

We would like to acknowledge and thank the original 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 səlilwətał with whom we share this beautiful land we live, learn and grow on together.



It's been a busy two weeks!



It has been a very busy two weeks since our last communication home. We were excited to welcome in the community for the first time since the pandemic began! Families had an opportunity to visit classrooms from 4:30-5:00 and then join us outside for the PAC Welcome back BBQ. I'd like to offer a very big thank you to our PAC members for all their work in kicking off this school year in a good way. Thank you to Stapleton Sausage Co for their delicious BBQ (for those of you interested in purchasing, the Grade 7s are selling them as a fundraiser this year!)

There has been a lot of learning going on in all classrooms already. It has been great to watch our students settle back into routines and feel more comfortable in their new classrooms. We have

welcomed many new friends to our school, and continue to add staff members to support them as we go.

One thing we are all practicing is patience and time right now. Learning takes patience and time, friendships take patience and time, and sometimes getting what we "want", takes a lot of patience and time! This is a [First Peoples Principle of Learning](#) that we often remind our students of. Reinforcing this with our students at school and in homes, is a great way to support them to understand that great things will happen, but sometimes we cannot have them instantly. This can be a tough lesson at school when we have to all work together as a community to help each other to learn and grow. Your support at home, with this message is very much appreciated.

Thank you! Huy chexw!

A huge thank you to the Xá7elcha PAC for their generous donation of additional funds to the library: we have been able to purchase an amazing selection of new books for our school community. The students and staff are excited to see these being added to our library.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to be able to host a Scholastic Book fair at Lynnmour Xá7elcha starting the week of 31st October. This is a fun opportunity for students to look at new titles and to have the opportunity to purchase buy items they may be interested in.

More details on exact days and times to follow.

Book borrowing and returns

Classes have been assigned their regular book exchange times for this year. This is also posted on the [school's library page](#).

We still have some books that were not returned at the end last year. We are always happy to see the books come back, no matter how long they've been gone, and have had some interesting stories about where they were found. The favourite one so far is the book found behind the oven during a kitchen renovation!

Please support our students in taking care of the books they borrow so that our resources are available for our community to use.

Ms. Breeze

Our Decorated Hallways



Orange Shirt Day/National Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Orange Shirt Day has been established in recognition of the harm done by the Indian Residential School System across Canada. The experiences of those who survived their time in this system (and those who did not) are being shared more and more. We are learning about the instant impact of these "schools" and the greater, long term impact that continues to be felt in communities all over. We encourage families to explore resources, have discussions, and for students to share their understandings of what they are learning about the residential school system. There are also ways to participate in activities on Sept 30th. Please utilize the resources below as access points for learning:

[St Pauls Indian Residential School Memorial](#) North Vancouver (video created by Dallas Guss)

[Events in the lower mainland](#)

[Orange Shirt Day](#)

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society](#)

Special items - including POKEMON cards

Please support your child by checking their back packs each day as we respectfully request that special items stay home. We have seen rising concerns and conflicts surrounding items coming from home, including lost (or traded?) Pokemon cards. Personal toys and items have caused distractions in learning environments and led to extra challenges in and out of the classroom areas. If your child is participating in a "Student of the week" or "Star student" program and they need to bring something to share, that is different. Teachers have set rules around what those can look like and parameters around how they are shared. We want to help ensure that everyone's sunnies and special items stay safe! Thank you for your help with this

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to Mrs. Jensen and her Division 8 students, and to Mrs Zander and her Division 5 students for their leadership in organizing and running this year's Terry Fox Run! Mother Nature held off the rain (for the most part) and families were able to join us for the first time in three years, to participate in our run to raise funds for the Terry Fox Fund! Congratulations on the wonderful job

Lynnmour/Хá7elcha!! It was so great to have everyone out on the field, running with buddies or friends. Final total of funds raised to come, but I think it is safe to say that we did a great job!



Important Dates to note!

Sept 26-Sept 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Week

Monday Sept 26th- Intermediate Field Trip (Divs 1, 2, 3, 4)

Wednesday Sept 28th - Staff Collaboration (**Students dismissed at 1:40**)

Thursday Sept 29th - Orange Shirt Day

Friday Sept 30th - National Truth and Reconciliation Day of Remembrance (**Schools are closed**)

Wednesday Oct 5th - Curriculum Instruction Day (**Students not in session**)

Monday Oct 10 - Thanksgiving - School Closed

Friday Oct 21 - Provincial Professional Development Day (students not in session)

Please don't forget to sign up for the PAC emails- contact lynnmourPAC@gmail.com for all the updates and information on **HOT LUNCHES!!** The ordering is now open!

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Cindy Hudson

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