

NXCE NEWS



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Ceci est un avis important. Veuillez vous le faire traduire.

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これは重要なお知らせです。どなたかに翻訳してもらいましょう。

중요한 공지사항입니다. 이 내용을 번역해 주십시오.

Este aviso es muy importante. Pida que alguien se lo traduzca.

Ito ay mahalagang patalastas. Mangyaring ipasalin ito sa inyong wika.

بخواهید این اطلاعیه را برای شما ترجمه کنید. این اطلاعیه مهمی است. لطفاً از کسی

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch.

IB Learner Profile in Action: Principled

Plants have unique gifts that support their own health and can support human health. HARVESTING IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

As ecosystems are preserved and impacted by climate change, it is important that we respond accordingly by harvesting plants that are plentiful and resilient and working to preserve vulnerable species.

What are we doing now that is different? How has our adjusted to climate change or land-use change?

It's a cover. I use half a stick every day. I'm 23 years old. I'm using three times as much. Why? Because it's available, it carries really well when it's fresh, and it tastes just fine when you smoke with it. -Pete Boone (Upper Skegik), carver, artist & educator.

Reiprocity is a form of stewardship and includes recognizing, valuing, and taking an active part in upholding the complex web of relationships between humans and nonhumans.

Ch'ich'aya- Devils Club
Chát-yov

S'isemé'ch-w- Yarrow-
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Si'h'ihawin- H'a'wexes- Broad leaf Plantain
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SK'WIKWÉB'ay- Red Huckleberry
Red huckleberries are berries from the genus, *Vaccinium*, which are native to the Pacific Northwest. They are a member of the Ericaceae family, which includes blueberries and raspberries. Red huckleberries are a member of the genus *Vaccinium*, which includes blueberries and raspberries. They are a member of the Ericaceae family, which includes blueberries and raspberries.

Yewwan-y- Salmonberry-
Salmonberries are berries from the genus, *Saxifraga*, which are native to the Pacific Northwest. They are a member of the Saxifragaceae family, which includes saxifrage and saxifrage.

Kwénkw'ay- Black Poplar- cottonwood
Black poplar is a member of the Salicaceae family, which includes poplar and poplar.

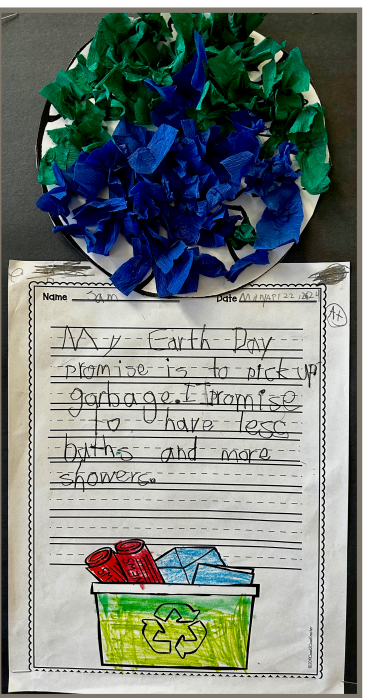
Wild Edibles
Wild edibles are plants that have been harvested from the forest (often for many thousands of years). Certain ferns, berries, roots, and leaves of many plants and trees have been used to provide food, medicine, and other uses.

Harvest respectfully by taking only what you need.

SK'WIKWÉB'ay Traditional Medicines
Just begin. Just be curious. Just take your knowledge any way it comes. Never be afraid to be less than an expert.

What is traditional knowledge?
Traditional knowledge is like a big treasure chest of wisdom passed down from many generations of Indigenous people. It's all about how things like plants, animals, and people are connected to each other and to the world. This knowledge teaches about respect for nature and how to live in harmony with it. It's passed through songs, stories, and teaching passed down from elders to younger generations. Traditional knowledge is shared by the whole community, not just one person, and it changes as the world around us changes. It's a special part of Indigenous culture that helps everyone understand and care for the world around them.

