

April Newsletter



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Happy May! There have been so many opportunities for learning and connection during the month of April that have been led by youth! Students taking on leadership roles is a great way to teach community spirit, problem-solving and teamwork. To highlight a few ... the board game club sponsored by Ms. Eastwood and Hunter (grade 6) got up and running! The library was full of grades 4 to 7 students playing different types of card games. Thank you, Marcus (grade 4) for a great idea. It was a delight seeing students playing, learning, and connecting. We also have a grade 7 floor hockey club, thank you to Mr. Lonnie, Mr. Lucky, Mr. Hodson, and Felix (grade 7). The Youth in Power Club has many great things on the go, focusing on Earth Day, Diversity Day, Jeans Up and more coming soon! We also want to commend the grade 7 lunch leaders, office monitors, library monitors, student chefs, student leaders, and morning announcers for all their leadership and commitment to making Norquay a dynamic place.

Continue to keep your eyes on the weekly e-news as we have many fun spring activities in the planning stages. We are excited to have a school wide hot dog day for Sports day, thank you to Lunch Lab. Parents, please come and join the fun by signing up in the link in the PAC Corner. Spring Fair is coming around the corner too. More details will be sent home on May 10th, volunteer sign up link is available in the PAC Corner.

We look forward to a fabulous May with the Badminton Jamboree, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee, Book Exchange, Jeans Up Week, Stream of Dreams, Sports Day, and more!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 29

Kindergarten dental screening

Thursday, May 2

- Big 1 at 2 earthquake drill
- Sports Day lunch order forms due

Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10

Jeans Up Week for Children's Hospital

Wednesday, May 15

Deadline to order yearbooks

Friday, May 17

Sports Day and school wide lunch/Freezie Frenzy

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day, schools closed

Wednesday, May 22 to Thursday, May 30

Stream of Dreams at Norquay
<https://www.streamofdreams.org/fish-on-fences>

Thursday, May 23

- K and Grade 6 immunization
- PAC meeting (AGM) at 6pm ([online](#))

Tuesday, May 28

Welcome to Kindergarten

Wednesday, May 29 to Friday, May 31

Book Exchange

Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7

Bike to School Week

Tuesday, June 4 to Friday, June 7

Stream of Dreams for intermediate classes





STUDENT PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL

On April 2, Lexi and Cameron were principal/vice-principal for the morning. They were very, very busy:

- Planning the fire drill
- Putting out the Adam's Apples
- Writing the morning announcements
- Saying the morning announcements
- Writing a message to all staff
- Singing happy birthday and giving out April birthday pencils
- Helping put together the Week at a Glance for Staff
- Doing deliveries and shredding papers for Ms. Angela and Ms. Sandy

Cameron said 'my favourite part was doing shredding. The papers slide out of your hand because the machine does all the work'. Lexi said 'everything was fun and being a P/VP is hard work'.

If your child would like to participate, please join us at a PAC meeting. Another name will be entered in the draw.



