

June 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).

Welcome to the FINAL newsletter/e-news for the 2023/2024 school year. Students will be receiving their written learning updates after school today...congratulations! It was so clear when we read the reports that the students have done their best and flourished this year! They have so much to be proud of. Well done.

We had a wonderful turn out at the volunteer tea, so much so we went back out to buy more food. At the event, we shared that the worldview of many Indigenous Peoples includes the principle of connectivity - that everything in the universe is connected. The concept of connectivity is like a circle. There is no end, no beginning. The sea is connected to the land and the sky is connected to the ground and we are connected to each other. This concept of connection has also been the goal of the school learning plan this year. This year, with your support, we did so many things to build connection. To name a few, (not an exhaustive list), we had 1 to 1 reading, Stream of Dreams, basketball, volleyball, soccer, badminton, ultimate, cross country, track and field, LunchLab, movie nights, welcome back breakfast, spring carnival, adult patrol program, walking school bus program, the 110 celebration, dictionaries for every grade 3 student (thank you to the Rotary Club), yearbook club, so many field trips, book exchange, pizza days, the mosaic benches, heritage fair, art club, Youth in Power club, board game club, and so much more. We know that connection to self, connection to each other, connection to land, and connection to community leads to connection to learning and we can see that shine through in the learning updates. Thank you to the parent volunteers, family volunteers, community volunteers, staff volunteers, and PAC headed by the phenomenal PAC chair, Hannah, as we know that all these amazing things happen because of all of you. In the words of Helen Keller, 'alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much'.

We want to take a moment to wish goodbye and good luck to all staff that are leaving Norquay this year: We will start with Brigitte Woodham and wish her all the best as she moves into a very happy retirement! Goodbye and good luck to the following staff that have been at Norquay (short and long term): Ms. Eastwood (grade 5), Ms. Lehmann (literacy teacher), Mr. Clinton (resource/prep), Ms. Liu (grade 5 Mandarin), Ms. Emeno (grade 7), Mr. Rondpre (grade 7), Ms. Ingram (grade 5/6), Teacher Nico and Ms. Reitenbach (Division 4) and, of course, our amazing grade 7s! We wish you all the best as you leave Norquay, but know that the door is always open for you to return and visit. You will be missed.

Thank you so much for a wonderful year, from our families to yours, we wish you a safe and happy summer!

Deena and Steve on behalf of everyone at Norquay



ENJOY THE SUMMER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

Thursday, June 27

Last day of classes, students dismissed at 3PM

Tuesday, September 3

First day for 2024-2025 school year
 ◦ Grade 1-7 attend 9:00-10:00AM
 ◦ New K students attend 10:00-10:30AM

Wednesday, September 4

First FULL day of school for students (Grades 1-7)

Wednesday, September 11

First FULL day of school for new kindergarten students

Tuesday, September 24

Individual photo day

Thursday, September 26

Meet the Staff/School-wide BBQ

Friday, September 27

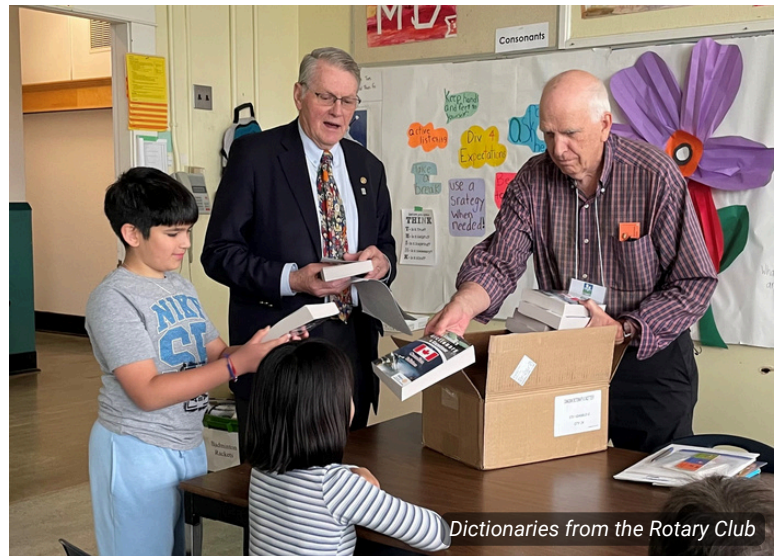
Professional development day (students not attending)

