



NORMA ROSE POINT PAC NEWSLETTER

PAC Chair Message

First and foremost I want to welcome back all families to NRP. A special welcome to all the NEW NRP families who are joining the school this year...I know there are a lot of you. I want to stress to you that if you have any questions about how the school works, how you can lend a hand with PAC (and there are a lot of amazing opportunities throughout the year to volunteer some time), or anything else, please ask us. We are always here to help and support the parent community.

We at NRP are an amazingly diverse group. That is our greatest strength. We know that each parent brings unique experience and we hope that you will share it with the community.

There will be many opportunities this year to learn...we are VERY excited for the year to come. I hope that many of you will take full advantage of all the opportunities this year.



Important Dates:

Sept. 5th: First Day of School for Grades 1-8 : 9:00-10:00

: Parent Coffee and Tea :8:30-10:00am

Sept. 14: Meet the Staff Night 5:00-7:00pm

Sept. 15: ProD Day (No School)

Sept. 19: PAC Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

Oct. 3: PAC AGM (Annual General Meeting) 6:30-7:30pm

Oct.9: Thanksgiving (No School)

Oct. 16: Staff Appreciation Pot-luck put on by parents

Oct. 20: ProD Day (No School)

Nov. 7: PAC Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

Nov. 10: ProD Day (No School)

Nov. 13: No School (in lieu of Remembrance Day)

Dec. 1: ProD Day (No School)

Dec. 5: PAC Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

Dec. 22: Last Day of School

Dec. 25- Jan.5: Winter Break (No School)

Connect With Us:

Website: <https://nrppac.wordpress.com>

Email: rosepointpac@gmail.com

Lunch Questions?:
rospointpaclunch@gmail.com

FULL SCHOOL AND PAC CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND ON THE PAC WEBSITE <https://nrppac.wordpress.com>

First Day of School Coffee/Tea:



All parents are encouraged to come to the main foyer on the first day of school from 8:30-10:00 to enjoy free tea and coffee courtesy of the PAC. Mingle, chat and re-connect while your kids are in class (from 9:00-10:00am). PAC executive members will be there to help answer any questions you have.

BRING YOUR OWN CUP!

Parent Information PACkage:



By the end of the first week of school you will receive a package (will be sent home with your child so please look for it) containing most of what you need to know about PAC and some of our programs.

The second week of school we will be sending out the Direct Appeal form in hopes that you will make a generous donation to help pay for items the school has prioritized that they do not receive funding for by the Vancouver School Board (VSB).



School Communication:

NRP school works hard to keep parents informed about activities going on. They understand that parents are busy. They request that all parents download the NRP App. It can be found in the App store and can be downloaded for free. Each Sunday you will receive notification of activities happening that week.

This app is also the main tool for communication in case of an emergency.

For android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sia.nrps>

For Apple Devices:

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/norma-point-school/id895615029?mt=8>

PAC Communication:

PAC has two ways to keep parents informed throughout the school year...email and website.

Website: <https://nrppac.wordpress.com>

PAC Email: rosepointpac@gmail.com

With so many parents and so many students, our PAC works very hard at communication. We are really trying to make things easy this year. The main tools we will use are the PAC email and the “NEW” PAC Website. We are requesting that all parents go to the website and “follow” us. Once you do you will receive an email notification every time we post. You will also then be added to the PAC email list. Why? The most basic reason would be in case of an emergency. If something unforeseen happens then the school will post out on the NRP App. The PAC Chair will then forward the information onto our website. You will receive a notification via your email. If possible the PAC Chair will forward the information by email but access to all the contacts may not be possible.



Food at NRP:

NRP is a **NUT FREE and DAIRY FREE SCHOOL**.

Please do not send children with any type of nut (peanuts, walnuts, almonds, cashews etc.) or liquid, spillable dairy (milk or yogurt). We have many kids and staff with severe allergies and we want to ensure they are safe at school.

The PAC runs an optional 5 day/week lunch program (see more below). We work very hard to find the best caterers that make the best quality foods. All caterers follow BC Health guidelines and all food is nut free-Please note that since NRP PAC runs this program as a fundraiser (we add 10% above our supplier cost which goes directly towards paying for items for the school like gym equipment), they are the only outside caterers parents are allowed to order from.

Getting to and from NRP:

Parking: There is very minimal parking at the school. The front parking lot is for parents who have no other choice but to drive their children to or from school. This is the only parking lot where parents are allowed to leave their vehicle.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST BACK YOUR VEHICLE INTO THE PARKING SPOT.

If you use the round-about in front of the main entrance, please be sure to follow the signs and rules. You are NOT allowed to exit and leave your vehicle. This is a pick-up and drop-off zone only.

Please also respect others waiting by moving forward when there is a space. **With 860 students now attending NRP this area will likely be extremely busy and priority should always be the safety of the kids.**



Walking to school: Obviously this is the preferred way for kids to get to and from school. NRP does participate in the Walking School Bus Program and you are welcome to sign your kids up. Further information on the program will come home first week of September along with other important information on PAC.



