




NXCE NEWS

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Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year!

It was wonderful to welcome back returning students and to welcome many new students and their families to the Norgate Xwemélch'stn school community this week! Over the summer, many new families moved into our school catchment area which resulted in us gaining another class as of last Wednesday, and this resulted in a change to what we anticipated to be our school organization.

In the North Vancouver School District, a school's organization (number of classes and their composition) is dictated by student numbers as well as the teachers' contract. There are limits with respect to class size, as well as composition that we have to adhere to. Our organization this year includes a number of straight-grade classes as well as some combined-grade classes. For some families the notion of a combined-grade class is new. Attached with this newsletter, I will provide information on combined-grade classes to help you better understand the factors considered when composing combined-grade classes, as well as clarify curricular expectations in these classes.

Having a different organization also required that we posted some additional teaching positions, which contractually must be available for one week, so at this point I am working on hiring a few new teachers. Fortunately, for our Grade 1 and Grade 3 classes, we've had some great on-call teachers come in to get the year underway in a positive way, while I busily work on hiring permanent teachers. I have appreciated the existing teachers' flexibility in shifting to our new organization, and we will appreciate families' patience, understanding, and positivity through what has been a somewhat "bumpier" start-up than we're accustomed to. Overall, your children seem happy to be at school, the school feels calm, and the Norgate Xwemélch'stn staff are excited for the new school year!



Water Bottle
Please ensure your child brings daily to school a reusable water bottle.

School Supplies
We ask that all students come to school next week with required school supplies. If you would like to order a kit, or to access a list of needed supplies, please visit our [school website](#).

School Forms
Thank you for making time to complete school forms (online and on paper). Instructions for how to access online forms were included with your forms package.

School Calendar
Please [subscribe](#) to know about school events!

Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Night

Next Thursday, September 14, we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Night event. This is an important opportunity for parents/guardians to come to the school to hear about the year ahead, ask good questions if you have them, and meet staff members - most importantly, your child's classroom teacher(s). Following are details for the evening:

5:00 p.m. - Presentation in the gym - Glenda Robertson (Principal), David Andrews (Vice Principal) & Karen Birchenall (IB Coordinator)

5:30 p.m. - Session #1 in classrooms

6:00 p.m. - Session #2 in classrooms

*Please note that both classroom sessions will be the same in each classroom. This is to enable parents/guardians who have multiple children who attend our school to be able to attend sessions for their children. Parents/guardians who have only one child who attends our school need only to attend one session. Childminding will be available in the school library.

We look forward to seeing you in-person on Thursday!

Breakfast Program

Healthy breakfasts are being served every day before school at the Eagles' Nest. The exterior door to the Nest (east side of parking lot) opens at 8:15, with food service stopping at 8:35. Daily offerings include cold cereal, oatmeal, toast, fresh fruit, boiled eggs, and cheese strings. This program is moving into providing hot meals. This coming Wednesday the 13th we will be offering scrambled eggs with toast.

Red Fox Active - Active Play Program

Red Fox is returning to Norgate this year! This program encourages activity with indoor and outdoor activities, and provide a safe space for healthy social development. Programming begins on Tuesday September 26th, and runs every Tuesday from 3 - 4:30 until December 12th.

To register - please complete [THIS FORM](#).

(maximum of 30 registrations)

Please contact Ms Kelly by phone, email (ksangha@sd44.ca) or a visit in the school office should you have any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (SEPT 11 - SEPT 15):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 Breakfast Program	8:15 Breakfast Program	8:15 Breakfast Program	8:15 Breakfast Program	8:15 Breakfast Program
Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues	3:00 Dismissal	2:15 Dismissal	3:00 Dismissal	3:00 Dismissal
3:00 Dismissal			5:00 - 6:30 Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Night	

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, on whose ancestral, un-ceded, traditional territory Norgate Xwemélch'stn resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.