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New information items:

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

Sarah Tremblay visited Queensbury last week regarding safe travel initiatives and she shared the following information:

Walk30 Challenge: Here is the [Walk30 promotional kit](#). Please feel free to use these to share with PAC, parents, and students. As mentioned, you can register as an individual or as a team. Feel free to create household teams or a Queensbury Elementary team – it will be good fun to see who can walk the most minutes! You can also sync the tracker with your fitness tracker (i.e., Garmin, Apple watch, etc.).

[Bike to School Week:](#) May 29-June 2.

Other opportunities include thinking about Walk, Bike, Roll Wednesday's, or other campaigns to build awareness and excitement around active transportation

CHANGES TO REPORTING STUDENT LEARNING NEXT YEAR

Communicating student learning is a vital component of the learning process and fundamental to student success. It is an ongoing process that takes place throughout the school year; involves the teacher, student, and parent/guardian; and can take a variety of forms.

Implemented in the 2023-2024 school year, there will be some shift in the traditional format and with the way teachers and schools communicate student learning.

What is changing?

The [K-12 Reporting Policy](#) prepared by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, provides helpful information on what is changing, what will remain the same, and the benefits to these changes.

What is new?

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system.
- Provincial Proficiency Scale (vs. grades or percentages) for students in Grades K to 9.
- Changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning instead of "incomplete" learning.
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the three written reports.
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program.

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Provincial Proficiency Scale for Grades K-9

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Why is this important?

Changes to student reporting are the result of many years of engagement and consultation by the Ministry of Education and Child Care with rights holders, education partners, teachers, families, students, and members of the public. The changes will provide key benefits, including:

- Information to students and families on where the student is and how to help them move forward in their learning
- A view of learning as ongoing, and a lifelong process of competency development.

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULE / CALENDAR / SCHOOL FEES

BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024 and Calendar

There will be a slight change to our bell schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. As per Ministry requirements, our day will now reflect 294 minutes versus 297 from this year. A copy of the new bell schedule and approved calendar with District / School based Pro-Days and early dismissal days will be sent home to families at the end of May.

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APPROVED CALENDAR 2023-2024

The calendar for next year is available through the following link: [District Calendar 2023-2024](#)
There will be 4 Collaboration days (2PM dismissal) and 6 early dismissals (2PM) assigned to accommodate parent/teacher/student conferences. Additionally, our school based professional days (school not in session) have been established as Wednesday, November 1, 2023, and Thursday, June 27, 2024. A table calendar will be posted to our website and emailed home at the end of May.

SCHOOL FEES 2023-2024

There are no increases to fees for the 2023-2024 school year.

In accordance with the School Act and with School Board Fees Ministerial Order, we would like to advise all Queensbury families of the school fees that will be charged for the 2023– 2024 school year. A fee may be charged to recover some, or all of the costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities. In all cases, fees are kept to a minimum. The Board may charge a fee at cost for: transportation, entrance fees and equipment rental associated with field trips or special events. Last year an “administration fee” for cash on-line and the use of credit cards was implemented. This fee has been included in the costs below.

School Supplies – we do the shopping for you!! By buying in bulk, we are able to trim costs, get exactly what each teacher needs, and reduce waste. We can provide an individual supply list for you if you’d prefer to shop on your own. Please let us know by June 1, 2023 if you would like your own list.

The fees for the 2023 – 2024 school year at Queensbury are as follows:

Grade Level	Consumable School Supplies	Student Planners	Enrichment Learning Activities (gymnastics, tennis, fine arts)	Field Trip Fees	Total Fee by Grade
K	\$52.25	N/A	\$20.90	Field Trip fees vary by trip and are determined at the time of planning.	73.15
1	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
2	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
3	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
4	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
5	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
6	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55
7	\$52.25	\$8.40	\$20.90		\$81.55

Fees have not yet been determined for Cheakamus Centre or Skw’une-was Program. Please stay tuned!

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SCHOOL PLAN UPDATES

Thank you to our parent and staff volunteers who have helped shape and guide our goals for the 2023-2024 school year. We have focused on creating a welcoming, safe environment where all students feel safe to learn. We have also focused on how we welcome our new students and their families. Our final meeting will be Monday, April 24th 3:30-6:00 at the School Board Office (2121 Lonsdale Ave). We will look at finalizing our revised goals and strategies, and work toward finishing our “welcome pamphlet”.