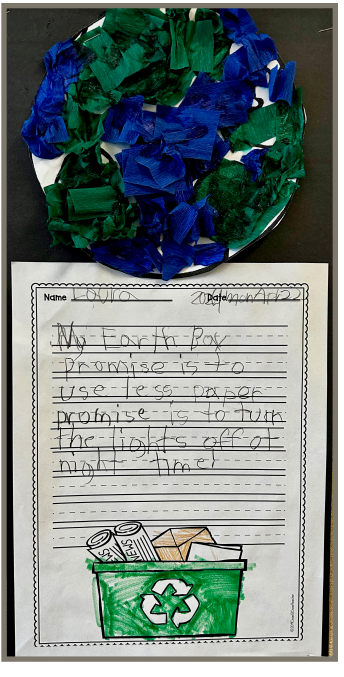
Just as diversity in nature makes ecosystems more resilient, cultural diversity and learning about multiple perspectives can make Norgate Xwemé'ch'stn learning community more resilient.



Environmental Stewardship

At all grade levels through units of inquiry and through the ongoing important teachings of the Indigenous educators and classroom teachers, students are learning knowledge and skills to become stewards of the Earth (hopefully better than our current adult population given current global and local climate change concerns).

If you have expertise in environmental stewardship and climate change that you would like to share with students and staff, please let us know! (norgate@sd44.ca or contact your child's teacher). Thank you!





Students did their part to clean up our school grounds and the surrounding community on Earth Day. It was initially heartening to notice we collected less garbage than last year. However, we learned that others in the Norgate community had already done a clean-up before ours, so we know the problem of littering persists. Families are encouraged to try to reduce the amount of pre-packaged snacks provided to students in their lunches as wrappers are the main source of litter at school. Students are encouraged to correctly sort waste from their snacks/lunches into the organics, recycling and trash. The black trash bin should ideally have the *least* waste, not the most!



Balanced inquirers - Mr. Andrews' Grade 3s are developing their research skills by observing and learning about birds in our local area. Through experiential place-based learning of this kind, students not only build skills and knowledge, but also understanding of local ecology and their role as stewards.



Balanced inquirers - Ms. Horel's Grade 5s visited the Lower Seymour Watershed where they learned about the importance of watershed ecosystems for all living things, including us.

Ready, Set, Learn!

On Tuesday, April 30th we are hosting our annual “Ready, Set, Learn!” event for children aged 0-5 and their families.

If you are interested in attending with your child, please let us know as follows:



Email: norgate@sd44.ca

Subject line: Ready Set Learn

Message: Parent/caregiver name, child’s name and age

**Please note: If your child will be joining us in Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, we are hosting a Kindergarten Orientation on June 6th at 11:00a.m.. Therefore, please plan to attend the Kindergarten Orientation instead of this Ready, Set, Learn event.*

Gr. 7 Fundraiser - NXCE Sweatshirts!

The Grade 7s are continuing their fundraising efforts in support of their year-end activities and farewell celebration. They are now selling sweatshirts featuring the NXCE logo. The first round of orders is for adult sizes (S-5XL). [ORDER FORMS](#) are due on May 10th. We will have a second round of orders available in June for youth-sized sweatshirts. This is a great way to support our Grade 7s and to show school spirit!



Upcoming Monday Morning Mingles for Parents/Caregivers

Monday, April: 29th - Come and learn more about the IB and how we are teaching your children. Our PYP coordinator, Karen Birchenall, will lead you through the 7 PYP Key Concepts. It will be an engaging session with lots of conversation and take home tips to continue supporting your children at home.

Monday, May 6th: We will not have a Monday Mingle meeting as this is the IBO verification visit to the school.

Monday, May 13th: We will share some of the wonderful opportunities for your children on the Northshore during the summer break. Tips and ideas of camps, low cost/no cost day trips and learn about the NXCE summer camps program.

