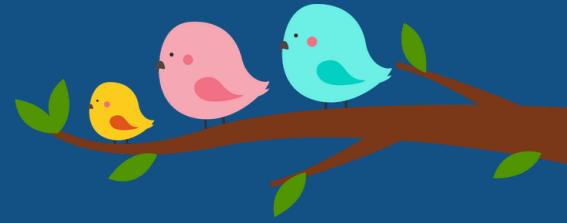


March Newsletter



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the $x^w m \theta k^w \acute{a} y \acute{a} m$ (Musqueam), $S k w x w \acute{u} 7 m e s h \acute{U} x w u m i x w$ (Squamish Nation) & $s \acute{a} l i l w \acute{e} t \acute{a} \acute{t}$ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

March has been an amazing month at John Norquay, filled with growth, creativity, leadership, and community pride. As we welcome spring, it has been wonderful to reflect on the many ways our students have challenged themselves, supported one another, and showcased their talents.

Our basketball season wrapped up this month and what a season it was. A huge thank you to Ms. Julie, Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hughes, and Ms. Barton Challenger for their dedication and support of our student athletes. The growth we saw was incredible as students developed their skills, teamwork, and confidence throughout the season. The final game, a friendly (and very competitive!) match against staff, was a highlight for many and ended in a thrilling, close finish.

March was also a special month for music at our school. Our choir students participated in the choral festival with Conductor Ba, sharing a beautiful evening of music. Their talent, joy, and love for singing truly shone. The rest of the school had the opportunity to hear the choir perform at an assembly, where students proudly showcased their performance skills and hard work.

We are also incredibly proud of our student leaders. Grade 7 students Chloe, Kylin, and Nylah, working alongside Mr. Mercer, created a student leadership proposal called "Courts of Culture." We are excited to share that their proposal was successful and received grant funding. Courts of Culture will invite community members from diverse backgrounds to share their lived experiences with basketball, connecting sport to culture, identity, and community. Students will learn how basketball is played across different regions and cultures while participating in drills and games led by these guests.

We know that representation in sports matters. When students see people who look like them and share similar experiences, it helps them imagine what is possible for themselves. Through initiatives like Courts of Culture, we continue to build a school community where all students feel seen, inspired, and empowered to dream big.

We look forward to welcoming Jessica Hanson (UBC Basketball Coach), Ivan Yaco (SFU Assistant Basketball Coach), and Joel Haywood, also known as King Handles (streetball trainer and former professional player) as part of this exciting initiative.

We are looking ahead to a great April! Remember Class Photos are on Wednesday, April 1! Bring your smiles!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1

Class photos

Friday, April 3

Good Friday, school closed

Monday, April 6

Easter Monday, school closed

Friday, April 17

PAC movie afternoon

Monday, April 20

Non-instructional day (Indigenous Focus)

Thursday, April 23

K immunization

Tuesday, April 28

- PAC pizza day
- Book Fair, library

Wednesday, April 29

- Conferences, students dismissed at 2pm
- Book fair, library

Thursday, April 30

- Conferences, students dismissed at 2pm
- Book fair, library

Thursday, May 7

Big 1 at 2

Friday, May 15

Sports Day

Monday, May 18

Victoria Day, schools closed

Tuesday, May 26

- PAC AGM at 6pm. In person at Norquay.
- On Our Way to K for incoming K students

Wednesday, May 27 to Friday, May 29

Book Exchange

FROM THE LIBRARY

Annnnnnd...it's April!

We are looking forward to a bunch of events and activities in the Library this month:

Kindergartens will be continuing 'Read and Draw' as well as learning 'Beginning, Middle, End' and 'Story Connections'.

Grade 5, 6 and 7s will be starting **ADST Projects: book stand, electric circuits, yarn looms.**

And finally, during Conference Week, we will be hosting our **Norquay Book Fair!** More info to come!

See you soon!



WALKING SCHOOL BUS - A FEW SPOTS LEFT

We're excited to share that the Walking School Bus at Norquay Elementary is up and running, and there are still a few spots available.

The Walking School Bus is a safe, fun, and social way for students to get to school. Children walk together along a set route with adult supervision, helping them start the day with fresh air, movement, and connection with friends. It also supports independence and helps reduce traffic around the school.

Please see the attached route map for pickup points and times.

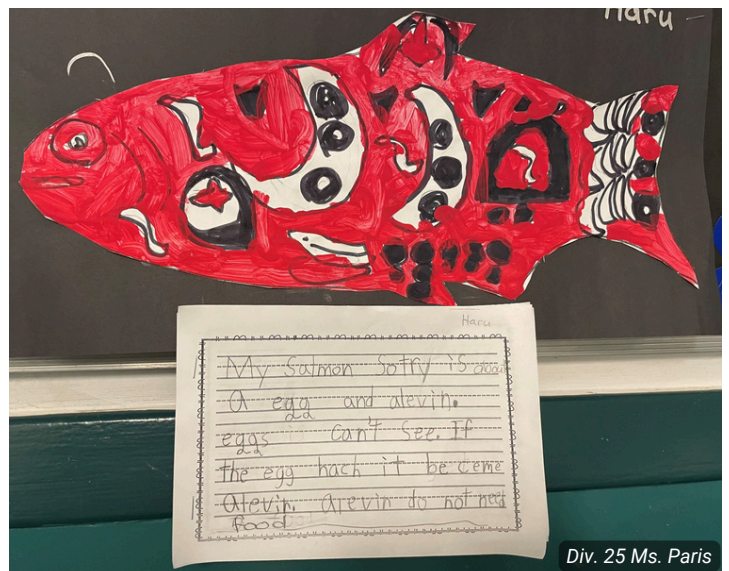
To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/t2yUZasAz3>

Spots are limited, so we encourage families to register soon if interested. We look forward to having more students join the walk.

YEARBOOK

Thank you to the yearbook team the **YEARBOOK SALE IS ON!**
Please purchase your yearbook before deadline May 10, 2026.
Price: \$30 if purchased through YB website
Deadline: May 10, 2026

<https://products.edgeimaging.ca/yearbooks/order/NYK>



PAC CORNER

We hope you had a great spring break! We have two exciting events coming up:

Movie Matinee – Friday, April 17 | 3:15 PM

- Students will vote for the movie selection: Elio, Zootopia 2, or Mufasa
- Suggested donation: \$5 per student or \$15 per family
- RSVP is required (space is limited and includes movie voting)
- RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/E4EiPS3dbBBfkwd27>
- Volunteers needed from 2:00–5:30 PM to help make this event a success. Sign up to volunteer: <https://forms.gle/mWnzufNrETJcolB9A>

RBC Run for the Kids - Benefiting BC Children's Hospital Foundation

- Support a great cause and enjoy a walk or run around QE Park. Families are invited to join John Norquay Elementary's school team.
- Register here: <https://fundraise.bcchf.ca/join/JohnNorquayElementary>
- Early bird registration: \$30 before April 15
- Or commit to a \$50 fundraiser and register for \$5

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2025-2026 (GRADES 4 AND 7)

Parents and caregivers of **Grade 4 and 7** students are invited to share their feedback on:

- School environment
- Safety and belonging
- Student learning

Your input helps us celebrate strengths and plan next steps for our school community. Grades 4 and 7 students will be participating in this survey at school. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-713-4666. **Take the online survey:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>



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