



SEYCOVE NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2021

Welcome

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.



Message from Administration

Dear Seycove Families,

Last week we had our first parent teacher interviews of the year. For many parents it was their first time in the Seycove building. It was wonderful to connect with our parent community in person once again, and we hope you had a good experience connecting with your child's teachers and getting a sense of the Seycove School Community. We look forward to engaging with you further as this year progresses.

In this newsletter you will find some celebrations of learning and important information and calendar dates. As always, please do reach out with any questions, feedback, or concerns you have. We love to hear from you and value making our school responsive to the needs of our community.

Warm regards,

Sarah Best
Principal
(Gr. 11 & 12)

Caren Hall
Vice Principal
(Gr. 8, 9, 10)

Upcoming Important Dates

October 25	New Grade 8 Rotation Course Begins
October 29	Optional Halloween Dress-Up Day
November 1-5	Provincial Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy 12 Assessment • Numeracy 10 for Grade 11 students who have not yet written
November 3	Take Our Kids to Work Day (grade 9s only)
November 11	Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
November 12	Professional Day - Classes not in session
November 19	Mid-Semester Report Cards published

Celebrating Learning

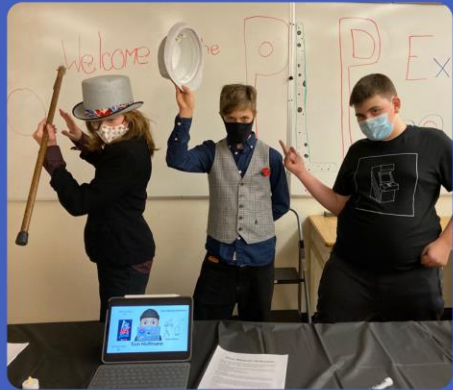
Performance Learning Program

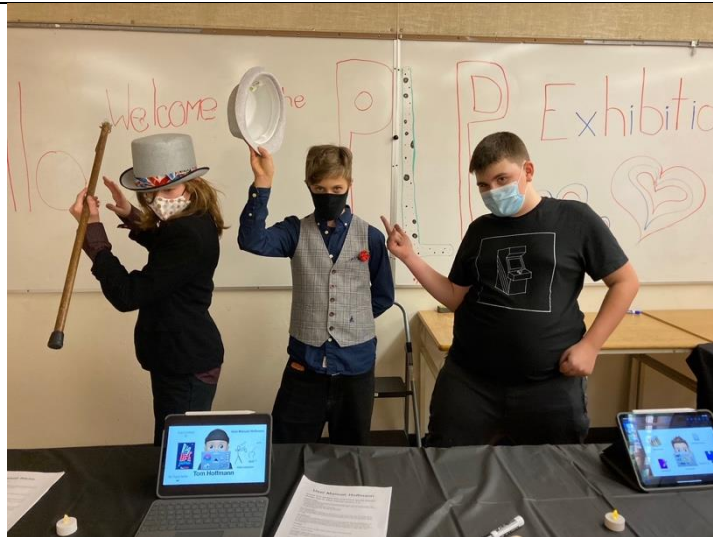
On the evening of October 20th, the PLP (Performance Learning Program) 8 learners completed their formation of their PLP 8 learning community by sharing their answer to the driving question: *'how can I build and strengthen the PLP learning team'* as their first project for their Maker class (Applied Design, Skills, and Technology) came to a celebratory conclusion.

During the 'Becoming a PLP Learner' project, learners worked on building into and onto the PLP learning community by learning and practicing how to [use iPads to grow knowledge](#), [become independent thinkers with project based learning](#), and [connect learning to authentic situations in the real world](#). A huge part of this project was to present to the real-world (in this case their parents) and share all the learning and growing they had done to answer that driving question.

As part of their presentations, learners showcased a Keynote presentation on their iPads which showcased their growth as a learner during the course of the project. Learners also displayed a physical representation of themselves, created with strict creative constraints on materials, and a printed User Manual which taught all of us how to work with them as a learner.

