

NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS



Principal's Message

This is our final newsletter of the year. The months of May and June have seen wonderfully successful events which were all made better than ever thanks to everyone's participation and support.

Like every year, there are staff and students who will be moving on to new schools or adventures. The footprints left by those who are moving on will be used to continue to build and support this amazing community into the next school year. To our grade 7 students who are moving on, to those families who will be moving into new communities and to those staff who are choosing new paths, the relationships we have built with you all will be sorely missed. Our school will again look slightly different next year but we will continue to build on the legacies and richness of the staff and students of the past and create lasting innovative changes for the future.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your children and wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Margaret Jorgensen & Sharon Vieira

School Hours

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| 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 |

Director of Instruction-Field Services:

Ms. Magdalena Kassis

Liaison Trustee: Ms. Diane Turner

Principal: Ms. Margaret Jorgensen

Vice Principal: Ms. Sharon Vieira

Norquay Organization 2017/2018 and Class Placement

First Week

Students will return to their previous year's classrooms. The intention is to *not* move into classes until Friday of the first week of September 2017 in order to give teachers an opportunity to review the class placements and to determine whether any new registrations or transfers out over the summer need to be considered with respect to class dynamics.

The ability to re-examine the students present during the first week of school will allow us to complete some 'fine tuning' and set up optimum class configurations for the 2017-2018 school year. The first week will be a busy one and students *will* be engaged in a variety of activities centered around on a school wide theme focused on Social Responsibility & Community.

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Norquay Staff Update

As you are aware, administrator changes are also on the horizon. This school year will be my last at Norquay and in the Fall, I will be exploring the new chapter of retirement. I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the staff, students, and families of Norquay for 3 wonderful years. I will take with me, so many wonderful memories of my time here. During my thirty-five years with the Vancouver School District, as both teacher and administrator, I have fostered relationships, and I will cherish the memories and friendships I've made during my time. Although it's hard to say goodbye to parents and colleagues, the hardest part of leaving is always saying goodbye to the children. The students at Norquay have captured my heart. They are truly our community's greatest asset as they lead the way with their kindness.

You will be welcoming **Mr. Tim Krug** who is presently the principal of Britannia Elementary school. He is excited to become Norquay's new principal.

2017 - 2018 School Calendar

Our new school calendar is posted on our school's website: <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/norquay/Pages/default.aspx> The calendar is standardized throughout the district. The professional development days are in line with our family of schools.

Library News

We have had a **SUPER YEAR** of **Learning, Connecting, Reading and Making** in the Norquay Library and all around our school. We hope everyone has a summer full of nature, reading and family time. Of course, the Summer Reading Club at the VPL is a great way to relax and read during the summer. See you in September!



Norquay Staff Update

We will be saying farewell to the following staff members and wish them well in their new endeavors:

Ms. Mae Romeo

Ms. Pat Shankel

Mr. Francis Chiu

Ms. Meghan Ridley

Ms. Michelle Mark

Ms. Lavonne Liang

Ms. Genvieve Adams (maternity leave)

We will be welcoming the following staff in the Fall:

Resource Team:

Mr. Gregory Unsworth

Ms. Shirley Swartile

Ms. Bianca Lam

Ms. Laura Godfrey

Ms. Levi Ong

Ms. Andrea Wong

Gr. 1/ 2 EMB:

Mr. Christopher Wee

Gr. 6/7 EMB:

Ms. Elaine Lau

Gr. K job share:

Ms. Heather Heard

Gr. 5/6 job share/PE:

Ms. Karen Young

Some positions remain to be filled in the summer.

Some dates to remember:

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| Wednesday, June 29th | Last day for students |
| Tuesday, September 5th | Schools re-open <u>9:30am dismissal!</u> |
| Wednesday, Sept. 6th | Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins |
| Wednesday, Sept. 13th | Last day K gradual entry - First full day for Kindergarten |
| Friday, September 22nd | Professional Day – school closed |

