

May Newsletter

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the $\chi^w m \theta k^w \acute{a} y \acute{a} m$ (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).



Welcome to JUNE! Can you believe the final month of the school year is here?

May was a REALLY busy month with many community activities including Sports Day, Welcome to Kindergarten, the 31st Annual Book Exchange, and Stream of Dreams.

Thank you to the families who volunteered on Thursday to work alongside the Stream of Dreams artists. The 700 fish, painted by staff and students, was installed on the fence on Slocan Street. The mural looks AMAZING! Once again, all of us coming together to work as community has created a beautiful legacy. Thank you to Stream of Dreams for supporting us in making this project come alive. Some of the intermediate classes will continue working with them next week on the Street to Sea program where each class will learn about bioaccumulation through garbage in our waterways. To learn more about the Stream of Dreams society please click here: <https://www.streamofdreams.org>. In addition, they were able to secure a grant for Norquay that brought the cost per student from 17 dollars per student to 2 dollars a student. We are very grateful.

A reminder that next week is Bike to School Week! Thank you to Stefano for helping us tune up our bikes this morning! He will be back on Tuesday from 8:15-9:30AM to help get bikes tuned up, but he does not have any spare parts. Remember if you bike, roll, or walk to school next week, please line up at the 'check in' table at the back of the school to put up stickers and receive a small gift for getting to school on 'wheels'. Last year we doubled the number of commuters on wheels over the course of the week! We hope to do even better this year! Thank you to the Youths in Power for leading this activity for us and helping us be kinder to the Earth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 3

- Bike to School Week begins!
- Track and Field event at Van Tech all day (with Ms. Ba & Mr. Lucky)

Tuesday, June 4

- School-wide Pizza Day
- Street to Sea for intermediate classes

Wednesday, June 5

Saleema Noon info session for parents and guardians (6:30PM online)

Friday, June 6

- Bike to School Week ends
- Street to Sea ends

Monday, June 10

Saleema Noon presentations begin (K-7)

Friday, June 14

- Saleema Noon presentations end
- Spring Fair (3-7PM)
- All books due to library

Thursday, June 20

- PAC meeting (executive only) 6PM
- Volunteer Tea (more info to follow)

Monday, June 24

Summary of Learning sent home

Wednesday, June 26

- Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- Newsletter published

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 9:00-9:30AM
- New K students attend 10:00-10:30AM





Div. 1 Micael (student)



Div. 26 Ms. Ong

STUDENT PRINCIPAL NICE PRINCIPAL

Elly in Kindergarten was the student P/VP for May! She had a great time running the office for us. She filled up our apple bowl, made morning announcements, and helped replenish our snacks. She also helped do recycling, photocopying, and shredding! The photocopy machine broke two times, and she helped fix it, twice. Thank you ELLY! We got a surprise package during the day which she opened for us and found confetti! She took some of it home. Elly said her favourite part of the morning was putting apples into the apple bowl, singing happy birthday to the students with May birthdays, and shredding paper. If your child would like to be P/VP for a morning, please attend a PAC meeting and their name will be put into the draw.



Student Principal

JEAN UP WEEK! MAY 6-10

Thank you to Tobias, Riou, Felix, Silas, Abigail, and Muntaha from the Grade 7 club: Youth in Power. They did a wonderful job leading the first ever Jean Up Week fundraiser at Norquay! The total raised for Children's Hospital was \$741.40 in cash and \$300.00 online, for a grand total of \$1141.40! Well done Norquay! When we emailed the Children's Hospital team, they were so impressed by how much the school had raised. In the words of the students, "thank you all so much for all your donations to the BC Children's hospital. With all your generosity and kindness we were able to raise \$741.40 in person and \$300 online, which is \$1141.40!!! Thank you Norquay!!! With this money the Children's Hospital can now save more lives!!"



Div. 29 Ms. Foster

THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

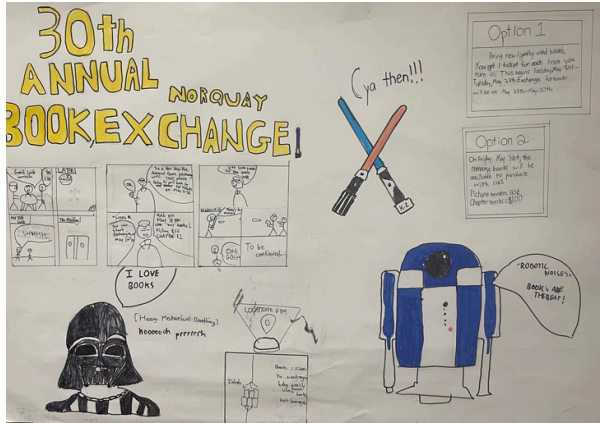
The Waking School Bus has taken place at Norquay this year! The WSB has taken place as a collaboration between The Society for Children and Youth partnership with TransLink, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver School District. Whether you participated in the program or not, we are hoping you can complete the survey. The following survey will help them better understand how the initiative was received at Norquay and how we can best encourage school active travel in this community. [Fill out the survey here.](#) If you have any questions about the program, please contact walkingschoolbus@scyofbc.org. There's still time to join! If you'd like to join the Walking School Bus for the last month of the school year, email them at walkingschoolbus@scyofbc.org for more information.



Div. 19 Ms. Whitcroft



Div. 10 Ms. Woodham



ONE TO ONE READING PROGRAM – CONGRATULATIONS!

We have been very lucky to have the One to One reading program at Norquay. Volunteers from the community are trained to read with mainly Grade 2 and 3 students. One of our volunteers, Phil Webber, won the Volunteer of the Year award from the One to One Literacy Society in April. Phil has helped to bring volunteer readers to Norquay and is always looking for ways to help support Literacy at Norquay through his Rotary connections. We are thrilled that Phil won the Volunteer of the Year award and he is a very deserving recipient. If you are inspired by Phil's story and want to volunteer or know someone who wants to volunteer, please check out the website: <https://one-to-one.ca>.



Ms. Lehman, Phil Webber, and Ms. Affleck

SALMONIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Division 20, 23, and 24 (Ms. Paris, Ms. Affleck, and Ms. Gruger) participated in the Salmonids in the Classroom program and have become stewards of the environment by helping to raise Chum salmon from Eyed eggs to Alevin to Salmon Fry in Ms. Paris' classroom. The classes received the eggs in January and students were able to be salmon monitors to help check water temperatures and to feed the fry. The students studied all of the Chum life cycle stages and learned many facts. The 52 Chum salmon fry were released at Spanish Banks Creek. Good luck Salmon Fry!



Div. 20, 23, and 24 Ms. Paris, Ms. Affleck, and Ms. Gruger





PAC CORNER

The PAC have many great things happening in June, please see below:

- **Spring Fair Friday, June 14th:** Please see the flier for more details. Regular price will be available for purchase online June 3-7th and then on the day of at the ticket booth at the Spring Fair on June 14th. Credit card payment will be accepted for Spring Fair sales. Purchase your wristband/tickets early to avoid the long lineup! Please note: this event is for Norquay families, however, weather permitting, we may open it up to the public and community - stay tuned!
- **Spring Fair:** more volunteers needed for 5-7pm & 7-8pm clean up! Please sign up to help make it a fun filled event. 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>
- **Spring Fair tent call out:** we need tents! If you have a 10x10 ft canopy tent we can borrow for Spring Fair day, please email norquaypacteam@gmail.com Thank you.
- **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>

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