



NORQUAY SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Norquay Community,

As you read this newsletter we are rapidly leaving the eventful month of May and sailing into an action packed month of June. Summer holidays are fast approaching! There are many wonderful programs for students both here in our Collingwood/Renfrew community and throughout the city. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like information about what opportunities there are available for your children to be active and engaged during the holiday months. Throughout the month of June, there are so many things going on: Field trips, Harvest Festival, PAC Carnival, Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony . . . and the list goes on and on! With all these events coming up please watch our website - <http://norquay.vsb.bc.ca> and the Norquay PAC website - <http://norquaypac.ca> and watch for notices in the days and weeks ahead so you too, can be on top of what is happening at Norquay!

One BIG change at Norquay is that we will no longer have our Breakfast and Lunch program come next September. Due to declining participants it is no longer possible for the VSB to provide this service for our families. Please plan to provide your child with a breakfast to start the day and pack a lunch and recess snack for your child come September.

Attached find our School Calendar Dates for 2018-19 for your planning!

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

Library News

Hip Hip Hooray! Well done Norquay! This year has been a super year in the library and all around our school. This spring we have done all sorts of **Designing and Making, Novel Studies and Research Projects**. We checked out and read thousands of books and our big team of Library Monitors has done an over-the-moon job of keeping our Library in top shape. A reminder that all books are due back to the Library by June 7 and of course the first division to return all their books will receive a Milk and Cookies party! Mmmm cookies!!! See you soon!

Norquay awarded 1st Farm to School Pollinator Award

Val Kao (Parent Garden Coordinator) and Ms. de Jardin accepted this prestigious award on behalf of the Norquay School community. The Farm to School BC Pollinator Award recognizes school programs and school teams who act as pollinators within their community: buzzing around their gardens, kitchens and classrooms to build healthy food systems, transferring and sharing knowledge, fostering thriving learning environments and supporting the development of young healthy 'seeds', who will grow up to one day offer the fruits of their labour back to the environment and community. Norquay clearly exemplifies the Farm to School Pillars: Healthy, local food for students; hands on experiential learning in the garden; school and community connectedness and supporting sustainable regional food systems. You can see the Pollinator Award in our front Display Case. Congratulations to all our students, staff, parents and community members that have worked so hard to create the Norquay school gardens and thanks to Nikoo Boroumand from SPEC for nominating us for the award and all the support she has provided our garden.

Community Thanks for supporting Norquay and our We Day Club

Thank-you to FGL Sports Ltd., the largest and only national sporting goods retailer in Canada, for donating \$1000 worth of sports equipment to John Norquay Elementary School. Your generous donation equipped us with brand new basketballs, volleyballs, and soccer balls for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank-you to Cory Forsyth of FGL Sport's super store Sport Chek at Metropolis, Metrotown Mall for your kind support and for fulfilling our sporting goods needs.

Thank-you to Meo Ho and Axis Hair Salons for Mr. Wee's hair transformation sponsorship for Norquay's PJs With A Purpose initiative under Team Finn Foundation. Thank-you also for helping Norquay raise funds for children battling cancer. To the Norquay school community, thank-you for rising to the occasion! Together, we raised **\$5651.55 to make the lives of children living with cancer a little bit better.**

Congratulations on a remarkable job to the WE Day Club members who worked tirelessly not only on this initiative but all the wonderful community initiatives this year: Operation Care, Zinc Saves Lives, Pink Shirt Day, Broncos "Jersey Day," and Bike To School Week!