Monday, May 20th: There is no school as this is a public holiday – enjoy your bonus family time!

MANY upcoming events...

MAY 1 WED	Asian History Month May 01 Early Dismissal 02:15 PM - 02:20 PM	
MAY 3 FRI	Pro-D Day (District wide) -no school May 03	
MAY 5 SUN	Red Dress Day May 05	
MAY 6 MON	Mental Health Awareness Week begins May 06 PAC Meeting (click here for link to online meeting) 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	
MAY 7 TUE	Track Mini-Meet (Gr. 4-7 participants) 03:15 PM - 05:00 PM Sutherland Secondary School	
MAY 8 WED	School-Wide Exhibition of Learning 01:00 PM - 02:15 PM Early Dismissal 02:15 PM - 02:20 PM Grade 7 Exhibition 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	
MAY 15 WED	Class & Grade 7 Photos May 15 Track Qualification Meet (Gr. 4-7 participants) 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sutherland Secondary School Early Dismissal 02:15 PM - 02:20 PM Parent Session "Talk Sex Today" with Saleema Noon educator Julie 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM Zoom	
MAY 16 THU	Field Qualification Meet (Gr. 4 & 5 participants) 03:15 PM - 05:00 PM Westview Elementary School Field Qualification Meet (Gr. 6 & 7 participants) 03:15 PM - 05:00 PM Capilano Elementary School	
MAY 17 FRI	Fun Day May 17	
MAY 20 MON	Victoria Day Holiday May 20	
MAY 21 TUE	"Violence is Preventable" sessions for Division 1 & 2 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	
MAY 22 WED	Early Dismissal 02:15 PM - 02:20 PM	
MAY 23 THU	Saleema Noon Sessions for students May 23	
MAY 28 TUE	Grade 6 Safer Space Workshop 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Classroom/Library	
MAY 29 WED	Early Dismissal 02:15 PM - 02:20 PM Talent Show 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM Gym	
MAY 31 FRI	FUN LUNCH 12:10 PM - 01:00 PM	

NOTE: Class-specific event information will be communicated by classroom teachers. Whole-school and/or multiple-class events, as well as programs organized by our Community Education Facilitator, Ms. Michelle Bean (mbean@sd44.ca) will be included in newsletters and the online school calendar. *Please SUBSCRIBE to the online calendar so you know what is happening at the school.*

Opportunities for Students

Artists for Kids Programs

[Spring After School Art classes](#), [Summer Day Camp Programs](#) & [Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art](#)

Summer Camp at NXCE

We are keen to organize a summer day camp at the school. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact our Community Education Facilitator, Ms. Michelle at mbean@sd44.ca.

Please note: We aim to provide school camp programs at as low of a cost as we can manage, but cannot offer any programs during the summer free of charge or at reduced rates. Thank you for understanding that our programs need to be cost-neutral meaning we cannot profit from them nor exceed our budget for them. We also do not have the funding and staffing to support students with identified learning/behavioural needs; additional support must be provided through the family.

Moving?

If your child/children will NOT be attending Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community Elementary for 2024/2025, please email norgate@sd44.ca. Written confirmation (email works!) is required to start the transfer/withdrawal process as well as confirmation of acceptance from the new school.

Homestay families needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2024. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SCHOOL WEEK (APRIL 29 – MAY 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-8:30 Breakfast Club 8:45-10:00 Monday Morning Mingle for parents in the Library 1:00-3:00 Performance by "3 Crows Productions" for primary classes	8:10-8:30 Breakfast Club 11:00 Ready, Set, Learn event for pre-school-aged children & parents 3:00 Dismissal 3:00 Red Fox Program	8:10-8:30 Breakfast Club 2:15 Dismissal	8:10-8:30 Breakfast Club 3:00 Dismissal 3:00: Gr. 6/7 Capilano Community Services Program	District Professional Development Day (school not in session)