Biking to School: If riding a bike to school, please remember that it is the law in BC that everyone wears a helmet!

Also please dismount your bike or scooter before getting onto school property. This is to ensure the safety of smaller kids playing outside.

Bike racks can be found in the front of the school. **Primary (K-5 students) may park bikes on the West side** of the main school doors. All **Middle school (grade 6-8) please use the racks to the East of the main doors.**



PAC Run Lunch Program:

The Hot Lunch program is returning this year with some big changes! The ordering will open on Sept 5th once everyone knows what division their child is in and the first week of delivery will be the week of Sept 18th so please remember to pack lunches!

We have new ordering software that should make things easier for everyone; an email with the link will be sent out before Sept 5th and there will be an FAQs section and an 'how to' section on the PAC website to help new and returning families understand the lunch program, the software and the policies - please take the time to check them out!

Please note that we'll have some new menu items, we always love feedback about the food as it helps us make the menu based on your needs!

Like all the previous years, the PAC run Lunch Program is a fundraiser. While maintaining food costs that are as low as possible, we do make approximately 10% profit on each item ordered. Last year PAC raised close to \$17,000 from the lunch program. All funds raised will go pay for items for the school!

Also, like last year we ask that you send your child with utensils (fork/spoon/chopsticks). We will not provide any.

Direct Appeal Request:

Within the first 2 weeks of school, PAC will be sending home with every child a direct appeal form. Each year the school gathers it's top priorities of what they require but that the Vancouver School Board (VSB) does not fund. This includes things like Library Books, Musical Instruments, gym equipment... In an attempt to support the school and our children we reach out to each of you in hopes that you will make a donation that goes directly to pay for the items requested. Over the past several years PAC has made a commitment to parents to reduce the amount of fundraising we do. This is why we run the Lunch Program and have the Direct Appeal (we as PAC also apply each year for a Gaming Grant from the BC Government which gives us \$10 per student registered in the school the previous year). We have been able to raise enough funds through both to not do any additional funding requests to parents.

We also are aware that NRP is a very diverse financial community. While we hope each of you will be able to donate (any amount over \$20 will receive a tax receipt). If you are financially not able to donate we completely understand.



Curriculum at NRP:

Each year there is some confusion about what is taught at NRP. In short, NRP follows the mandated BC Curriculum. In fact, any school in BC that receives funding from the Province must follow this curriculum. While the classrooms at NRP may be set up differently than most schools, and while the teachers here teach collaboratively rather than in isolation, what your child will learn by the end of the year will be the same as any other student in public or private school in BC.

NRP has chosen not to use textbooks (in fact this is optional for all schools). Instead the teachers utilize many other ways to teach.

PAC will be holding a meeting for parents within the first 4-6 weeks of school to help explain this further, with the help of school administration and teachers.

In the mean time, here is the link to the BC Curriculum so you can see what it looks like and what is taught in each grade and subject and what the students are evaluated on.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>



Wesbrook Village Festival

When: Saturday September 9th

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Wesbrook Village

Live music, a kid's zone with kid's performers and bounce castles, local artisans, and our signature FREE BBQ.



Following is a list of programs that are being run at NRP after school: Please note that these are private companies and not programs run by the school or VSB:

If we here of any additional classes we will update our PAC Website.

Monday:

Sea Smart

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Dates: September 25-November 20 (except October 9)

Registration: <http://seasmartschool.com/after-school-program-registration/>

Tuesday:

Pear Tree Enrichment:

Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Dates: September 11 - December 11

Registration: contact Paul at: paul@pear-tree.ca

Wednesday:

LEGO Robotics:

Time: 3:15-4:45pm

Dates: Fall 2017 (8 weeks): Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18
(no class on Oct 25 due to early dismissal) Nov 1, 8, 15

Winter 2018 (8 weeks): Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Spring 2018 (8 weeks): April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Registration: <http://daedalosacademy.com/events/lego-robotics-traffic-elementary-fall-2017-8-weeks-sept-18-nov-20/>

Thursday:

Young Rembrandts:

Time: 3:15-4:15

Dates: Fall 1 Session (6 weeks): Sep 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2

Fall 2 Session (6 weeks): Nov 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14

Winter Session (8 weeks): Jan 25, Feb 1, 8,
15, 22, Mar 1, 8, 15

Spring Session (8 weeks): Apr 19, 26, May 3,
10, 17, 24, 31, June 7

Registration: www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver.

Friday:

Vancouver Chess School:

Time: 3:00-4:30 Rm: Learning Commons

Dates: Fall Session (12 weeks): Sept 8 – Dec. 22

Registration: <http://www.vanchess.ca/groups> ->
[Chess in Schools > Norma Rose Point Elementary School](#)