



# Superintendent's Update to the Board

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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## Goals of Public Schooling

Intellectual Development

Human and Social Development

Career Development

## School District Priorities

Student-Centred Education

Innovative Instruction

Welcoming and Inclusive Culture

Mental Health and Well-Being

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation

Environmental Stewardship

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connection community curiosity



self/other modern technology earth

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connection



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# Leadership Fundamentals Short Course

Hosted by the BC Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, July 2-5, 2024.



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# Compassionate Systems Leadership Workshop

Hosted in partnership between the Center for Systems Awareness and the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care.



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# Leadership for Learning (L4L) Retreat at Cheakamus Centre

Bringing together all Principals, Vice Principals, and NVSD Management staff for a day of learning together on August 22, 2024.



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# Board of Education Retreat

The Board of Education worked with facilitator and coach Tania Fierro for a day of leadership learning.



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# community



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Lynn Valley  
Elementary staff  
ready to greet  
students on the  
first day of school



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Carson Graham  
Secondary Vice  
Principal Dave  
Cadman  
welcomes Grade  
10 students



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## Pancake Breakfast at Ross Road Elementary School

Thank you to staff and families for  
an outstanding welcome back  
pancake breakfast.



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# Carson Graham Breakfast Program



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# Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat Program Ft. Seycove Secondary

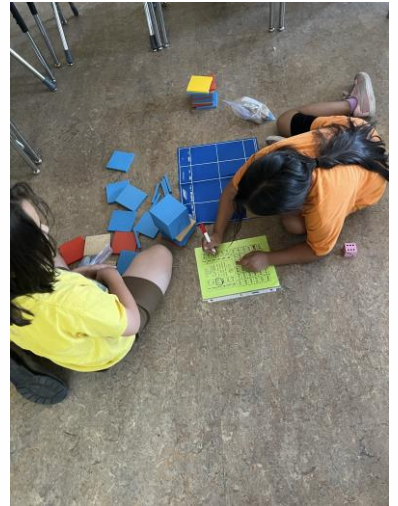


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# curiosity



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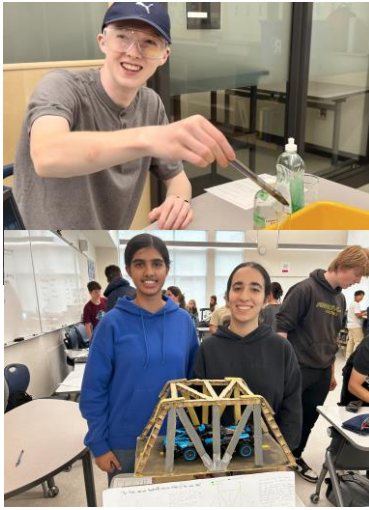
# elementary

Summer Learning at the NVSD



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# secondary

Summer Learning at the NVSD



## Paradise Valley Summer Visual Arts Camp and Artists for Kids Summer Day Camps

Hosted at Cheakamus Centre  
July 8-12, 2024, and at the  
Education Services Centre  
throughout July and August, 2024.



