

Chili Night & Holiday Market Fair - a HUGE success!



We are tremendously grateful to our parent and student volunteers who put a great deal of time, effort and energy into tonight's Chili Night and Holiday Market Fair. From cooking with Chef Payam's leadership and a crew of parent and student sous-chefs helping in the kitchen, to seeking donations for the silent auction, to securing crafters for the event, to arranging for live student and parent music, set-up, clean-up, and I'm sure there's more...



This event was a true reflection of the people who put it together - *truly special!* On behalf of the students and staff members, *thank you, thank you, thank you*! It is important that we collectively acknowledge and thank parent Cristina Padres for volunteering to taking the overall lead on this event, and to also share appreciation for everyone who helped, as well as everyone who came to support the PAC's efforts to raise funds in support of our school. The only way community events are successful is when people come together as a community to make positive things happen. All proceeds will benefit the children at the school, to enhance their learning experiences beyond what our school budget can accommodate.



Thank you for also supporting our Grade 7 students' concession stand. The funds they raised at this event will go towards their Class of 2023 hoodies.



Term 1 Written Learning Update

Next Friday, December 8th, your child's first written learning update (report card) of the year will be published. Instructions for how to access your child's learning update can be found on the <u>school</u> <u>website</u>. We also provided a paper copy to you with the information and many forms we sent home when your child started this school year. We will not provide paper copies of written learning updates (none of the schools do), so appreciate you taking the time to learn how to access these online. Thank you in advance for reading your child's learning update as I know teachers put a lot of thought, time and care into these to communicate how your child is progressing at school. If you have any questions after reading your child's update, please contact your child's teacher(s).

Transportation To/From School

As often as possible, we encourage families and staff members to walk, bike & roll (scooter, skateboard, or rollerblade) to/from school. Please be sure to wear a helmet if you bike or roll to/from school, and ensure you are easily visible for drivers with reflectors, lights,

and/or bright clothing. Pedestrians should use sidewalks wherever possible; otherwise stay to the side of the road, ideally facing traffic. We ask that students who walk or wheel to/from school <u>do not</u> go through the staff parking lots to ensure your own and our staff members' safety.

If you live too far away to walk or wheel and must drive your child to/from school, please abide by posted speed limits and by-law signage. For all drop-offs/pick-ups, please note that because **it is a no-stop, idle-free zone, there is NO PARKING ON SOWDEN STREET is, so we ask that you please use Redwood Street instead of Sowden Street.** As parking is limited along Redwood, if you are planning to be on school grounds for longer than just to drop-off or pick-up your child, we ask that you consider parking on adjoining streets and walk to the school. Importantly, please use the accessible parking spaces only if you have a person <u>in your vehicle</u> who has mobility needs and you have displayed in your vehicle the required parking permit.

Please **do not block residents' driveways and do not <u>park</u> in the staff parking lots on Sowden Street. Quickly dropping off/picking up your child on Sowden and/or using the staff parking lot to turn around on Sowden rather than using residents' driveways is okay and respectful of the school neighbours BUT parking in the lot does not show the school staff members the respect they deserve. Thank you for ensuring all of our caring staff members have a place to park at their place of work.**

Rugby

Constable Matt has finished his first round of rugby with the students! He will be returning to Norgate for another few weeks after Spring Break.





Capilano Community Services - Winter Craft Fair

CCS is hosting a Winter Craft Fair at the Lions Gate Recreation Centre and is inviting the Norgate community. There will be lots of vendors and refreshments. It's going to be a wonderful afternoon.

Date: Saturday, December 16th

Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

Location: Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre (River Room - 1st floor)

1733 Lions Gate Lane, North Vancouver

Refreshments: Tea and coffee provided for all attendees

NXCE Grade 7 Winter Market

On Wednesday, December 20th, our Grade 7s will be hosting their own Winter Market. The products the students choose to make, as well as which charity to which they choose to donate funds raised is an integral part of their "How We Express Ourselves" unit of inquiry through which they develop their understanding that "The values we communicate can impact our community" (central idea). What the students demonstrate through this market is *agency* which is using knowledge and skills to take action to have a positive effect on the greater community. Students have already posted in the school posters about their market, and as part of their unit of inquiry they will determine other means to promote this event. More to come...

First Aid / Babysitting Courses

Community Education Facilitator, Ms. Kelly Sangha would like to see if there is interest in bringing in a First Aid **OR** Babysitting course for our students on a Pro-D day sometime in the new year.

Babysitting Course

- Cost = \$23
- Look after babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children. Care for himself/herself and siblings when home alone.
- Create a safe environment, and deal with phone calls and unexpected visitors.
- React confidently in case of an emergency, such as choking, bleeding, poisoning or burns.
- Cope with common problems, such as tantrums and crying.
- Play games and organize activities to keep kids of all ages entertained.
- Manage a babysitting business. This includes creating a resume and a business card and asking the right questions before accepting a babysitting job.

Stay Safe First Aid Course

- Cost = \$23
- Following the rules
- Making responsible choices
- Bike & fire safety
- Calling 911

- Unconsciousness
- Choking, asthma, an aphylaxis, minor cuts, severe bleeding & nosebleeds
- CPR

Should you be interested in registering your child for one of these courses, please email Ms. Kelly ksangha@sd44.ca. If there are enough students registered to offer either of the programs, she will schedule a course in the new year.

Backpack Buddies

Through Backpack Buddies, a local non-profit organization, Norgate Xwemélchstn families who are experiencing food insecurity have been receiving a weekly bag of food and snacks to support their children through the weekend. The Backpack Buddies program aims to provide food for children *who would not have easy access to food* during the weekend given their family circumstances. Backpack Buddies, as a Not-For Profit organization and service, have informed us that they are now in a place of financial hardship. To this end, we respectfully request that if your family is not in urgent need of assistance by way of this program, you let us know so that the children who need it most can access their support.

Should you be able to support Backpack Buddies with your time, talent or treasure, please go to their website; <u>Get Involved | Backpack Buddies</u>



* Water bottle and spoon/fork - if these are needed for your child's food, please send them!

Clothing for ALL weather - Every day, we will have outside time at school, and therefore request your help with providing your child with clothing suited to the weather. A change of clothes is also a good idea. We have some extra clothing, in limited quantities, to loan if your child temporarily needs them. Please return to the school, cleaned/laundered, any clothing we provide your child as soon so that they are available for other children as needed.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (DEC 4 - DEC 8)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Professional Development Day (School is not in	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35)	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35)	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35)	8:15-8:35 Breakfast Program (service ends at 8:35)
(School is not in session - students do not come to school)	3:00-4:30: Red Fox Active Play 3:00-5:00: Gr. 6/7 Capilano Community Services Program	2:15 Dismissal	3:00-5:00: Gr. 6/7 Capilano Community Services Program	Term 1 Written Learning Update (Report Card) published for parents to access online