Goal #1 To enhance a sense of belonging for our students, staff, parents, and community members

Goal #2 To enhance student engagement

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT REQUESTS

At this time, parents are invited to email the school Principal (klaroue@sd44.ca) any requests they have for the placement of their child for next year. Please do not name a specific teacher, but rather the needs of your child. For example, their learning style (needs structure, routine, etc), friendship groups to place (or not place with), and if you would prefer your child to be in the low or high end of the combined class (eg. If your child is in grade 2, there is a possibility of a 1/2 or 2/3). Friendship groups cannot be guaranteed. Please send a separate email request for each child. Thank you!

**While we appreciate your input, requests cannot be guaranteed.
Requests made after June 1st will have a lower priority in placement consideration.**

KINDERGARTEN TOURS AND WELCOME PACKAGES

We are very excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students with our in-person orientation on Tuesday, May 30th. This year we will welcome our largest group of 51 students! Welcome letters will be sent to our families indicating the orientation times. Families new to Kindergarten may like to view the Kindergarten Orientation video prepared by the NVSD by clicking [here](#).

GRADE 7 UPDATES

Our grade 7's visited Sutherland on Friday, April 14th and will visit again on May 5th. They are very excited about their visits and look forward to this next exciting chapter! Please reach out to Ms. Harrison or Mr. Bott if you have any questions about the transition to high school.

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EARTH WEEK – NEXT WEEK AT QUEENSBURY (April 24-28)

With thanks to Mrs. Kennedy for her leadership of the Earth Week Team (Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Grantham, Ms. O’Neill, Ms. Roy, and Mrs. Rittich) for providing our staff and students with a week of themes and activities.

Thank you to Ms. Roy and Ms. Kennedy for coordinating our second annual school wide “Community Clean-Up” taking place next Monday. Please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher if you’re able to help out.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Energy Conservation	Cleaner Air- Healthier lung	Water conservation	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose	Wildlife awareness
<p><u>Lights Off at Lunch:</u> Reduce the amount of time in the day that lights are on in the building – enjoy the natural light setting and be energy smart</p> <p>SCHOOL WIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP</p>	<p><u>Walk and Roll:</u> Make your way to school on foot or on nonmotorized wheels to reduce harmful emissions in the air – tally results for each class</p>	<p><u>Water Savers:</u> -Explore ways to reduce water consumption in the school and in our homes</p>	<p><u>Waste Busters:</u> -Create art out of recycled materials or items from nature found on the forest floor -Encourage kids to pack a litter less lunch_ tally results for each class -Donate used clothing to a local charity</p>	<p><u>Fellow Earthlings:</u> -Read about an endangered species and learn how organizations are working together to protect this magnificent creature</p>

TRACK AND FIELD (Grade 4-7)

Thank you to Ms. Duncan and Ms Hoodspith for being our Zone and School Coordinators this year. Many, many thanks to our teacher sponsors for helping out in order to provide a range of experiences. Practices started this week and will continue until the end of May. Please ensure your child has completed the consent forms.

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We are very pleased to let you know that several of our gr. 4/5 students participated in the public library's "Reading Link Challenge" The challenge was on Wednesday, April 12th and while our students didn't win, they represented Queensbury with heart and spirit! Congratulations to our students for making it to the final round!

Grade 7 book club has wrapped up and is now preparing questions for a grade 3 reading challenge with the novel How to Eat Fried Worms. This will be held with interested grade 3 students, starting in one or two weeks.

It's poetry month in the library - with books on display. We also have books about spring and eggs front and center.

Thank you for reminding your child about overdue books and for returning any books that magically appear in your classroom when students misplace them.

SUMMER LEARNING- REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1

Summer Learning provides an engaging learning environment where students can challenge themselves academically and fulfill their personal learning goals. Click this link for more info: [Summer Learning registration](#)

Calendar items:

April 19-21	Grade 4's to Outdoor School
April 24-28	Earth Week
April 27	Tennis begins
May 8	District Professional Day (All schools closed)
May 15	School and Class photos
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday – school not in session
May 16	Track Meet (Sutherland)
May 30	Kindergarten Orientation
June 6	Sutherland for Track and Field Finalists (AM only)
June 21	National Indigenous Day
June 22	Intermediate Concert 1pm and 6pm
June 23	Grade 7 Farewell 1pm
June 29	Last day of school (Performance by Axe Capoeira)

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Standing Information Items:

Queensbury's School Handbook

A copy of our current handbook is available on our website. A condensed version is located in the front of the student agendas.

Queensbury's School Plan

UNDER CONSTRUCTION- stay tuned for updates!

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