

NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Norquay Community:

As we are moving into our upcoming Spring Break, Our classes, along with our hardworking staff and volunteers, have been participating in the creation of wonderful projects and learning around themes such as Lunar New Year, Global Read Aloud Day, Black History Month, Valentines Day, 100 Day, Pink Day and Literacy Projects. Learning has been celebrated and shared throughout the month. Staff and students should be very proud of the learning – both process and end products!

Thank you to parents who were able to attend conferences last week. Report cards will be sent home the Friday following Spring Break.

Margaret Jorgensen & Sharon Vieira

NORQUAY GARDEN

Six new garden boxes will be added to our amazing school garden before Spring Break. They are being built being on February 28th and March 2nd with Ms. de Jardin's students. We will need volunteers to help shovel soil into the new garden boxes after school on Thursday, March 2nd. BYOS (bring your own shovel) and meet us in the garden. There will be a signup sheet on the

SPRING CONCERT: CELEBRATING CANADA150:

Classes are preparing for our upcoming Spring concert to be held on **Thursday, April 13th** during the school day. Students will be sharing their voices celebrating Canada's 150th. More information will be shared closer to the date – mark your calendars!!

Norquay Reads! 8 Ways Parents Can Promote Reading at Home

As a parent, you are your child's first - and most important - teacher. Here are 8 ways you can help your child become a better reader.

- 1) **Read yourself.** Your actions really do speak louder than your words. When your kids see you reading they will want to follow your example.
- 2) Make sure your children **read every day.** Reading is a skill and it gets better with practice. Researchers found that children who read at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun develop the skills to be better readers at school.
- 3) Get the **library habit.** Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Schedule regular trips to the library. Check out books yourself.
- 4) **Read aloud** to children. In "The Read Aloud Handbook", Jim Trelease reports on research showing that this is the most important thing parents can do to help their children become better readers. Here are some tips; start reading to your children when they are young, don't stop reading to your children as they grow older, and set some time aside for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact.
- 5) **Use your newspaper or the internet to encourage reading:** a scavenger hunt. Give your child a list of things to find in the newspaper or on a webpage. Here are some ideas; a map of Canada, a picture of your child's favourite athlete, the temperature in another city where family or friends live, three words that begin with the letter "W", a movie that is playing in theatres nearby.
- 6) **Give books as gifts.** Make a special place for your child to have a library.
- 7) **Make reading a privilege.** Say, "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you read in bed." Or you might say, "Because you helped with the dishes, I have time to read you're an extra story."
- 8) If you are not an avid or confident reader, you can still encourage your children by asking them to read to you! Talk about books that your children have read. Ask a friend or relative to read aloud to your children. Have your children share books with each other!! Read in your first language.

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

Director of Instruction-Field Services:

Ms. Magdalena Kassis

Liaison Trustee: Ms. Diane Turner

Principal: Ms. Margaret Jorgensen

Vice Principal: Ms. Sharon Vieira

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LIBRARY CORNER

The **Norquay Library** has been at times as **busy as a beehive** and as **calm as a summer sea** in the last few weeks. Primary students have been asking excellent 'I wonder...' questions of what they are reading. Many of the Grade 1s imagined, designed, sketched, built and shared their **Blocky Guy** and **Whatsit?** woodwork projects. Grade 7s have been learning computer coding and computational thinking and are **Digging Deep** into their novels. They have also been building wood boxes, crocheting wash cloths, and designing wood robots along with the **Maker Club**. And the **Norquay Book Fair** was a **super success**...we built excitement around books, we connected as families at Conferences, we celebrated reading for most of the week, and we were able to add **piles of books** to borrow from our Library. A **great big Thank You** to students, volunteers, monitors, staff, parents and friends of Norquay for making our school and our Library a great place to be!

