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	<p>这是重要通知，请找人翻译。 這是重要通知，請找人翻譯。</p>	<p>Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch.</p>

Terry Fox Run

Today was a beautiful day for our Terry Fox Run! All of your children ran/walked, and it was great to see parents who came to watch and cheer the kids on, and some even joined in the run! Way to be *balanced*, Norgate Xwemélch'stn!



Way to go, Ms. Horel & students!

Name Labels!

Please put your child's name on their school bag/backpack, lunch bag, water bottle, extra clothes, etc. This helps when personal items are misplaced!

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child brings daily to school a reusable water bottle. Many children do not yet have these, so we appreciate you getting one.

School Supplies

All students require school supplies. If you would like to order a kit, or to access a list of needed supplies, please visit our [school website](#).

School Calendar

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

Truth & Reconciliation Week & Orange Shirt Day



Next week is National Truth & Reconciliation Week (this link provides parents/guardians with possible virtual learning sessions you can attend - recommended particularly for community members who do not yet have knowledge of Residential/Day schools' impact on Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Next week is an incredibly important week at our school, in our community, and in our country as it is a time for newcomers to Canada to learn about some of Canada's shameful history related to the treatment of Indigenous Peoples and the abuses Indigenous children and families suffered as a result of Residential/Day Schools, and more. It also provides us as a community the opportunity to connect with empathy with Indigenous children and their families - their families have all been affected by Residential/Day Schools, and we can all seek to understand, show caring and empathy, and be part of what is a much better present, and will hopefully be a *vastly* better future for Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Throughout the week, in age-appropriate ways, your children will learn more about Truth & Reconciliation, and on Friday at school we will recognize **Orange Shirt Day**. Students have also been creating special gifts to give to survivors of Residential/Day Schools to show love and support. These will be gifted to elders in attendance at an assembly next Friday, as well as through the Elder Centre on the Squamish Nation Reserve. If parents/caregivers would like to join us for our assembly, it will take place at 10:45am on Friday. Please be mindful that we'll have all the children and staff members in the gym when considering how many family members to attend. Thank you!

Intake Conferences - next week!

Next week, we will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Wednesday 2:15 dismissal, as usual) to facilitate Intake Conferences. During these conferences you will meet with your child and their classroom teacher(s) to get to know one another, and discuss your child's strengths, interests, and some possible goals for this year. Conferences will be in-person, unless you need to arrange for a virtual conference - contact your child's teacher if you'd prefer to meet on MS TEAMS. You should have received an email to sign up for a conference. If you did not receive this email, please notify your child's classroom teacher(s).

Traffic & Respect for School Neighbours

Drop-off and pick-up times are very busy on the streets surrounding the school, particularly on Redwood Street. It is unfortunate that we do not have an official drop-off/pick-up zone. To alleviate traffic congestion and show respect for the residents who live around the school, we ask that you please:

- Walk or Wheel (bike, scooter, skateboard - remember a helmet, please!) to school
- If you need to drive your child to school, *please*:
 - Drive at **30 KM / HR** - that is the legal speed limit in school zones; also drive slowly in the neighbourhood, knowing that children and families will be walking/wheeling to and from school
 - Consider "Driving to 5-10". This means you drive to within 5-10 minutes of the school, then walk from there.
 - Park legally - only in marked parking areas, and **NOT blocking residents' driveways**.
 - Drop-off/pick-up and GO - this allows other families to have parking spaces to likewise drop-off/pick-up their children



Volunteers Needed!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking to increase parents/guardians participation, including an Executive position. As a school, we are fortunate to receive government funding to provide additional programs and equipment for our students. If this Executive position is not filled, these funds are discontinued.

Please support Norgate Xwemélch'stn students! The time commitment is minimal! For more information, please contact chairnorgatepac@gmail.com or speak to Ms. Kelly in the office.

Cross-Country Running Team for Students in Grades 4-7

What is s Cross-Country Running race?

Cross-Country running is a 1.5-2km running race for students in grades 4-7 that is held out of school time. All children in grades 4-7 can choose to come to practices and compete in the race. You must come to practices in order to compete.