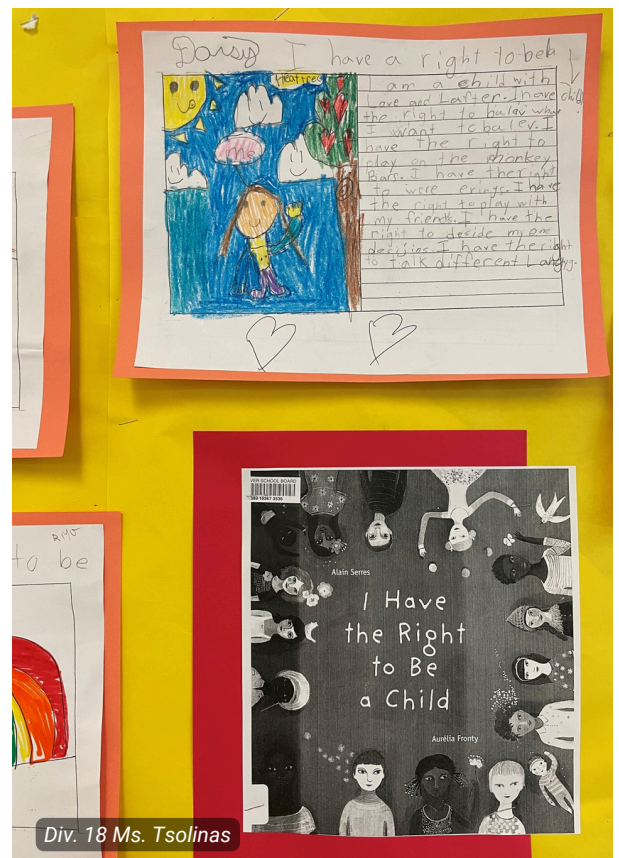
Student Principal/Vice Principal



JEANS UP WEEK! MAY 6-10

This year we will be supporting Children's Hospital through Jeans Up Week! Thank you to Riou, Felix, Muntaha, and Abigail (grade 7) for leading this worthy cause. From May 6 to 10, we are asking staff, students, and families to wear jeans! Every day, the grade 7 leaders will make an announcement with an interesting fact about Children's Hospital and then will come around to classes to collect donations. On Friday, May 10 we are hoping that people will wear the famous Canadian Tuxedo (jeans on the top and jeans on the bottom). Some students from the Norquay community have been supported, helped, and healed by Children's Hospital so this cause is very close to our heart. You can also donate and learn more here! <https://secured.bcchf.ca/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1015051&langPref=en-CA>

Thank you for your support!



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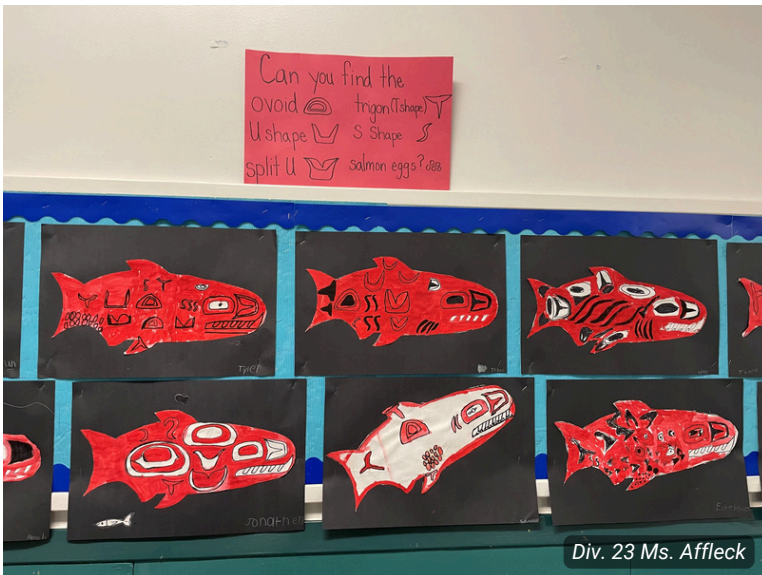
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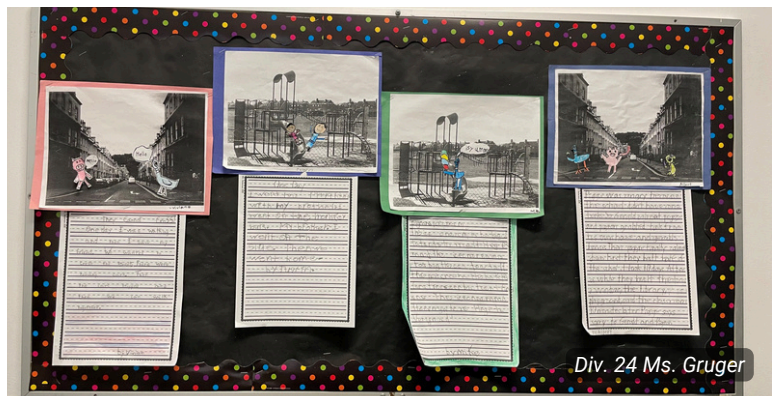
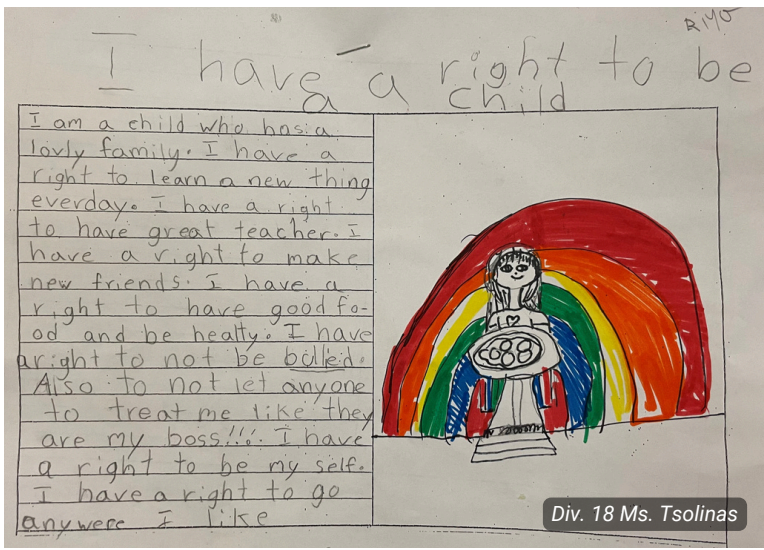
Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in K to G7. Thank you to the PAC for booking Saleema Noon to give workshops at Norquay the week of June 9 to 13. Please join us for an informative Parents Workshop via Zoom on June 5, 6:30-8pm. In this session, Saleema or a member of her team will give an overview of student presentations and, using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, will show parents how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to young children. A consent form will be sent home to families at the beginning of June before the workshops take place.



