

# Superintendent's e-bulletin

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## Sharing & Celebrating Success

*We proudly honour individual and collective accomplishments that inspire all of us to pursue and achieve success. Please enjoy and circulate!*

— John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools

### Photography Award



*Martin Gregus, a Gr. 10 International Baccalaureate student at Balmoral, has (for the 2nd time in 3 years) been awarded the **Veolia Environment Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award** by the British Natural History Museum and BBC Wildlife Magazine. Martin was presented his award at a special ceremony held in London on October 22, 2010.*

#### Crane perfection

This sandhill crane was totally absorbed preening and cleaning its feathers - so busy that Martin was able to spend more than an hour lying on the ground nearby photographing it. Martin was at the George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary near Vancouver, Canada, where there are a few pairs of resident sandhill cranes. When they groom, the cranes sometimes emerge from the marsh onto the paths. Knowing this, Martin had spent the afternoon waiting for such a chance. 'I like the way that the very low angle makes the bird appear grandiose, and his colour and structure contrast with the blue sky,' says Martin.

### Communications Award

The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) recognized the School District's new visual identity project with a **BRAVO! Award of Distinction**.

The judges' comments included: "Very visually appealing!"; "Very fresh and friendly"; "Well planned" and "Well thought out". This is the fifth BRAVO! Award received for communications from CACE in just three short years.



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### Tribes Training

As a result of the high regard for our school district staff and commitment to Tribes, CentreSource (in California) will be hosting a Tribes® "Train the Trainers" in our school district from July 4 - 8. Participants are expected from across Canada and the Northwest States. This is an exciting opportunity for our school district and for teachers or administrators who want to take Tribes a step further.

### 2010 Business Excellence Award Recipient

The North Vancouver Outdoor School is the proud recipient of the 2010 North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce **Community Contribution Award**.

The Community Contribution Award recognizes and honors organizations and/or individual community leaders for their significant contribution and commitment to the local North Vancouver community at large.



Sky Spirit Studios in North Vancouver custom created the eagle crystal bowl art pieces for the awards. Sky Spirit Studio specializes in placing Wade Baker's copyrighted graphic west coast images on fine artworks.

The North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards were created to publicly recognize successful companies and organizations in North Vancouver that continually demonstrate excellence in business and a passion for their community.

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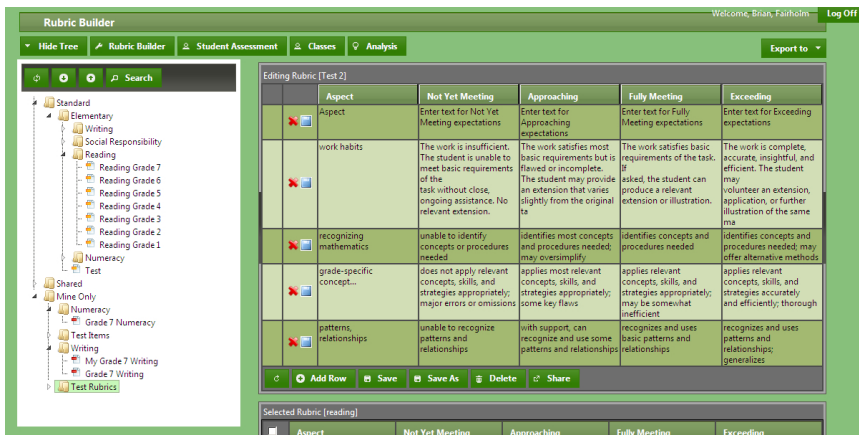
# RubricCentral

*RubricCentral*, an exciting new online program developed by our school district (kudos to [Brian Fairholm](#)), provides teachers with an effective **Assessment for/as/of Learning** tool for use in planning and assessing their students' learning.



*RubricCentral* will enable elementary and secondary teachers to access and use BC Performance Standards rubrics, as well as other Ministry of Education and NVSD developed rubrics. The program provides teachers with the tools to design their own general and task-specific rubrics and share them online with their colleagues.

Teachers interested in learning how to use the new Rubric Central program are encouraged to attend the RubricCentral launch on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the LMCC.



# CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the Carson Graham Senior Girls AAA Field Hockey Team.



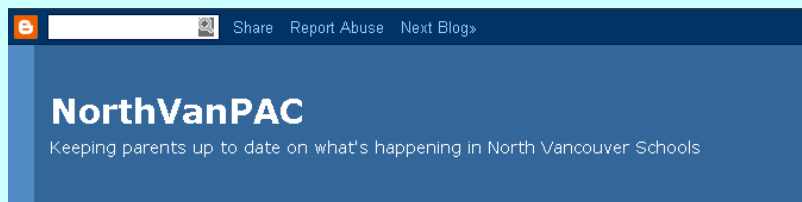
With a record of **25** wins and **0** losses, the Girls completed their perfect season as Provincial Champions! Fantastic!

Artist for Kids founding director, Bill MacDonald, was recently recognized as an **Art Educator of The Year** by the Canadian Society for Education through Art. Recipients of the award must demonstrate not only excellence in teaching, but leadership and significant contributions to art education.



"We applaud the Society for recognizing the work done by Bill during his remarkable career as an art educator in North Vancouver," says Artists for Kids director Yolande Martinello. "As one of the founders of the Artists for Kids program, Bill's contribution to art education extends far beyond our School District. We can't think of anyone more emblematic of education through art than Bill. He's truly deserving of this very special honour."

**Stay in touch:** in support of increased parent connection and communication, the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Committee has recently launched their new blog. Go to <http://blog.northvanpac.org> to keep informed and add this url to your favourites!



## Links

Ministry of Education: [www.gov.bc.ca/bced/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/)

North Vancouver Outdoor School:  
[http://www.nvds44.bc.ca/programs/outdoor\\_school.aspx](http://www.nvds44.bc.ca/programs/outdoor_school.aspx)

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