

NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS



Notes from the Office:

The cold weather is soon to arrive yet students still want to head outside. Please be sure your children have their cold and wet weather gear handy near the door as they head out on these dark & wintry days. Also, as our mornings and afternoons are now darker please be reminded to not drive into the staff parking lot to drop off and pick up your children. When parking along Slocan or Norquay Street, please ensure that you are not impeding the view of our patrollers by parking too far out into the intersections. This poses a safety risk to our students as they are crossing Slocan and also for our patrollers, as drivers cannot see them due to parked cars blocking them from the sightlines of oncoming drivers. We appreciate your support.

We are quickly wrapping up the first term of the 2017/18 school year and are writing reports for the first term that will be sent home on Friday Dec. 22. As you know, research shows that when home and school work together, children do better at school so please review the report with your child and acknowledge the areas that have gone well but also look at areas where improvement can be made.

With the holiday break fast approaching we must take the time to express how pleased and fortunate we are to be part of the Norquay school community. Staff, Students and families work so hard together to make Norquay a community that cares. One special acknowledgement and example of this is **Norquay's WE DAY Club who sponsored Operation Care**. Mr. Wee and the club members would like to thank you all for your generous contributions that will now positively benefit individuals of all ages. The donations will now be dropped off for distribution to families and individuals in need. Well done **WE CLUB!!!**

And finally we hope that all of you have an enjoyable Winter Break and wish you all the best in 2018.

Tim Krug and Sharon Vieira

School Hours

8:55	Warning bell
9:00	Instruction begins
10:30-10:50	Recess
12:10-12:55	Lunch
1:00	Instruction begins
3:00	Dismissal

School Code of Conduct

Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be the Best Learner and Leader You Can Be (No matter your age)

Director of Instruction-Field Services:

Mr. Aaron Davis

Liaison Trustee: Mr. Fraser Ballantyne

Principal: Mr. Tim Krug

Vice Principal: Ms. Sharon Vieira

Reporting Student Absences: Just a reminder of our new absence reporting system.

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 extension #61**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence - Please Call **604-713-5159 extension #61** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

'Tis the Season 2017

As well as seasonal activities taking place in our classrooms, there will be some school wide festivities taking place:

Friday, December 15th – PAC Crafts and Movie Night: 5:00-8:00 in school gym

Wednesday, December 20th – Sing-A-Long: 10:50-1:15 Two Groups so parents can attend. Will send notice home as to when classes are singing

Thursday, December 21st – PAC Breakfast in the lunchroom



November was a great month in the Library as we Read, Connected, Explored and Made. Division 13 is well into Genius Hour Projects and Research, Division 7 started a Human Body Unit complete with 3D models, and Divisions 18, 20 and 21 all started Woodwork Projects.

Some brand new book titles this month include: *Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior*; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway* (3 Copies!) *Refugee* by Alan Gratz *Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic* by Armand Baltazar

A reminder to students that all books will be due before Winter Break...we may have a special treat for Divisions that bring all of their books and overdues back!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the entire staff of Norquay Elementary School!

Snow Closure

Winter is upon us and in the event of unsafe weather conditions (e.g. snow), a CLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT stating that schools are closed will be provided by 6:00 a.m. to local radio/TV stations.

CKNW (980 AM)

CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)

CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

BCTV/Global (cable channel 11)

FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1) **WWW.VSB.bc.ca**

Sports

We have had a very successful volleyball season! Congratulations to our boys and girls who are **dedicating** their time to practice and play. All of our teams represent Norquay in such a positive way through their outstanding sportsmanship and we thank them! Good luck at PW and Van Tech this week! Basketball season will soon be underway with games starting in January!!!

2017-18 Registration Reminders

In-catchment Kindergarten: until Jan. 31 Priority

EMB Kindergarten Choice Program: Opens Jan. 9 closes Feb. 6.

EMB Grade 1: Open now closes March 31

EMB Grade 4/5/6: Open Now Closes Jan. 31 (Please note change/not March 31)

Grade 8: **Regular:** Windermere/Gladstone: Applications to teacher (Date TBD)

EMB: Windermere is High School Applications to Teacher (Date TBD)

Other Catchments: Check High School Website

Information from City of Vancouver: (Notices from City of Vancouver will be sent home)

THE LOT AT 4410 KASLO STREET IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR

TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING

You are invited to a **community information session for a Temporary Modular Housing** building that is being considered for the lot at 4410 Kaslo Street. It is expected the building will be three storeys and contain approximately 50 single-occupancy homes. All units will be self-contained dwellings with a private bathroom and kitchen. They will be designed to comply with BC Housing guidelines. Accessible units will be on the ground floor. If approved, the building will be in place for up to five years, with the possibility to extend another five years.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The City, VAHA and BC Housing will host a Community Information Session about the Temporary Modular Housing proposed for this site. Please drop by either day as the sessions will be the exact same.

Date: December 13 & December 14, 2017

Time: 4 – 7 pm

Location: First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, 2791 East 27th Avenue, Vancouver

The sessions will be open house format. We welcome you to drop by either day, at your convenience any time between 4 pm and 7 pm and speak with staff representatives

Term One Reports: First term report cards will go home on **Friday Dec. 22**. Students have been busy completing projects and assignments and teachers have been focused on assessment and reporting tasks. First term reports provide both students and parents with important information on student strengths, progress made and areas which will need a continued focus in order to maximize student achievement. We hope you find your child's progress report informative and helpful. If you have any questions/concerns please contact your child's teacher.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

Friday Dec. 8	Last day for CST Jr. Chef and Piano programs
Monday Dec. 11	Last Day for CST Sportsball program
Wed. Dec. 13/ Thurs. Dec. 14	Temp. Modular Housing to be located at 4410 Kaslo Street. Info. Night. 4-7:00 Presbyterian Church 2791 East 27th Avenue
Friday Dec. 15	PAC Craft and Movie Night: 5:00- 8:00 in school gym
Wed. Dec. 20	Winter Sing-a-Long: 10:50/1:15 Notices will go home informing when each class is singing (will be either morning or afternoon)
Thurs. Dec. 21	PAC Breakfast in the Lunchroom
Friday Dec. 22	Last day of school and Term 1 Report Cards sent home
Dec. 23- January 7	Happy Holidays
Monday, Jan. 8	Welcome Back: School reopens
Tues. Jan. 9	VSB Kindergarten Choice Program Registrations open (ends on Feb. 6)
Wed. Jan. 10	Norquay EMB Program Open House: 6:00 in school Library
Tuesday, Jan. 23	PAC Meeting: 6:00 school library Childcare available
Monday Jan. 29	Pro D Day: Curriculum Implementation No school for Students