Monday, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)



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Dictionaries from the Rotary Club

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

We will see you again on Tuesday, September 3, 2024:

- 9 AM for returning and new students going into grades 1 to 7
 - New students please check in at the office
 - Returning students please go to your last year's classes
- 10 AM for incoming Kindergarten students
 - Please meet in the gym

2024/2025 is going to be a great year!



Student Principal/Vice Principal



Div. 13 Ms. Adams/Ms. A .Wong

STUDENT PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL

This month, Timo and Clyde were vice-principals for a morning. They did many things around the office, like getting a project ready so doing some math with Mr. Mulligan, helping a grade 7 student find their volleyball, making announcements, and showing Ms. Woodham some old documents. When we asked them what they remember most about being a vice-principal, they said, "today we shred paper, we dumped paper into the mixed paper bin, and we did the happy birthday song for June birthdays." When we asked them what their favourite part of the morning was, Timo said 'shredding paper and putting out apples' and Clyde said, 'getting apples ready'. Thank you, Timo and Clyde, for your help! If your child wants to be principal or vice-principal for a morning, please volunteer for the PAC or attend a PAC meeting and your child's name will be entered into the draw. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for your support this year!



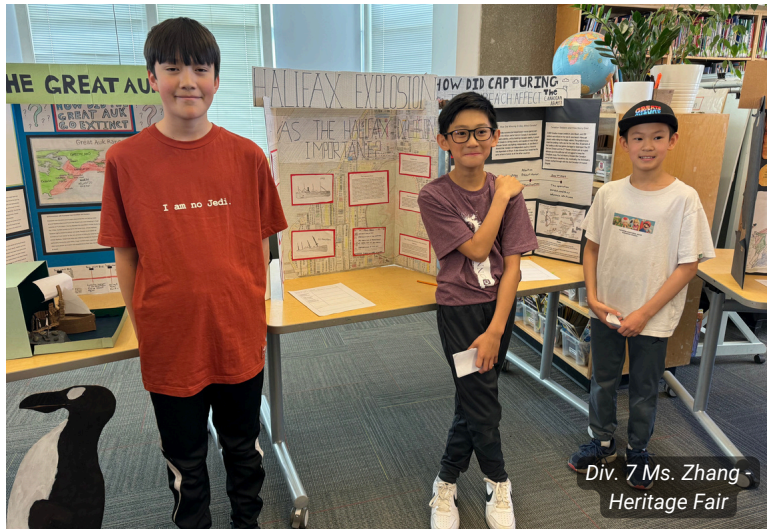
Div. 26 Ms. Ong



Bike to School Week (Thank you Stefano!)

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

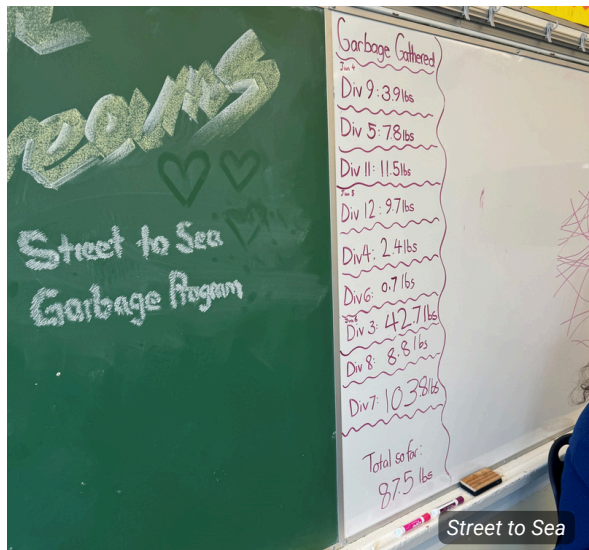
June 3-7 marked Bike to School Week in Vancouver, and Norquay students rose to the challenge in a big way! We had 94 students and staff ride a bike to school during the week and a further 177 active trips were made too. These were mainly students who walked, rode scooters, skateboards, or anything else that helped them get here in an active way. The Norquay community would like to thank parents, Edna Aguinaga for getting the ball rolling, and Stefano Buliani for volunteering to bring his tools on two separate days to help students and staff with their mechanical needs. On behalf of Mother Nature, thank you everyone who was able to come to school in an active way that helped reduce carbon emissions. Hopefully, these become habits that carry forward into next year and beyond!



