

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 June — the final month of the 2024/2025 school year!

We have so much to celebrate, including the well-deserved retirements of Ms. Kwan and Mr. Mulligan — congratulations to both of you! And of course, we're proud of all the learning, growth, and accomplishments our students have achieved this year.

As we head into a busy and exciting June, we're looking forward to welcoming families to many upcoming events!

Bike to School Week: June 2–6

Join us in celebrating Bike to School Week, a fun and free initiative by HUB Cycling that encourages active travel. From Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6, we invite everyone to walk, roll, or ride to school!

Why participate?

- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Less traffic and cleaner air around our school
- A stronger sense of community
- A meaningful way to support the environment

A big thank you to Stefano (PAC parent) for offering bike tune-ups! He'll be available in the lunchroom on:

- Friday, May 30 from 8:30–9:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 4 from 8:30–9:00 AM

Picnic Read: Friday, June 6

Due to the popularity of Camp Read, we're excited to host Picnic Read on Friday, June 6 from 8:30–9:00 AM. Weather permitting, we'll gather by the gym doors or inside the gym. Bring your books and something cozy to sit on — we'll provide lemonade and pretzels!

Students told us they love reading even more when they can do it with their families — and snacks! We look forward to reading and snacking together.

All good things for a fun and festive June!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 30

Bike tune up with Stefano from 8:30 to 9:00 am in the lunchroom

Monday, June 2

o Track and Field at Van Tech
o Bike To school week begins (until June 6)

Wednesday, June 4

Bike tune up with Stefano from 8:30 to 9:00 am in the lunchroom

Thursday, June 5

Hearing screening follow up

Friday, June 6

o Last day for Bike to School Week!
o Picnic Read (8:30-9:00AM) meet at the gym basketball doors
o Intermediate Sports Day 2.0 (pm)

Tuesday, June 17

Grade 7 Ultimate Frisbee jamboree

Wednesday, June 18

Volunteer Tea (more info to come)

Friday, June 20

Spring Fair (3-7PM)

Wednesday, June 25

o Grade 7 leaving ceremony (am)
o Written learning updates go home

Thursday, June 26

Last day for students, dismissed at 3pm

Tuesday, September 2

First day of school:
o Grades 1-7 attend from 9:00-9:30am, please go to your last year's classes
o Incoming Ks attend from 10:00-10:30am, please meet in gym

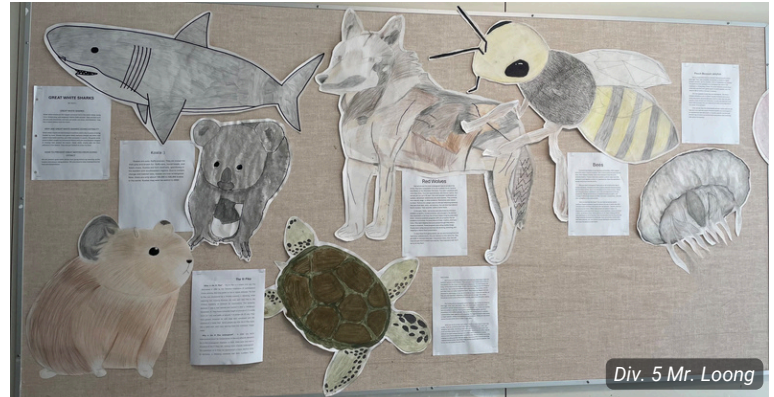


FROM THE BOOK EXCHANGE TEAM

The Book Exchange is back: May 28 to 30. Every class has been scheduled for a visit, and students have already received their tickets.

- Please remember to bring a reusable bag to carry your books home
- All tickets must be used by the end of the day on Thursday, May 29.
- On Friday morning, any remaining books will be available for purchase until 12:00 PM. After that, the Book Exchange will close for the year. All funds raised will go toward purchasing novels for our intermediate classrooms.

A heartfelt thank you to United Library Services, Kidsbooks, our dedicated PAC, and all the amazing parent volunteers for their generous donations and support! We'll share the total number of books exchanged and funds raised in an upcoming e-news or newsletter.



DIVISION 7 GOES TO THE HERITAGE FAIR

Did you hear that Division 7 was at the Burnaby Heritage Fair on the weekend? We're thrilled to share that five Norquay students were selected as regional finalists: Osman, Nylah, Sofia, Julianna, and Aria!

But that's not all...

- Sofia received the Canadian History Award and ...
- Nylah earned the Visitor's Choice Award

More cheers to Norquay as the excitement will continue with Nylah and Sofia representing Norquay AND the entire region at the National Heritage Fair and Nylah representing at the provincial fair. Wow! What an incredible achievement, Division 7! We will share more about how they do in an upcoming e-news or newsletter.

A huge thank you to Helen Zhang for your dedication, preparation, and passion in guiding this project. We're so proud of everyone involved!



NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

As we look to the 2025/2026 school year, please complete the attached form if your child(ren) will be returning to school after 12:00 PM on Friday, September 5, 2025, but before Monday, September 29, 2025. Thank you!

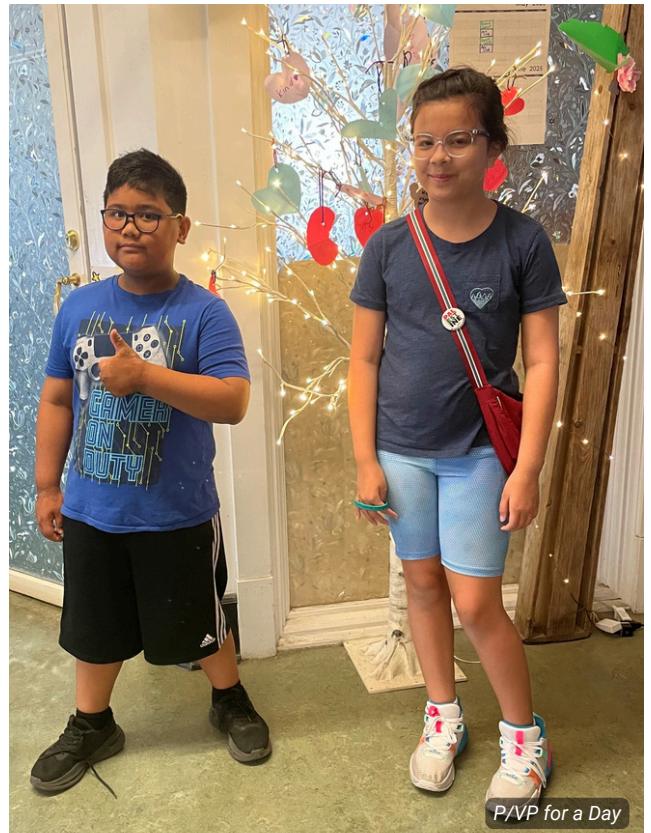


PVP FOR A MORNING

Pablo and Maya were principal and vice-principal on Wednesday. Some things they did are get the Book Exchange ready, do shredding, file papers, make morning announcements, and take photos for the newsletter. They also helped with the grade 7 leaving ceremony invitations. Pablo said "my favourite part was filing" and Maya said "my favourite part was helping the Book Exchange because I liked seeing all the books." If your child wants to be picked for principal/vice-principal please volunteer at an event or attend a PAC meeting. Your child's name will be put into the draw! Thank you for a fun year!

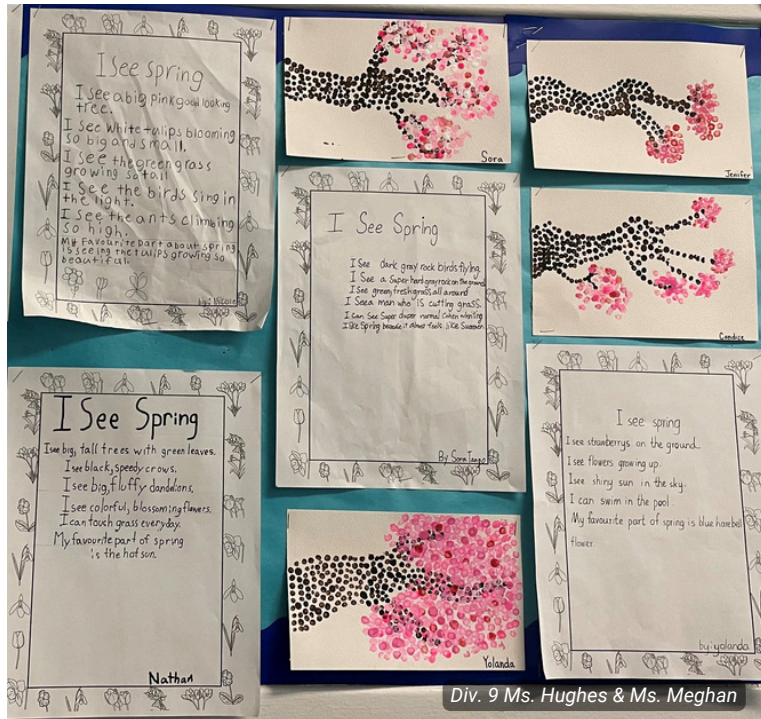
SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

We want to share the [Free and Low Cost Food Map - English](#) that was recently updated (April 1, 2025). It is produced by the City of Vancouver and identifies free and low cost food programs across the City.



LIBRARY CORNER

'And here we are...June! Norquay Library will be full of connecting, reading, making, presenting, music, and art! Students are looking for their **'next-grade' books** and setting reading goals for June and September. Students are finishing up **ADST and Inquiry Projects**...well done Heritage Fair students! A reminder: *****ALL BOOKS ARE DUE JUNE 12.** Students can borrow books for a day or a night after June 12.*** See you soon!



