OCTOBER 11, 2024



IB Learner Profile in Action





Caring: Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Annette had every student in the school add a leaf to our school's Tree of Gratitude to share what they are thankful for. Division 7 students also created their own trees of gratitude to share what they are thankful for.





Principled: Students earn D.R.U.M. tickets for choosing to demonstrate positive behaviours at school. Today, we celebrated with an extra recess because the students earned our DRUM for the first time this school year!





Balanced Inquirers: Students in a number of classes have been participating in outdoor learning lessons facilitated by teacher Heidi Lessman Simm from the North Vancouver Outdoor School.



Communicators: Students in Grade 3 develop literacy skills during Daily 5.



Inquirers: Kindergarten students use their observation skills to get to know different people's roles and responsibilities in the school.



Communicators: Students in Divisions 1 & 2 created "who we are" portraits.

Athletics

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team who won their first game on Monday! Their next game is on Friday, October 18. The x-country team has continued their training in preparation for their next race on Wednesday, October 16 at Loutet Park. *Go team NXCE!*

Empowering Students through Language

At school, we are noticing that students are speaking and writing in a social language code that is highly influenced by what they're hearing and learning on YouTube and through social media. You too might be hearing things like "Bro", "What the sigma?", "You ain't got no ris". What is concerning is many students are not yet shifting away from this code when addressing staff members. We have been correcting students when they address us as "bro" and explaining that words like "sigma" as used in the example provided are merely substitute words for swears, and are therefore not acceptable at school. We also have many students using actual swear words - some in English and some in other languages - and have also encountered students using racist language when interacting with one another. When overheard by staff members, or when we are notified of this, we of course make it very clear that swearing at school is not allowed, in no matter what language, and very importantly, that swearing reflects poorly on who they are. Moreover, racist language is *never* okay. Currently, I am reading a book authored by Debbie Zacarian and Michael Silverstone titled *Teaching* to Empower: Taking Action to Foster Student Agency, Self-confidence, and Collaboration. In a section titled Empowerment Through Adaptation the authors share the importance that students can "adapt what they say and write to the variety of settings in which they are situated socially and academically in school and out of it". As part of our school plan goal to help students develop agency, we will support your children to become adept at making code shifts - ways they use language differently as appropriate to different contexts. Thank you for your support in doing so at home and in the community as well. If of interest, please read more: The Power of Social Media Language... & Social Media Influenced Lexicons...

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

October 2024 has been proclaimed Dyslexia Awareness Month in British Columbia. Dyslexia Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of <u>dyslexia</u>—a neurodevelopmental disorder that impedes the ability to use skills such as reading, spelling, and speaking—and show support for people with dyslexia in British Columbia.

Dyslexia Demystified: Effective Support for Your Child with the LDS Society

Event Link: <u>https://nvdpl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=114488</u>

What: An informative workshop on dyslexia, designed to help parents better understand, support, and advocate for children with this learning difference.

When: 6:30PM - 7:30PM | Thursday October 24 @ North Vancouver District Public Library - Capilano Branch

School Fundraisers

Family Photo Fundraiser

Family photos are coming up soon!
Saturday, October 26, 2024 in the school gym.
The photo sitting fee is \$30.00 (all of these proceeds go to the school).
Each family will get a complimentary 8x10 photograph with no obligation to purchase any other pictures.
Use this booking link to schedule your family photo sitting time.

Please contact Ms. Michelle, Community Education Facilitator, in the school office if you have any questions.

Purdys Chocolates

We will be partnering with Purdys to raise funds to benefit our school community. To participate in this fundraiser, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Open the **<u>Purdys Fundraiser link</u>**:
- 2. Click on Norgate Community Fundraiser
- 3. It will ask you for your email and then it will ask for a code.
- 4. The customer # that they are asking for is **77294**

These steps will ensure your purchases go towards our school.

Please feel free to share this with friends and family.

All items will be delivered to our school by December 5, 2024.

Please contact Ms. Michelle in the office if you have any questions or challenges with the procedure.

Mabel's Labels

These waterproof labels are great way to ensure your child's "lost" belongings are returned to them! They're also helpful if children have the same item to allow them to know whose is whose.







All funds raised through these initiatives will go directly towards enhancing your children's school experience through programs/other "special" events organized by our Community Education Facilitator. Thank you in advance for considering supporting our school through these fundraisers!

We're an Indigo Adopt A School!



Tomorrow is the last day to participate in our Adopt a School fundraiser, hosted by the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. Please visit our <u>online fundraising page</u> if you'd like to contribute. Our school will receive every dollar raised during the fundraiser and will receive a 30% discount off books when shopping at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using fundraiser donations.

Secret Path Week & Walk for Wenjack



Next week, <u>Secret Path Week</u> begins. As a <u>Downie-Wenjack Legacy school</u> community, we will be walking for Wenjack throughout the week. "Walk for Wenjack began in 2016 as a grassroots event organized by a dedicated team of volunteers. The first walk retraced the steps of Chanie Wenjack, a 12-year-old Anishinaabe boy who died after escaping residential school. He was attempting to reach his family 600km away. The memorial walk started at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School in Kenora, ON and continued to Redditt, ON, where a ceremony was held near his final resting place in Farlane, ON.

Since then, Walk for Wenjack has become a way for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people throughout Canada to learn, reflect, and

meaningfully engage with Secret Path Week. Some walk to honour Chanie's memory, while others use the event to raise awareness of the history and lasting impact of residential schools." (<u>Source</u>). Our school goal will be to collectively walk the 600 km Chanie would have had to walk to make it home. We will keep track of how many kilometres we walk on a visual display in the school.

ELL Information Session for Parents



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK (OCT. 14-OCT. 18)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Happy Thanksgiving! (School not in session)	8:45 - School starts 3:00 Dismissal	8:45 - School starts 2:15 Dismissal	8:45 - School starts 3:00 Dismissal	8:45 - School starts
	3:05 - Red Fox Program (registration required) 3:05 - CCSS Program for Gr. 6/7 (registration required)	2:20 - Game Ready Program for Gr. 4-7 (registration required) 3:45 - School Planning Session at Carson Graham for PAC Executive members who can attend	3:05 - CCSS Program for Gr 6/7 (registration required) Secret Path Week begins	3:00 Dismissal