

Outdoor School

John Weston, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country, dropped by the Outdoor School for a tour on April 9, 2009. As a member of the Public Accounts and Fisheries



Victor Elderton & MP John Weston

Standing Committees in Ottawa, Mr. Weston enjoyed a first-hand look at the school's working fish hatchery and the on-site BC Hydro partnership projects related

to spawning habitat restoration and enumeration of salmonids in the Cheakamus River.

During his visit, MP Weston was briefed on the Outdoor School's forty year history of experiential environmental education, the First Nations cultural experience, and youth leadership programming. Mr. Weston learned of the critical need for campus infrastructure renewal and the School District's plans for the new North Shore Credit Union Environmental Learning Centre, the first sustainably-designed building in a multi-phased revitalization of the Outdoor School's 420 acres of ecological reserve in the Cheakamus River Valley, near Squamish.

Sunday, June 7, 2009
Outdoor School
Open House
10:30 am to 3:30 pm



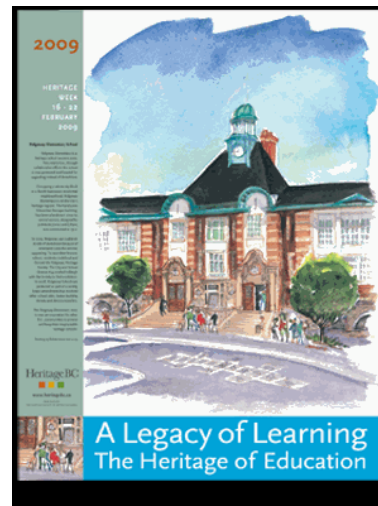
Summer Institute

Learning Like a River, a one-week course exploring sustainability and environmental issues is scheduled for July 6 to 10, 2009. Experience and explore the stunning Cheakamus River from Whistler glaciers to the Squamish estuary in Howe Sound.

Activities include high alpine hiking, river-rafting, and a night in the Skw'one-was Big House. These learning experiences support the new BC K-12 environmental learning curriculum framework. Course participants can apply for undergraduate credit at Simon Fraser University. Selected applicants may be eligible for a Sustainability Leadership subsidy from the Ministry of Education. More information is available at [Programs – Outdoor School](#).

Poster Girl

A Legacy of Learning: The Heritage of Education Robert Amos' original watercolour painting of Ridgeway Elementary School is featured on Heritage BC's 2009 poster.



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<http://www.heritagebc.ca/events/heritage-week>

More information about the [Heritage Restoration of Ridgeway Elementary School](#) is available on the North Vancouver School District's website.

Different

An exhibit of [Works from the Artists for Kids Academy](#) is on display April 28 through May 3, 2009 at Seymour Art Gallery in Deep Cove
10 am to 5 pm daily
4360 Gallant Avenue
North Vancouver BC V7G 1L2

Summer School of Visual Art

Outdoor studio adventures for young artists with teams of experienced art teachers and Canada's finest artists
July 5 to 17, 2009
[For more information and registration](#)

Smith Works on Paper

Stroll through an exhibit of more than 604 new photographs, collages, and paintings of one of Canada's greatest contemporary painters, Gordon Smith, a man of inspiration, a master teacher and an extraordinary artist.
April 15 through May 9, 2009
10 am to 5 pm daily
12 noon to 4 pm weekends
Artists for Kids Gallery
810 West 21st Street
North Vancouver BC V7P 2C1



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A Commitment to Education

In March, Joanne Robertson and Gretchen Tolfo presented a seminar in Edmonton on two of North Vancouver School District's learning resources, *Our Turn to Talk* and *Firm Foundations*. Kathryn Burke, Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta, has provided the following comments:

I wish to commend the North Vancouver School District for its commitment to improving the quality of education through the development of the repertoire of programs based on existing best practices like Firm Foundations and Our Turn to Talk. The particular genius of District 44 has been in supporting teachers to create these programs for other teachers. I would argue this approach is the reason District 44's programs are pragmatic and both teacher and student friendly. And, we are all benefiting from your efforts.



Your district provides a vital service to the public outside its boundaries by making evidence based programming more widely accessible to other teachers and districts.

The passion with which the program and its benefits were demonstrated by the team who attended the Edmonton workshop was evident. It was quite obvious that both Joanne Robertson and Gretchen Tolfo are gifted educators. I am certain that many who attended were "recharged" about teaching as a result of the session.

We proudly honour individual and collective accomplishments that inspire all of us to pursue and achieve success



The Big One at One

On Friday, May 8th at 1:15 p.m., students in North Vancouver School District will practise a **Drop / Cover / Hold** earthquake drill as part of National Emergency Preparedness Week.



New Highlands Elementary School

The North Vancouver School District has some major capital projects underway—Highlands, Carisbrooke, Canyon Heights—and others that are currently in the planning stages—Carson Graham, Ridgeway, Queen Mary, the Environmental Learning Centre, and Education Services Centre. The planning and coordination of these projects is massive.

But these buildings are shells; it is the staff, students, and parents who are the living portion of the building. They are the ones who bring stories of success, accomplishments, and history to our schools. They are the heart of our schools and the School District.

In Memoriam

Margaret Constance Crute McLeod 1919–2009

One of the people who contributed—and continues to contribute—to the success of our students was Miss Margaret Constance Crute. Miss Crute joined the School District in 1942. She was a home-grown success story. Margaret attended Queen Mary, Lonsdale, and North Vancouver Secondary School. She received her post-secondary education at the University of British Columbia and the University of Paris. During her career with the School District, Miss Crute taught French, Spanish, German, and English at Ridgeway Jr. High School, Sutherland Jr. High School, and North Vancouver Secondary School. In 1971, Miss Crute sent a letter of resignation to William Lucas [Wm. Lucas Centre], the Superintendent of Education, because she was "leaving teaching to be married."

Even after retirement, Margaret Crute McLeod continued to support students by establishing a Crute family bursary in memory of her brother Norman. We have recently been informed that a significant portion of Margaret Crute McLeod's estate will be left to the North Vancouver High School Foundation's scholarship fund. Margaret Constance Crute McLeod's legacy of teaching and learning continues.