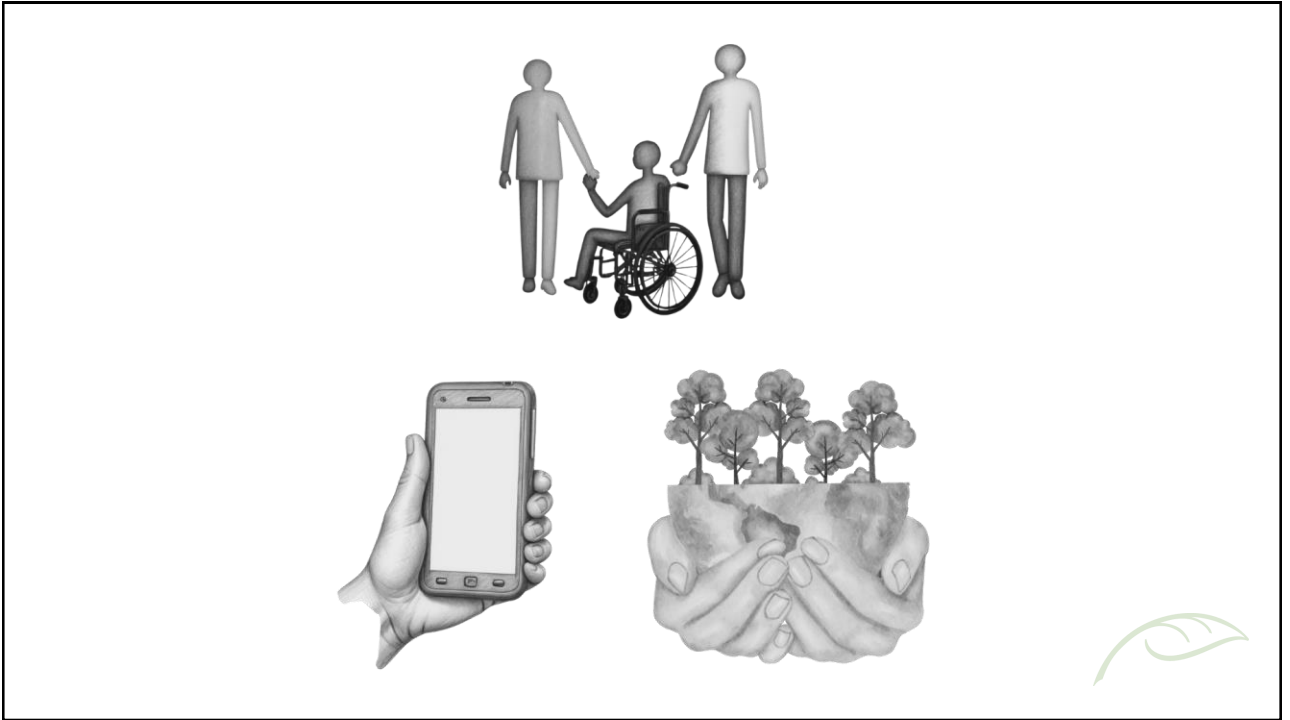
# Grade 6 Exploring Careers in Healthcare

with guest speaker, Dr. Kate Beamish – Family Doctor



# Numeracy Teacher Network Pilot Project





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## The Great Re-Wiring of Childhood

