



NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS

It seems we just welcomed in the New Year yet here we are leaving January and into a busy February at Norquay. Here are some items we would like to highlight for you.

First we are pleased to welcome new and returning staff to Norquay. Ms. Teena Smith has joined us as Vice Principal as Ms. Vieira was transferred to Champlain Annex. We welcome back Ms. Grieve to Division 25 and Ms. Morgadinho to her role as SSA. Ms. Ward, Ms. Li and Ms. Asif have joined our EMB teaching staff for which we are extremely fortunate.

There are many events/activities coming in February that become part of the classroom learning experience; Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, 100th Day and Pink Shirt Day are just some of the opportunities that will have students actively engaged in their learning.

We are also pleased to have our Lunch Hour Leaders supporting students in a variety of activities. Thanks to the organization by our dedicated Supervision Aides a group of over 60 students have volunteered to give up their lunch hour once a week to support other students in positive lunch hour activities.

Please see the information box below regarding the proposed Social Housing development at 4410 Kaslo street. We had a very informative presentation at our last PAC meeting but for those unable to attend we want to make sure that you have the opportunity to be informed and any concerns you have heard by the City of Vancouver.

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. Teena Smith
Office Staff: Ms. Wong/Ms. Lowe

Reporting Student Absences:

Just a reminder that our new absence reporting system is now fully implemented so please remember to call **604-713-5159 extension #61** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

We Day Club: Our We Day Club is once again contributing to making the world a safer, greener place with their latest initiative. **From February 5th to 9th they will be collecting used batteries** which will then be donated so that the zinc from the batteries can be removed and provided to support thousands of people world wide who suffer and often die due to a lack of zinc. Students can bring in used batteries to their classes.



NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

4410 Kaslo Street
DP-2018-00024



January 22, 2018

The Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency (VAHA) has applied to the City of Vancouver for permission to develop on this site:

- One three-storey building containing 52 social housing units;
- A Floor Space Ratio of 1.13 (approximately 22,781 sq.ft.); and
- A maximum building height of 40.5 ft).

Under the site's existing CD-1 zoning, the application is "conditional" so it may be permitted; however, it requires the decision of the Director of Planning.

To learn more, join us at a **Community Open House:**

February 6, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00pm
First Hungarian Presbyterian Church
2791 East 27th Avenue

We welcome your written comments on this application by February 16, 2018. For more information and updates, visit: vancouver.ca/devapps

Or contact **Darren Lee**, Project Facilitator at 604-871-6703 or darren.lee@vancouver.ca

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News:

Once again our PAC is providing some great activities/opportunities for our school community. First up is their **Lunar New Year** event which will be held on **Tuesday February 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 in the gym**. Crafts, bingo, button making, balloon dog making (for the Year of the Dog) will be just some of the activities. If you can help out in any way please contact Shauna Cook. PAC is also creating a **Student Yearbook** as a fundraiser for the school. They are still needing permission forms from families for individual student photos to be included. Forms were sent home for this so please return to the office ASAP. You can still order a copy of the Yearbook if you would like this keepsake.

Vancouver Police Basketball Team coming to Norquay

On **Thursday Feb. 8th** our boys and girls basketball teams will be hosting the VPD basketball team to a lunch hour game. All students are invited to come to the gym to cheer on our teams. We are asking if students are able to **contribute a non-perishable food item as a donation** which will be added to the school's pantry.

After the game our Grade 6 and 7 classes will have a session with the VPD on social media and its impact on students.

Norquay Athletics

The gym is once again a busy place as the bouncing of basketballs has taken over. Thanks to Ms. Young and Mr. Krug for coaching the Grade 7 basketball teams. We are also fortunate to have Connor and Ivan from the Jerome Outreach society coaching our Grade 6's on Tuesday and Thursday at Lunch. Thanks to those parents that are able to drive players to and from games.



Your Brain on Twitter: Helping Children in the Age of Distraction

Our counselor, Dr. Emi Garzitto, will be providing this informative session on **Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 in our school Library**. Ms. Zita Yu will be providing Chinese translation during the presentation. With video games, social media sites and tech. devices impacting students and families more and more, this session will explore what is happening to our brains due to this constant bombardment and provide concrete ideas on what parents can do to counteract the negative outcomes.



Childminding will be provided.

Norquay EMB students in the Chinese New Year Parade

If you are looking for a great activity on **Sunday, Feb. 18th** come see the Chinese New Year Parade. Students from our Early Mandarin Bilingual program have been practicing their choreography and routines to participate in this year's parade. Celebrating the Year of the Dog, the parade goes down West Pender, under the Chinatown Millennium gate, up Gore Street and then back up Keefer Street. A great cultural event right at home in Vancouver.

Term 2 Conferences: Feb. 21 and 22

Term 2 conference forms have now been sent out for your opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher. If you have not received the form please contact your child's teacher. **Just a reminder that students will be dismissed at 2:00 on these days.**



Supervision after School

Unless students are in an afterschool program **all students should be exiting the building by 3:20**. Staff supervise until 3:20 but after that time no formal supervision is in place and our Engineering staff are to lock doors by 3:30 for security reasons given that we host afterschool Daycare. Engineers are not to provide supervision and given the nature of their work must have students/families out of the school to safely perform their custodian duties.

	Important Dates to Note
Monday Feb. 12	BC Family Day: School Closed
Tues. Feb. 13	PAC Lunar New Year Celebration: Gym 3:00-5:00
Monday Feb. 19	Professional Development Day: Students not in attendance
Feb. 20-22	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library: Times posted by Library
Wed. Feb. 21	Term 2 Conferences: 2:00 dismissal for Students
Thurs. Feb.22	Term 2 Conferences: 2:00 dismissal for Students
Wed. Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day: Don't forget to wear your PINK!
Thurs. March 8	EMB Founder's Recognition Ceremony 12:00 Library
Wed. March 14	PAC Meeting: Library 6:00 Childcare provided
Friday March 16	Term 2 Report Cards go home. Last day before Spring Break
March 17 to April 2	Spring Break (includes Good Friday/Easter Monday) Students return to school on Tuesday April 3