



NORTH SURREY LEARNING CENTRE

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MRS. JEWEL BONDAR, PRINCIPAL
SEPT/OCT 2019 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students of the North Surrey Learning Centre:

It has been a very busy September! Our student population continues to increase as students and parents hear about us. Our population is sitting around 200 students currently. Currently, our morning sessions are nearing capacity and there is limited space in our afternoon classes. At this time our Grade 10 Challenge Program is full as is our Outdoor Education Program.

A welcome back barbeque was held on Tuesday, October 1. Students were served hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, ice cream bars and pop. It was so delicious and we extend our thanks to Kay D. and Rochelle R (both youth workers in our school) for putting this together for us.

On Thursday, September 26, 2019, we recognized Orange shirt Day with the theme "Every Child Matters". Our Aboriginal Youth Worker, Rochelle R and our Indigenous Graduation Advocate, Lindsay M were instrumental in organizing a button making opportunity for our students and staff with our theme printed on each button.

We need to say goodbye to our PAC president Della Serediuk who has served our school for several years. She has been a wonderful support to our community and this has allowed us to access funds to support student experiences here at NSLC. Valerie Fleming is also a long time PAC member and we thank her for the years she has supported our PAC. In addition, we also thank Sarah McKay who was a member at large for our school PAC for the 2018-2019 school term.

We would like to welcome Nancy Wright and Kiran Athwal to our 2019-2020 PAC. Without these ladies stepping forward many experiences would not be available for our students. If you are interested in joining our PAC, please contact Jewel Bondar at 604-583-4040. Very little time commitment is required, and you will not be asked to engage in fund raising. Your support is needed and welcomed.

On September 25, our Outdoor Program hosted an open house/parent meeting. The staff in this program are: Jonathan Rempel, humanities teacher, Stephen DeLuca, math teacher, and Megan McLaren, program counsellor. The next intake for this program will take place in the month of January for a term 2 start in February.

Many of our student population is vaping. This is a concerning behavior because it is not regulated and the current research is suggesting it is very unhealthy. Please assist us in reminding your teenagers that there is a district schoolboard policy in which smoking of any kind is not allowed in or on school board property (policy 7214 [attached below]).

Our next non-instructional day is on Thursday, October 24. There is no school on this day but there is Friday school for those with unexcused absences or for those wishing to complete extra work. Friday school runs from 8:30am to 11:30pm.

A reminder that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Monday, October 14, 2019 is a holiday.

October 23 is Picture Day. It is important that all students make an effort to attend for this. The Go Card used for transit is made from these pictures. There is no other day booked for pictures.

We also have parent teacher interviews approaching. These will be held November 6th. Towards the middle of October, you will be contacted by the office staff to book an interview time. We hope that you will bring your teenager with you for these.

Looking forward to meeting you all again.

Wishing you all the best,

Jewel Bondar, Principal

POLICY #7214 SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

The Surrey Board of Education declares all School District No. 36 (Surrey) buildings, grounds and property (including school district vehicles), to be a totally smoke free environment for students, parents, visitors and staff.

In accordance with the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, while in or on school property, all students, parents, visitors and staff are prohibited from:

- a) Smoking or using tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco, and;
- b) Using e-cigarettes, or holding activated e-cigarettes.

The prohibition in section a) above does not apply to the ceremonial use of tobacco in or on school property if the ceremonial use is approved by the board and is performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, or by a prescribed group for a prescribed purpose.

In accordance with the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* all students, parents, visitors and staff are prohibited from smoking cannabis, or holding lighted cannabis, in or on school property or within a prescribed distance from school property. As well, a person must not use or hold a device that is vapourizing cannabis for inhalation or release in the air in or on school property or within a prescribed distance from school property.

The school district shall post appropriate signage to inform students, staff, parents and other visitors of the Smoke Free Environment policy.

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CAREER EDUCATION NEWS

After a busy September, career education is in full swing at the North Surrey Learning Centre. The Learning Centre offers many opportunities for students to further develop their employability skills and work toward graduation and employment.

Upcoming Programs:

ACE-IT: The Surrey School District in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Vancouver Community College (VCC) and Surrey College offers students the opportunity to begin training in the trades while still in high school. Seats are limited and students must undergo a successful application and interview process to secure a spot. Successful applicants who complete the program receive industry certification, or post-secondary course credits, in addition to high school course credit. Tuition is paid by the Surrey School District. Applications for these district partnership programs are due in the spring and most programs begin semester 2. Trade opportunities include:

Auto Collision, Auto Refinishing, Automotive Service, Baking & Pastry Arts, Carpentry, Culinary, Drafting, Education Assistant, Electrical, Hairstylist, Heavy Mechanical, Horticulture, Metal Fabrication, Millwright, Painter, Piping, Roofing and Welding.

Programs Currently Running:

We currently have 1 student in the ACE-IT Baking program at Vancouver Community College. When finished in January, Angelina will have earned 7 high school courses and completed the initial requirements towards her Red Seal in Baking and Pastry Arts.

Michael will begin the Welding program at KPU second semester. Michael will earn 6 high school course credits as well as training for the first steps in the Red Seal Welding program.

Certificate Workshops: Coming up in the next few weeks, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops to learn valuable skills and earn certificates to enhance their resumes and help with future employment. Certificates currently scheduled are:

- Counterbalance Forklift
- Power Pallet
- Emergency First Aid
- FoodSafe

City of Surrey: Applications for the City of Surrey Mentorship Program are currently being accepted. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to earn work experience credits by completing a 3 week job placement at the City of Surrey. Past departments who have mentored students include: Parks Operations, Engineering Roads & Drainage, Recreation, Finance and others. It is a great opportunity for students to learn valuable job skills and earn course credit.