BOOK EXCHANGE

The 30th Annual Book Exchange will be held on Wednesday May 29th, Thursday, May 30th and Friday, May 31st. Children may bring in their gently used children's books beginning Tuesday, May 21st. For each book brought in, your child will receive a ticket to exchange for a book on Wednesday May 29th and Thursday, May 30th. On Friday, May 31, the remaining books will be available for purchase, to help buy books for next year. Picture books will be \$0.50 and chapter books will be \$1.00. More information to follow.





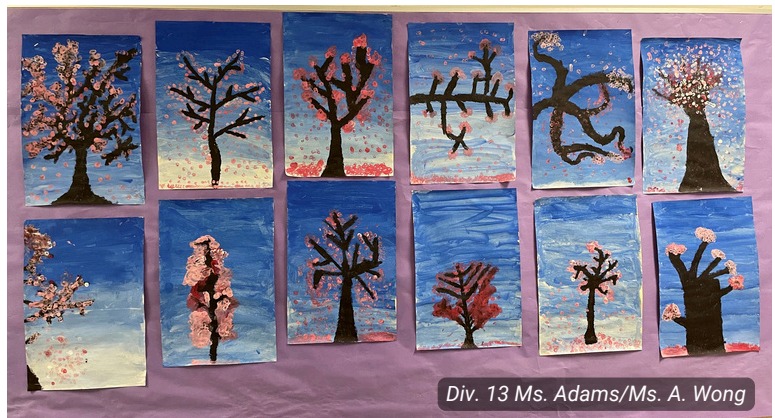
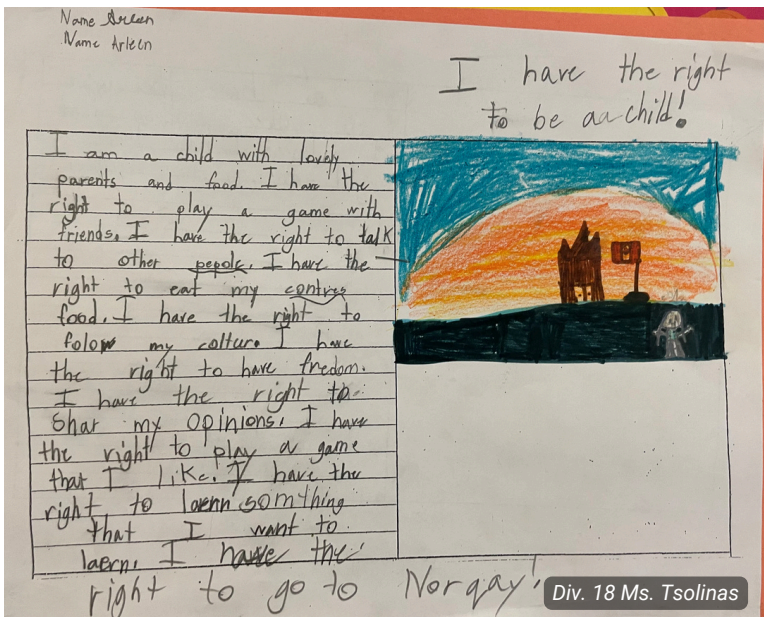
GARDEN UPDATE

Did you know that Norquay has an amazing garden area? We have a wonderful team of parent volunteers and dedicated staff who put their green thumbs to work to keep it thriving. Over Spring Break a few native plants were planted. After spring break a few classes (Ms. Chang, Ms. Appleby, Mr. Loong, and Ms. Henderson) worked together to replenish soil and get the garden ready for planting season. A seed donation from Environmental Youth Alliance arrived as well! Thank you to Ms. Chang we also received a grant to purchase a dehydrator that will be used alongside Lunch Lab to continue the food literacy learning that is happening at Norquay. There are always new and exciting things happening in the garden, so please feel free to drop by and check it out and/or follow on Instagram [@norquaygarden](https://www.instagram.com/norquaygarden). It takes a dedicated team to keep a garden growing so thank you to parent lead volunteer Jen and school garden team Ms. De Jardin, Ms. Chang, and Mr. Loong.