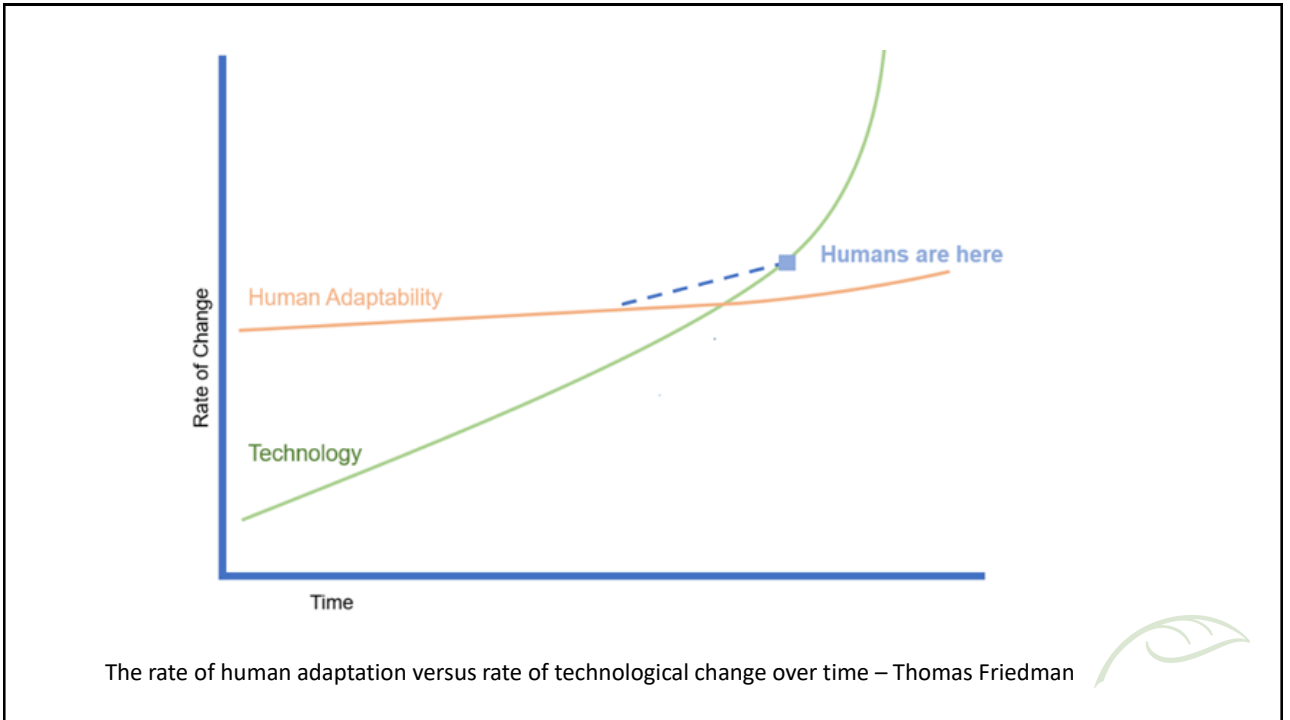


### Phone based vs Play-Based Childhood

- Social patterns, role models, emotions, physical activity, and even sleep patterns have been **fundamentally recast**...only since 2012...
- Screen time for ages 8-12 is now **five hours and thirty-three** minutes a day
- Screen time for teens 13-18 is up to **eight hours and thirty-eight** minutes a day
- Humans are **social beings that thrive on connection**... a play-based childhood strengthens... a phone-based childhood weakens them.



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## Devices off, learning on!

New guidelines introduced for the use of Personal Digital Devices (PDD) across the school district.

- Provincial Directive received April 12, 2024.
- Letters to families were issued through the Superintendent's Office ([June 21](#) and [August 22](#), 2024).
- School administrators were briefed on the changes and associated expectations at school district-level meetings August 20 and August 27, 2024. Janis Mann, District Principal, Inclusive Education, explained the exceptions related to IEPs.
- Families received direct communication from the school principal reiterating the new guidelines and expectations at the end of August.
- Families received an update on PDD in the Superintendent's Report to the NVSD community issued September 19, 2024.
- Families will receive direct communication from the school principal regarding 'how things are going' by the end of September.

AI/Critical Thinking working group established and actively collaborating with other Metro Vancouver school districts.



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# facilities upgrades



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New portables at Westview Elementary



New portable at Queensbury Elementary



# Expansion to Lynn Valley Elementary School

Hosted at Lynn Valley Elementary School by the Ministry of Education and Child Care August 7, 2024.



Lynn Valley  
Elementary School  
New Playground:  
Open!



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mark your calendar



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## Important upcoming dates

**Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday**

- Monday, September 30, 2024

**Kindergarten-12 Data Collections (1701)**

- Due October 4, 2024

**Kindergarten Information Evening at Argyle Secondary**

- Monday, October 7, 2024

**Standing Committee Meeting: Social-Emotional Learning, Health and Well-Being**

- Tuesday, October 8, 2024

**City of North Vancouver Mayor’s Gala**

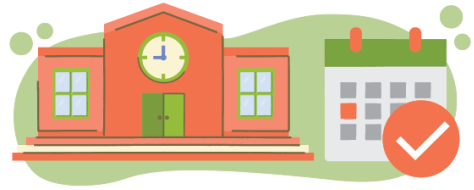
- Thursday, October 11, 2024

**BC Provincial Election**

- Saturday, October 19, 2024

**BCSTA Trustee Academy**

- November 21 – 23, 2024



## Trustee-Specific Calendar

Where we have been:

**Trustee Seminar**

- Tuesday, September 10

**Trustee Retreat**

- Saturday, September 14

**Standing Committee Meeting**

- Tuesday, September 17

Where we are going:

**Trustee Seminar**

- Tuesday, October 1

**Standing Committee Meeting**

- Tuesday, October 8

**CNV Mayor’s Gala**

- Thursday, October 10

