

NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder that the Newsletter is emailed to all families. If you do not receive the email let us know. Hard Copies on table outside office.



With nine weeks left in the school year it is great to see that April is choosing to 'leave like a lamb' as so many of our upcoming events are much more enjoyable when the weather is nice. Speaking of nice weather I am always so pleased to see our families playing on the playground after school and on Pro D Days. As technology continues to infiltrate more aspects of our daily life and the concern we all have is evidenced by the many sessions/meetings/talks on the impact technology /social media is having on our youth the opportunity to go outside and plan family activities now that the weather is improving is one of the best ways to reduce youth access to technology. Is it easy, no, but planning a picnic in the park; going for a walk after dinner are simple activities that allow adults to connect with their children in positive ways. Vancouver is blessed with great neighbourhood parks and wonderful Community centres that will support families that are looking for activities to do together. In our area please check out the great resources and opportunities provided by Collingwood Neighbourhood House; Renfrew Community Center and the Vancouver Public Libraries.

Please look to our website at - www.norquay.vsb.bc.ca. or follow us on Twitter @norquaytweets for current and future events.

<u>School Hours</u>	
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)**

The Library has been full of **Life, Learning, and Laughter** this month. We have been making **Spool Knitters** with Div 22; learning 'messy drawing' and the **Design, Make and Share** process with Div 1; **Coding patterns and sequences** with Div 24 and Div 26; and had an excellent **Heritage Fair** (Canadian Social Studies) with Div 2 and 3. Library Monitors have been busy running the Library and Maker Club has been **Making (and Un-Making)** all sorts of fantastic things. Of course, we are all reading a lot and looking for that next **perfect book** to read in class or at home. **Happy Reading** and see you soon!

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

Thursday May 3- Annual *BigOne* @ 2:00 Earthquake Drill.

This year we have many changes to the Critical Response Drills. We will be practicing these both as a staff and also as a whole school drill. Our district wide drill, the Big One at Two will be held on May 3, 2018.

We have asked a **representative from each division to help practice** the Student Reunification portion of the drill. In the event of a real Critical Incident please note the process:

You **must** bring ID to pick up children.

When you arrive at the school, look for **Check in Gate #1** which will be located off Ward Street near the playground.

Line up based on last name.

You will then be asked to show ID, indicated your intended destination, and provide a signature.

You will be given the tear off portion of the form and sent to Release Gate #2.

At **Release Gate #2** you will give the yellow ticket to the runners who will gather your children and then you will be free to leave the school grounds.



We continue to ask for feedback on these processes to ensure that in a Critical Incident we are well prepared. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We expect this to be a high energy learning experience...and it will be far from perfect, but it will allow us to learn and improve together!
Thank you for your Support

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) News:

PAC AGM: May 22, 6:00-7:30 School Library: PAC is looking for parents that are interested in taking on PAC executive roles. If you are interested please attend the meeting and find out what the roles and responsibilities are. Childcare is provided.

Norquay Carnival: Friday June 15 3:00- 7:00. This great school community event needs parental support to be successful. If you can volunteer your time contact PAC at norquaypacteam@gmail.com. Thanks and looking forward to a great event!

The 26th Annual Book Exchange will be held on Thursday, May 31st and Friday, June 1st. Children may bring in their gently used children's books beginning Monday, May 14th. For each book brought in, your child will receive a ticket which can be used to get a new book on Thursday, May 31st. On Friday, June 1st, the remaining books will be available for purchase. Picture books will be .25 and chapter books will be .50.



HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Please make sure that the books being brought to the school are in good condition, (i.e. no rips or scribbles inside) and that they are appropriate for children.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday, May 30th in the morning. Also, we will need help during the daytime on both days of the Book Exchange. Please look for the sign-up sheet on May 14th in the lunchroom.

Thank you from Jodie Affleck and Sharon Trogrlich on behalf of the the Book Exchange Committee

SPORTS DAY - MAY 17TH IMPORTANT INFORMATION - 3pm Dismissal

Students on the Hot Lunch Program will receive lunch as usual on Sports Day

Students not on the hot lunch program can order pizza lunch (notice sent home)

Please have your child:

Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day

Wear sunscreen and a hat

Wear runners and appropriate clothes to participate in the day's activities



2018-19 General School Fees:

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student.