YEARBOOK

From the Yearbook Committee: If you have not yet submitted a consent form for your child's image and name to be included in this year's yearbook, please do so promptly (we have extended the deadline to Monday, April 29) so that we may include your child in this special keepsake: [Link for Consent form](#). This form is auto-fillable and may be emailed directly to norquay@vsb.bc.ca. Alternatively, it can be printed, completed, and returned to the Norquay front office. There are also paper copies available at the office for those who prefer. At this time, we'd also like to remind families to order their yearbooks! They are available to purchase online for \$30 until May 15th, 2024. Reserve your copy now!





PAC CORNER

With only two months left of the school year the PAC has many community events being planned, we hope you can be a helping hand to volunteer, and we hope to see everyone there:

- **Sports day Hot Dog + Freezie Parent VOLUNTEERS:** come and help with hot dog and freezie delivery on Friday May 17th <https://forms.gle/vEaAs1VfTvGMDhceA> There are several volunteer shift choices based on duties: 9:30-12pm, 11-2pm, 12-1pm, 12-3pm, 12:45-1:30 pm OR 2:30-3:30pm. As always, we need as many hands as possible to help make it a successful lunch time.
- **Sports day Hot Dog + Freezie ORDER FORMS** (see attached): Online Munch a Lunch is open and paper forms are sent home today. Order your hot dog choice (Beef or Veggie, Regular or Gluten Free bun) by Thursday, May 2nd. All students will receive a snack at recess.
- **Freezie Frenzy** (see attached): Friday, May 17th at 3pm. Donations can be combined with hot dog orders or bring suggested \$2 donation on the day of. From the survey sent out, majority vote is for the DeeBee's Organic freezies.
- **John Norquay Elementary Spring Fair Volunteers!** Call out to all Norquay alumni and friends: come join us and volunteer at our Spring Fair (previously known as Carnival) on Friday, June 14th 3-7pm. Those who sign up before May 24th will be entered into a draw for a FREE Norquay Hoodie customized with your child's name. All volunteers will receive a complimentary hot dog or pizza on the day of Spring Fair and student volunteers will be provided with a certificate of volunteer hours. <https://forms.gle/RkiYp8uCrJL8Gzb57>
- **Marketplace Vendor Sign up:** Come and sell your crafts, hobby items, or trinkets at the Spring Fair! \$20/table or \$10/table for students. Sign up deadline May 24th. No food or "garage sale" items to be sold. <https://forms.gle/peo6of07YVCGkyvjZ>
- **BC Children's Hospital Foundation Race for the Kids** Sunday, June 9th. Join John Norquay Elementary's school team <https://fundraise.bcchf.ca/join/johnnorquayelementary>
- **PAC AGM May 23rd 6-7pm:** Join the team and help make events happen at Norquay! Executive positions that are currently open: EMB Rep, District PAC Rep, Fundraiser Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. If you would like to be involved in any way, please email norquaypacteam@gmail.com



TRAFFIC SAFETY

We continue to work together to keep the community safe. A few things to keep in mind in and around Norquay:

- Drop off/pick up: If you are leaving your car for any reason during pick up and drop off, please park in a space designated for general parking (30min Green P, 2 hour green P, unrestricted). Pick up and drop off zones (red P, 3min Green P) are designed to accommodate several cars trying to get to the same location at the same time, which only works if everyone keeps the flow of vehicles moving.
- Lane North of Norquay: There is very clear no stopping signage posted in the lane to the north of the school. ([Street and Traffic Bylaw 2849 section 17.6\(a\)](#)). Do not park or stop in any way that obstructs travel through a lane or along a street ([Street and Traffic Bylaw 2849 section 19.1\(d\)](#)). We do receive photos of families not following these rules, so traffic enforcement patrols regularly.

Please see image for more information, thank you for doing your part to keep the community safe.

The attached map shows marked zones for parking. Please note that bylaw enforcement makes regular checks at Norquay, and cars not following the posted signs will be ticketed. Thank you for keeping our community safe.



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