Cross-Country Running practices will begin next week. The practices will be Tuesdays at lunch and Thursdays at 8:10am. The Cross-Country running program will be coached by teacher Megan Friesen. The students will be training for the NVSD multi-school Cross-Country race on Thursday October 19, 2023 and Loutet Park.

Any students interested in Cross-Country running need to go to the office on Monday morning for the permission forms. Students cannot participate in practices until these forms are completed and returned to the school office.

If you have any questions please email mjfriesen@sd44.ca

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast program is off to a great start! Toast & cheesy scrambled eggs and pancakes were bonus items cooked by Chef Sonja this week. *ALL* students are welcome! Please have your children join us for a healthy breakfast every morning at 8:15 a.m. in the Eagles' Nest. This is a great way to start their day, and fuel their bodies and brains for learning!

Red Fox Active Play

Red Fox begins Tuesday, Sept 26th!

This program encourages activity with indoor and outdoor activities and provides a safe space for healthy social development. This fun program runs every Tuesday from 3 - 4:30 until December 12th.

To register - please complete to form on this link <https://forms.gle/3ZGwe85PDM9xpaaXA> (maximum of 30 registrations)

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

IMPORTANT School Forms

Thank you for making time to complete all the school forms. During conferences next week, teachers will inform you of any forms you still need to complete. If you need help with how to complete

Paper Copy forms (forms you fill out with a pen on paper)

Student Information Verification

IMPORTANT: Please make any changes to your current telephone, email, residential address, etc. **Without your current information, we might not be able to contact you if something happens to your child!**

Emergency Contact Information and
Emergency Release Forms

These forms are essential. **Without these forms, we cannot contact anyone other than you to help your child in an emergency situation, and we will not allow anyone to pick up your child without this permission**

them, please contact the school office.

Online forms (SchoolCash Online system)

Impromptu Walking Field
Trip Informed Consent

Allows your child to walk with their class off school grounds to learn in indoor/outdoor spaces near the school that will enhance

Personal Information
Consent

Allows staff members to take photos/videos of your child to share with you and the school community - whether through teacher communications or in our newsletters.
PLEASE NOTE: We do not post student photos/videos to social medial platforms. To this end, we request that any photos we post through school communications are not used on social medial platforms.

Use of Technology
Agreement

MUST be completed before your child can use any computers/devices at school (even their own) on a regular basis.

Long-term Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school for a prolonged period, please notify their classroom teacher(s) and the office staff, ideally by way of logging the absence on SafeArrival (in person or phone call is fine too!), right away. Please understand that generally teachers are not expected to provide work for students when they are away from school for lengthy periods. Reasons for this follow:

- Much of what is taught in BC classrooms now is not easily provided in a “package” to be sent home. Yes, there are worksheets, written assignments, math pages to do, etc., however, in the absence of instruction, they are often hard for children and their parents/guardians to know what to do. This is not to say parents/guardians aren’t amazing teachers, but you might not have the resources used during the lesson (such as a picture book, novel, video, hands-on materials, etc.) at home, nor know what the intent of the page is.
- If your child is **absent for a family vacation**, contractually, there is no expectation of a teacher to provide learning materials so that a child can continue learning. The responsibility for this passes onto the family.
- If a child is **ill for a short time**, we want the focus to be on recovering, and doing some learning at home if they can. This is generally for a shorter-term illness. In this case, teachers will usually recommend that children do some reading at home, they might advise families to do something Math-related that connects to what is being learned in class, or perhaps suggest some writing.
- If a child’s **illness is more serious, and results in a child being absent for a prolonged period** (weeks/months), it is likely that their condition is such that the Hospital Homebound program or Homeschooling will be their best option. In this case, please contact me directly (groberson@sd44.ca), and I will help you.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (SEPT 25 – SEPT 29):

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
Truth & Reconciliation Week	2:00 Dismissal for Intake Conferences	2:15 Dismissal	2:00 Dismissal for Intake Conferences	Orange Shirt Day
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