July 1 Canada Community Event:

The 22nd annual Youth Celebrate Canada Day event will be held on July 1st, 2018, at Renfrew Park Community Centre in East Vancouver. This Canada Day celebration attracts well over 1,000 guests from all backgrounds that treat themselves to games, arts and crafts, entertainment, ethnic foods, and other multicultural activities. In the past, we have had performances from the Windermere Vocal Ensemble, Chinese senior dancers, taekwondo demonstrations, and more

STAFF CHANGES: We are starting the process of Spring interviews for the 2018/19 school year. Staffing information will be shared in our final newsletter of the year. However, at this time we do know of some staff who will not be returning to Norquay next year. *We will be saying a very fond farewell to Ms. Thompson, Ms. Grieves and Ms. Siudut as they head off into the adventures of retirement. We wish them all the best . We also say good bye to Ms. Hauszner, Ms. Young, Ms. Surilla, Ms. Ward, Ms. Asif, Ms. Li, Ms. Skopnic, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Good and thank them for all the support they provided our students this year. Also a sad good bye to Ms. Parente who has cared for and fed the students at Norquay for the past 15 years. Ms. Parente truly made the school a better place with the service she provided all these years. Please take the time to pay a visit to these wonderful staff members to thank them and wish them all the best!*

Rotary Club Supports Norquay:

On May 29th, Ms. Parente and Mrs. Smith attended the Rotarian lunch at the Terminal City Club. Norquay has had a unique relationship with the Rotary Club of Vancouver for over 20 years. They have supported and partnered with our One to One Literacy Program for our Grade 2 and 3 students and our Breakfast program. We are incredibly grateful and fortunate to have such a strong and continued relationship with this group. Thank You!

PAC News:

We want to take this chance to say THANK YOU to all the parents that came out to volunteer throughout the year. We could not have had such a successful school year without your help. **“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss**

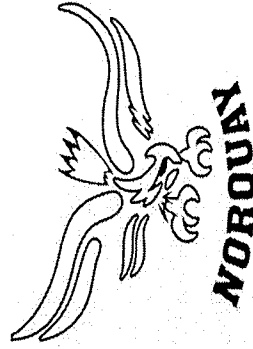
With all that being said we are still in need of volunteers for our Carnival & Rummage Sale coming up on June 15th. If you are able to volunteer for even an hour, or bake a cake before hand please let us know. You can sign-up online at <https://goo.gl/pxk6Zy> or in the lunchroom. Thank you! Your PAC Team."

Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony

On Tuesday, May 22 it was great to acknowledge and see Deshane and Matteo cross the stage on their way to Grade 8 at this District Event. Congratulations Boys! Best of luck in High school!

Some Dates to Note	Activity
Friday June 15	PAC Rummage Sale and 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 home
Monday July 16	School Garden Picnic at Norquay Gardens
Tues. Sept. 4	Gr.1-7 Students attend 9:30-10:30
	2018 Kind. students 10:00- 10:30
Wed. Sept. 5	Full Day for Grade 1-7 students

Remember to send snack and lunch



Norquay Book Exchange

We have had another successful book exchange with nearly 5,300 books being traded in. Thank you to the support of all the students, staff, parents and TELUS volunteers for making this a wonderful event.



The Book Exchange Committee

Children across the province will be taking a big step forward this summer when they join this year's BC Summer Reading Club: *Motion Commotion*.

Summer Reading Club is *free* and registration starts on Friday June 15th until the beginning of August. Sign up at any BC Public Library and receive your own personal reading package. Once registered, club members read at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days to earn their *Summer Reading Club Medal!* Meanwhile, keep the reading in motion by visiting your closest Vancouver Public Library branch for contests, activities, and free kids' programs.

Program highlights at the Collingwood Branch , 2985 King-sway, include:

- Saturday 16 June 2pm *Launch Party Blast-off*
- Friday 6 July 2pm - *Shake, Rattle and Roll*
- Friday 20 July 2pm - *Stories in Motion: Paper Animation*
- Friday 3 August 2pm - *Book Olympics*
- Friday 17 August 2pm - *Amazing Mazes*

CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

John Norquay Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)

Important Dates

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sun. Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)

Friday, September 21, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Parent Teacher Conferences Term 1	2:00 Dismissal
Thursday, October 25, 2018	Parent Teacher Conferences Term 1	2:00 Dismissal
Wednesday, February 20, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences Term 2	2:00 Dismissal
Thursday, February 21, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences Term 2	2:00 Dismissal

Early Dismissal Times

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