REMINDER: NEW PROVINCIAL POLICY ON PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

A reminder to families that all B.C. school districts now have updated Codes of Conduct in place to limit the use of personal digital devices during instructional time. This includes cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, and similar devices.

The goal of this policy is to reduce distractions in the classroom so students can better focus on learning. This supports stronger academic outcomes, improved mental health, and more meaningful social connections.

You can read the full policy here: [Personal Digital Device \(Cell Phone\) Restrictions in Schools](#). Please take a moment to review this with your child and remind them to:

- Use class time for learning
- Keep devices put away unless directed by the teacher
- Keep devices on silent mode during class
- Only check devices when permitted
- Follow your school's specific digital device policy

Thank you for your continued support in creating a focused and respectful learning environment!

ADAM'S APPLES

Adam's Apples Foundation's goal is to build meaningful connections through care, support, and making mental health education accessible. As you know we have the Apple Program at Norquay. Apple Bowls are filled daily and students are encouraged to "take two" – one for themselves, and one for a friend. The goal is to share a healthy snack along with a healthy conversation. This simple concept facilitates face-to-face connection in a tech-driven world where youth are more disconnected than ever. According to psychiatrist and Adam's Apples Board Member Dr. Muffy Greenaway, "although it may seem simple, the impact of one apple, leading to one connection, can be a turning point for one student who is struggling." As May is mental health month, please see image from Adam's Apples for ways to take care of ourselves and each other!



VSB EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools. If you are interested in learning more, please see attached.

PAC CORNER

BC Children's Hospital Foundation 2km or 5km Family Fun Run June 8th:

- T-shirt and Bib pick up will be Friday June 6th 3pm next to the playground by the spider web structure. Only those registered before May 21st will be part of this pickup
- Meeting spot on run day June 8th 8:30am: look for team sign "John Norquay Elementary" in the designated team meeting area (see festival map).
 - 8:30am at team meeting spot
 - 8:40am Team Photo
 - 8:45am Walk over to the start line together.
- Please arrive early as parking will be VERY busy and allocate enough time to arrive for the photo.

Glass bottles needed for Ring Toss game: we need glass pop bottles, wine bottles, (or any glass bottle with the neck) cleaned and rinsed for a ring toss carnival game. Please keep them for the Fair! Collection will be Friday, May 30th in the lunch room and Friday, June 6th (after Camp Read).

Spring Fair Early Bird Wristband + Food ticket purchase

Deadline this Friday: We are getting ready for the biggest PAC school event of the year! Purchase your wristband and food tickets ahead of time to save money and lineups. Early Bird pricing May 19-30. Regular price June onwards. Pre-purchased wristbands/tickets will be distributed to students on Wed June 18th. If financial support is needed, please speak with Ms. Kotak. Please see flier attached for details.

Purchase wristband and tickets online Munch a Lunch. Credit card payment will be accepted for Fair orders. Adults may participate in Fair activities and games from 5-7pm, ticket system is still in place.

Early Bird pricing May 19-30th

\$15/ wristband

\$10/ 12 tickets (food or rides)

Regular Price Online purchase June 2- 13th

\$20/ wristband

\$1 per ticket (food or rides)

No pre purchase available between June 14th-19th.

Day of tickets/wristbands available at the Fair June 20th

Credit Card payment accepted for Spring Fair orders.

PAC CORNER CONT'D

Note: the Fair is for Norquay students/families. If the weather holds up we will 1) open the fair to the public and community and 2) Parents/Adults will also be able to join in the fun activities/games from 5-7pm

Note: Rockwall entry is 5 tickets. Previous paper fliers handed out are incorrect

Spring Fair Marketplace: Call out for marketplace vendors for our Spring Fair event!

- Come and sell your crafts, hobby items, or trinkets at the Spring Fair!
- Friday June 20th 3-7pm (set up starting at 2pm)
- \$20/table or \$10/table for students.
- Sign up online, deadline May 31st:
<https://forms.gle/a3RCdLqhfHPsMAKy9>
- NO food and NO "garage sale" items to be sold.

Spring Fair Volunteers Call Out: come and join the fun! Parents, Guardians, Norquay Alumni and others with a willing hand, sign up to help with the school's biggest PAC event of the year!

- Friday June 20th: various time commitments available
- Sign up before May 30th to be entered into a draw for a FREE Norquay hoodie sweater customized with your name
- All volunteers will receive a hot dog or pizza on the day of spring Fair
- Student Volunteers (Alumni Grads) can be provided with a certificate of volunteer hours upon request.
- Gr 6/7 Student volunteers can sign up to help with parental permission.
- Sign up online: <https://forms.gle/o3yvvsCczaDBQJvYA>



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