

SHARING STORY NORGATE XWEMELCH'STN

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Rob and Tristan



The value of shared experiences is felt by students, staff and community. Walking, we had the opportunity to place our feet on the land as Dallas acknowledged ancestor teachings. At the St. Paul's Residential School Monument, our learning community listened and showed respect to the elders who shared their story. Students showed great care for each other. Tsliel Watuth member Tchilaqs7Tchila (Gord Dick) helped lift student, community and staff by playing Nun "Bear Game" originating from Bella Coola Nuxalk Nation. Check out the words written by the North Shore News:

<https://www.nsnews.com/community/north-vancouver-schools-partner-with-gord-downie-and-chanie-wenjack-fund-1.23469800>



Our Learning
Community

A message from Finn in Division 5 (Ms. Morrison & Ms. McCleod):



"[We are learning about] leaves and chlorophyll. [We are] finding leaves that have not much chlorophyll in them. Why do some trees go brown? And the sugar in the leaves make them brown, red and orange."

A Strong Culture
of Aboriginal
World Views &
Perspectives

...and from Zoe in Division 5 (Ms. Morrison & Ms. McCleod):

"I learned weaving with Ms. Heather. [We] decide the colours of the braid. Each colour had a purpose. White for grandparents. Red for war. I was very happy with weaving. I want to make more braids."



Code of Conduct Norgate ROCKS...

We are proud of our students for following instructions for safety and leading each other in a thoughtful “Great BC Earthquake Shakeout Emergency Practice” Session on Thursday, October 18!

Important Halloween Message: Please encourage your child to wear thoughtful, appropriate, respectful costumes for all ages and cultures.

Important message from PAC – Please see attached flyer re: Amazing Photo Shoot Fundraiser!



Messages Updates and Reminders

Community Programs – Norgate is facilitating a fun literacy play-based program led by Collingwood students. The program would run for 60 minutes 1 x week for 4-6 weeks, starting in January. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Gret at galber@sd44.ca

Staffing Updates – We would like to welcome some new staff: Andrew Chu (Educational Assistant) Natalie MacTavish (Temporary K/1 Teacher) Devi Ramachandirani (Community Coordinator Clerical) We are very lucky for the latest additions to staff!

School Plan Update – It was a very authentic experience beginning to develop vision and setting goals for the school year. We started with: “What is the most beautiful thing about the work we do?”

- November 6** – PAC Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 (all welcome)
- November 6 – 9** – Grade 6 Outdoor School (Cheakamus)
- November 8** – Community Coffee Morning Sponsored by PAC (8:15 – 9:15)
- November 9** – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 12** – School Closed for Remembrance Day Honouring
- November 26 – 30** – Full Week of 2 pm dismissal (Conferences and Staff Collaboration)

Week at a Glance Oct 29 – Nov 2

<p>Monday Ultimate Frisbee PE Session Sponsored by ISPARC Gr. 4-7 Soccer with Sukh - Sponsored by ISPARC (3:00 – 4:15) See attached poster.</p> <p>Tuesday Pumpkin Carving (Afternoon)</p> <p>Wednesday Halloween Parade (1-2 pm) We change into costumes after lunch. Parents welcome! 5-6 pm pickle ball (drop in for everyone) VanCity Basketball 6:10-7:00pm (Gr. 1-3) 7-8pm (Gr. 4/5) 8-9pm u10/11 club practice</p> <p>Thursday School Based Professional Day (School not in session) Capilano Services After school Out trip (Gr. 6/7) Be at school by 2:30 to go skating</p> <p>Friday District Wide Professional Day (School not in session) Red Fox Activities Cancelled</p>
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