Mark Warkentin



PARENT CORNER AND PAC EVENTS



Another amazing group who must be acknowledged is our Norquay PAC. Support of events, school projects and raised funds greatly enriches the learning of our students. Technology, our garden, our playground, books, performances, field trips, arts and crafts supplies, learning resources....and the list goes on are among the resources provided through PAC efforts. We greatly appreciate the support you provide for our students.

PARENT CORNER AND PAC EVENTS

Please join us for the events listed below:

PAC - All Parents meeting: March 28th 6:00pm – Library

PAC – All Parents meeting: April 18th 6:00pm - Library

Parent Coffee & Chat April 28th 9:00am – library

For more PAC info: <http://norquaypac.ca>

Direct Drive:

The PAC Direct Appeal raised just over \$10,000 last year. Thank you to everyone who made this happen! Our goal was to raise \$25,000 for a much needed upgrade to the school's technology. So PAC is doing another direct drive. We are asking families to donate \$50 towards this or as much as each family can afford. PAC will also apply for grants and write requests for corporate donations.

An ongoing assessment is done of the resources that would most benefit and enrich the learning experiences of the children of Norquay. To follow our identified focuses for the proceeds of this direct drive campaign we are requesting:

Technology: There is a current need for mobile technology carts, and iPad carts. These are some of the technology learning items the school is hoping to purchase with your generous donations; **ipads, Document Cameras, Projectors and Whiteboards.**

PURDY'S - Our PAC is inviting parents to help support John Norquay Elementary by purchasing your Easter

Chocolates through the Purdy's Fundraising Program. Avoid line-ups at the mall, purchase your Easter gifts at retail prices and Norquay receives 25% of the purchase price. To get started please go to the link below and login or register for an account. <https://www.purdysgpp.com/JoinAGroup.aspx?c=28839>

WINDERMERE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - SPRING REGISTRATION

In school promotions for Windermere After School Programs will be taking place on March 7th and in-person registration will be after school on **Thursday, April 6th**. Programs this Spring will include: Cooking, Piano, Ultimate Frisbee, Circus Arts, Arts and Crafts and Fastbreak soccer.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all the students involved on our basketball teams! They have been working hard and have showed tremendous skill and sportsmanship when playing against other schools in their division. Special thanks to those staff members and parents who have volunteered their time and effort as coaches, providing the opportunity for students to participate in various sports. Well done, everyone and keep that Norquay School spirit going!



MunchaLunch:

PAC's Hot Lunch Fundraiser ordering system is going **GREEN!** Instead of filling out a paper order form, parents will place their **PAC Hot Lunch Orders Online** using **MunchaLunch.com!** Information is on the school's website: www.norquay.vsb.bc.ca (in the publications section with our newsletters)

April 7 – Pizza Day

April 21 – Subway Day

May 12 – Hot Diggity Dog Day

May 26 – Sushi Day

June 2 – Pizza Day

June 9 - Hot Diggity Dog Day



Wednesday, March 1 st	ERIC Ultimate League Clinics
Thursday, March 2 nd	Planter Build all day and installation
Friday, March 3 rd	Tribal Vision performance K-7
Tuesday, March 7 th	District Choral Festival at John Oliver
Friday, March 10 th	Last day before Spring Break
March 13 th to 24 th	Spring Break
Monday, March 27 th	First Day Back – schools re-open
Tuesday, March 28 th	PAC/All Parents – Meeting – 6:00pm - Library
Friday, March 31 st	Reports home
Friday, April 7 th	PJ's for a Purpose Day
	Tap Co Performance K-7
	PAC Pizza Day
Monday, April 10 th	BCFVNP – Cabernet Tomatoes
Wednesday, April 12 th	Ready Set Learn – 11:00am
Thursday, April 13 th	Spring Concert – Canada150
Friday, April 14 th	Good Friday – Schools Closed
Monday, April 17 th	Easter Monday – Schools closed
Tuesday, April 18 th	PAC/All Parents – Meeting – 6:00pm - Library