Pre-Placement: A number of students participated in the 2 day pre-placement workshop. These students have completed the first steps towards their work experience 12 credits and are now ready to complete their 100 hours of work experience.

The government also offers a number of job skill training programs which include a work portion. Students who are interested in any of the programs should see the career facilitator for more information.

We encourage students to listen to Monday morning announcements and to check the Career News Board for volunteer positions, job fairs, and work information

For more information on any of the career education programs, please contact Jen, our Career Education Facilitator.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPT.



EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS

ENGLISH DEPT.

Surrey Learning Centres are proud to announce the launch of a unique film making project in partnership with the Cinematheque called "Looking For Us". The aim of this project is to empower youth to take an active role in defining their space in the contemporary Canadian Mosaic, and to produce films that promote change within their local communities. This project will take place in an one week intense workshop where students will work with professional film makers from the Cinematheque and culminate in a screening on Dec 13 at 7pm [location TBA]. Everyone will be welcome and we hope to see you all there!

COURSE COMPLETIONS – 20 19/20 20

Each term we have a draw for gift cards. All students that have completed courses are eligible to win – the more courses they complete, the more opportunity they have to win!!

G:
Harman – 1

H:
Dominic - 3

M:
Nikolai - 1
Noah – 1

O:
Nate - 1

P:
Sarah – 1

R:
Romero - 1

S:
Albert – 1

Z:
Keisha - 1

REPORT CARD INFO – 20 19 / 20 20

Wed., November 06, 2019

Report Card #1

Thu., January 30, 2020

Report Card #2

Wed., April 08, 2020

Report Card #3

Fri., June 26, 2020

Report Card #4 mailed home

If you would like to receive a report card by email, please send a quick email to Cathy Ostman at ostman_c@surreyschools.ca.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – 20 19 / 20 20

03 Sep	School re-opens
30 Sep	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session)
14 Oct	Thanksgiving Day (School closed)
23 Oct	Picture Day
24 Oct	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session) – Evening classes in session
06 Nov	Report Card #1 Issued; Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal – adjusted schedule)
07 Nov	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session) – Evening classes in session
11 Nov	Remembrance Day (School closed)
19 Dec	Last day of classes before Winter Break
23 Dec - 03 Jan	Winter Break
06 Jan	School re-opens after Winter Break
30 Jan	Report Card #2 Issued
13 Feb	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session) – Evening classes in session
17 Feb	Family Day (School closed)
12 Mar	Last day of classes before Spring Break
16 Mar– 27 Mar	Spring Break
30 Mar	School re-opens after Spring Break
08 Apr	Report Card #3 Issued; Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal – adjusted schedule)
10 Apr	Good Friday (School closed)
13 Apr	Easter Monday (School closed)
30 Apr	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session) – Evening classes in session
18 May	Victoria Day (School closed)
25 May	Non-Instructional Day (School not in session)
17 Jun	Graduation Ceremony
18 Jun	Last day of classes for ALL students
26 Jun	Administrative Day – School closes for the summer; Report Card #4 mailed home

PROVINCIAL EXAM DATES 20 19/ 2020

Below you will find the schedule of exams that are offered at the North Surrey Learning Centre. A complete listing of exams for the province is available at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams.

Mon, 04 Nov 2019	Literacy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm
Tue, 05 Nov 2019	Numeracy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm
Wed, 06 Nov 2019	English 12 English First Peoples	9:00am 1:00pm
Thu, 07 Nov 2019	Communications 12	9:00am

Mon, 20 Jan 2020	Literacy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm
Tue, 21 Jan 2020	Numeracy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm
Wed, 22 Jan 2020	English 12 English First Peoples	9:00am 1:00pm
Thu, 23 Jan 2020	Communications 12	9:00am

Tue, 14 Apr 2020	Literacy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm
Wed, 15 Apr 2020	Numeracy Assessment	9:00am and 1:00pm

Mon, 22 Jun 2020	English 12 English First Peoples	9:00am 1:00pm
Tue, 23 Jun 2020	Communications 12	9:00am

This is the last time these exams will be available, they are being retired after this session.

SCHOOL FEES



North Surrey Learning Centre charges a \$15 Student Activity Fee and a \$25 refundable book deposit payable upon registration.

Student Activity Fee:

This fee covers the cost of go cards, year end, student activities and athletics, student certifications such as WorldHost, CPR, Foodsafe, etc., guest speakers, recognition and celebrations.

Refundable Book Deposit:

A \$25 deposit is collected from all students for the use of various textbooks and novels. This deposit is refunded, in its' entirety, to students who return all of their books upon withdrawal or graduation. If a student loses a book, the cost is deducted and a partial refund will be issued.

Other Fees:

Accounting workbooks can be purchased for cost and retained, or can be borrowed and returned in the original condition.

Calculators are available to borrow or purchase at cost.

Fine Arts supplies are available to purchase at cost, or can be purchased by the student at the vendor of choice.

Field Trips, Outings and Training (Superhost, Foodsafe, CPR). These options are available to all students at a subsidized cost, and are not a required component of courses for graduation.

ABSENCES

Please ensure that if your son/daughter is going to be absent or late you call in to the office at 604-583-4040 or email us at northsurreylc@surreyschools.ca. If we are not notified of an absence or late it is considered to be unexcused and the student needs to attend Friday school to make up the time they missed.

If you contact a teacher directly, this information is often not provided to the office. Please advise the office first and then you can be put through to the respective teacher if required.

ADDRESS/ PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Please ensure the office is kept up-to-date on any address or telephone number changes. This can be done by phone at 604-583-4040 or email us at northsurreylc@surreyschools.ca.