Their Maker 8 and Careers 8 teachers, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Maxwell, and Ms. Willemse, could not be more proud to welcome all the PLP 8 learners as new graduates into the learning community of PLP and Seycove! Please visit [their learner portfolios here](#) to see more and leave them a comment!





Updates & Reminders

Halloween Costumes and Safety

Students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Friday, October 29th. As shared in the Superintendent's October 15th Halloween [Letter](#) to Parents/Guardians, students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked. Students are still required to wear non-medical face masks in all common areas with their costume. It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing

	<p>any costumes that would be deemed offensive. Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed. All costumes must follow the Seycove Code of Conduct</p> <p>A reminder, firecrackers or fireworks are prohibited on school grounds at any time including before or after school hours.</p> <p>We want to have a fun and safe Halloween dress-up day Friday and appreciate your cooperation.</p>
<p>Supplemental School Fees</p>	<p>Supplemental school fees have now been added to student accounts for semester 1 courses. Please login to your School Cash Online to view and pay fees. You will receive an email from School Cash Online when a fee has been added to your School Cash Online account.</p> <p>The student activity fee covers items including school awards & recognition, student printing, special presentations (virtually), and support for extracurricular clubs and athletics. Supplemental course fees help cover costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities such as special events (e.g.: guest clinician or instructor), fieldtrips, and materials used in projects intended for students to take home.</p> <p>While logged into the School Cash Online site, we ask that you also ensure you have completed the school start-up forms.</p> <p>For more information on school fees Click HERE</p> <p>If you have questions about school fees please contact Administrative Assistant, Ms. Maureen Dawe, at mdawe@sd44.ca.</p>
<p>Mid Semester Report Cards</p>	<p>Mid-Semester Report Cards will be published to the MyEd parent portal on Friday, November 19th. Parents/guardians will receive an email from "SysAdmin" once the report card is published.</p>
<p>Daily Tutorial Time and Peer Tutoring Support</p>	<p>Daily tutorial time is in full swing. Students are encouraged to access support from their teachers during tutorial time from 8:30am – 9:11am daily. Teachers may request that students attend tutorial time if needed. Unless teachers request students to attend, attendance is not required at tutorials, but students are strongly encouraged to access this support on a regular basis for extra help, enrichment, to work on group projects, engage in self-study, or for "catch-up" if they are falling behind.</p>

	<p>Senior Seycove students are offering free tutoring and homework help in the Seycove Library on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.</p>
<p>Grade 9 Take Our Kids To Work Day- Wednesday, November 3</p>	<p>Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual Canada wide event on Wednesday, November 3rd. This is Canada’s longest-running career exploration event. This is an optional opportunity where parents/guardians are encouraged to arrange a one-day job shadow of a workday for their Grade 9 child.</p> <p>This initiative was designed by the Learning Partnership (www.thelearningpartnership.ca) and is supported by Seycove and the NVSD. The initiative is valuable for students to begin to think about careers, to better understand the work world, appreciate parents' careers and roles in supporting their families and to network. Parents should ensure the work placement is a meaningful and safe one for the student by vetting or researching the place of work or knowing the person who will be shadowed. Students not participating come to school and attend their classes. Past participation in this event has been very high and we anticipate most grade 9 students will not be at school. Teachers will be focusing on review and/or enrichment activities that day instead of new material.</p> <p>Further information was sent home to grade 9 parents/guardians last week.</p>
<p>International Program Homestay</p>	<p>Our secondary school international students value the opportunity to study in North Vancouver schools where they receive a quality education as well as an incredible living environment within our community.</p> <p>We have international students in need of homestay placements now and in late January, in time for second semester. If you are interested in finding out more about hosting an international student, we will be pleased to provide you with additional information and/or will happily connect you with our local homestay placement partners. Our International Education program staff can be contacted at international@sd44.ca.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>Below is a list of the different types of school communications from Seycove:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seycove Family Newsletters are sent every two weeks. These are also posted on our website HERE

- Communications specific to grades, event, programs, or groups of students will be sent home via email
- The Seycove website [HERE](#)

Is updated regularly. Daily Announcements, Calendar, & Grad Updates are posted on the right side of the page under Quick Links. We encourage you to bookmark the website.