The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that the 2017-18 year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own. That plan has been reversed and schools will continue to provide school supplies for students.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. Families may purchase other items on their own accord that their child would like.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2018: Summer program information is now available for families. Registration opened on April 27th

<https://summer.vsb.bc.ca>

Feelings Corner: Dr. Garzitto

Feelings are inherently a body response. We experience our feelings throughout our body. It isn't just something that happens in your head. It is enormously valuable to be aware of all of your body responses that are associated with a feeling. It may take a bit of unpacking to see what is underneath the big feeling, but step one is simple. Notice what is happening in your body and name it. Say it out loud so that you can hear yourself acknowledge it.

We help children notice their physical responses to big feelings but we can help ourselves and our loved ones do the same thing. The more we do this, the better we get at noticing our feelings. The better we are at noticing our own feelings, the better we get at helping those around us do the same.

This is one of those skills that falls under the category of "easy to learn, hard to master" but it is well worth mastering. As soon as you can focus on your body responses, the wisdom of your feelings will slowly become available to you. And that is where the magic happens.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Our annual Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be held on **Wednesday, May 23rd**. This family session is for all of our incoming Kindergarten students. Thank you to our Kindergarten teams who are planning for this event to welcome our newest Norquay students to school and ensure that each child has a smooth transition to Kindergarten. An email was sent inviting all our new families. If you did not get the email contact the office.

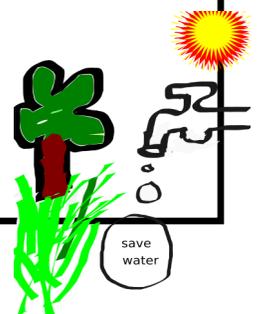
THANKS TO OUR PAC

Water is now flowing that will benefit both our students and our gardens and it is all due to the generous fundraising by our PAC.

In the lunchroom you will see the new water fountain that also has a special faucet to fill water bottles. Students are refilling their bottles far more often due to the ease of access and they also see how many water bottles they have not used. In three days they have saved the equivalent of 763 bottles.

Our water tap is now installed in the center of our garden which will allow students, staff and our parent volunteers much easier access to water our amazing gardens.

Let the water flow!!!



CLASS PLACEMENT 2018

Norquay staff will soon be working to organize classes for September 2018. The teachers at our school take considerable care in determining the placement of students in classes for the new year. There are many factors that are important considerations in this process. It is hoped that the following notes will help parents/guardians understand how student placement is determined.

In deciding the placement of students in classes, staff members consider student groupings which balance academic and social needs. Student learning styles and relationships are also part of the process. Parent / guardian input can also be very helpful to our process. Our objective is to create classes which best meet the needs of our students.

Should you wish to provide the school with extra information, please send a letter by May 31 to Mr. Krug. If you wish to speak with someone about your child's placement, please call the office to make an appointment to speak with Mr. Krug.

WE Day Club: PJ's with a Purpose

One April 26th it was nice to see so many students and staff wear their PJ's to school in support of our WE DAY club's effort to raise money to support children battling cancer. With \$3534.00 raised as of April 26th the We Day club will be collecting for one more week. With the amount raised already it means Mr. Wee will be having his hair dyed blue but to get his hair to be a rainbow we need to get to \$5000.00. We will see what this next week brings in but thanks to all our donors as the We Day club is set to make a great donation to support children battling cancer.

Some Dates to Note	Activity
Tuesday, May 1	Div. 20 and 26 release their salmon.
Wed. May 2	Class/team and school Panorama photos also PAC photos for Gr. 7 and K's.
Thurs. May 3	8:00 Free Bike Safety Checks by gravel field 9:15: Hearing Screening Follow-up 2:00: Earthquake Drill
Fri. May 4	Peer Educators Conference at Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Monday May 7	Fly'n Bob performance for all grades
Tuesday May 8	Raising Digitally Responsible Youth 6:30 Prince of Wales High School (free)
May 9,10,11	Grade 7's at Evan's Lake Camp
Thursday May 17	Sports Day regular dismissal at 3:00
Friday May 18	School Closed for District Closure Day
Monday May 21	Victoria Day: School Closed
Tuesday May 22	PAC Annual General Meeting: 6:00-7:30 in Library (Childcare provided)
Wed. May 23	Welcome To Kindergarten: For our 2018- 19 Kindergarten students 1:15 Library
Thurs. May 31/Friday June 1	Norquay 26th annual Book Exchange
Friday June 15	PAC Carnival: 3:00-7:00
Thursday June 21	National Indigenous Day
Friday June 22	Norquay Harvest Festival
Tuesday June 26	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 10:00
Thursday June 28	Last Day of school and Term 3 reports sent home