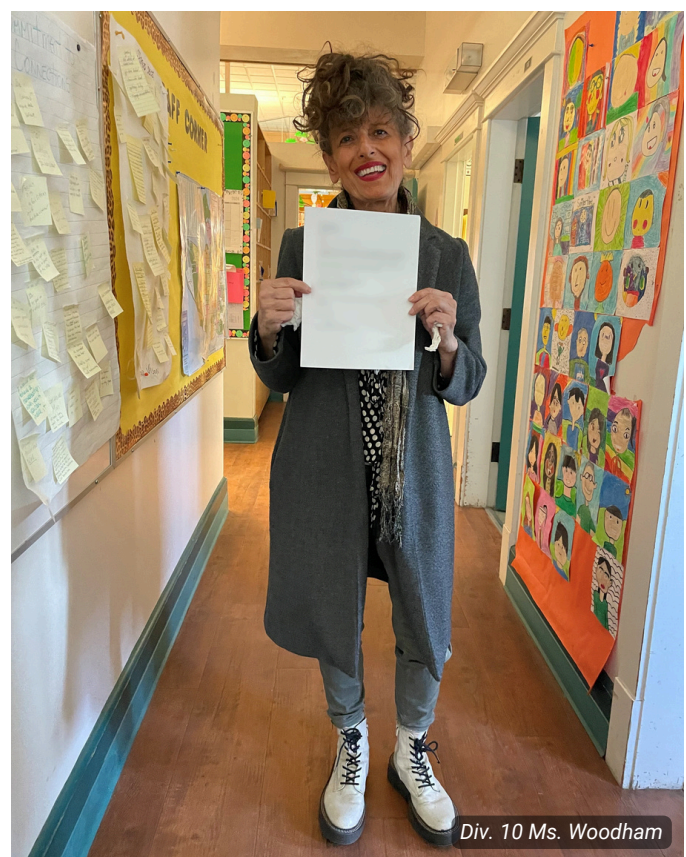
Div. 7 Ms. Zhang - Heritage Fair

BOOK EXCHANGE

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make the 30th annual Book Exchange a success! Thanks also to the PAC for the generous donation to buy chapter books. Kidsbooks and United Library Services have also supported our Book Exchange for many years with amazing donations of books. We traded 3,789 books and made \$256.90 to help buy much needed chapter books for next year. Thanks for your support. We could not run the book Exchange without your help.



Street to Sea



Div. 10 Ms. Woodham

WATCHING THE GARDEN GROW

A reminder that it is that time of year when we recruit help for the garden! We need families to sign up to help us water the garden over the summer to keep it happy and growing strong.

Please sign up here if you are in town and able to help us: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fh0ncgfN2d9q-r5WFdV3l8MPrtOgOc-rdQFzNEyRzMM/edit?usp=sharing>

We will email the final schedule to everyone on the last day of school. Thank you for ensuring that our garden continues to grow.



PAC CORNER

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered in all of our PAC initiatives! Give us your feedback on what went well, needs improvement, or what you would like to see happen next year.

PAC year end survey: <https://forms.gle/ZLu52yQWTMYRtVE36>



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