

# École Braemar School News



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## Hip Hip Hurray! Hip Hip Hurray! Hip Hip Hurray!

Three cheers to the boys' and girls' basketball teams this year. Both teams worked hard, played well, and experienced great success throughout the season. Many thanks go to the coaches Stewart Bailey and Mireille Appelbe and to those people who refereed the games including Rob Harden. We would also like to recognize score keepers who attended each game. It was a great season.

## It was a Time to Hoot and Holler!

October 31 was definitely a time to hoot and holler at Braemar. Many thanks to Jacqui Stuart and her team who, once again, volunteered to organize a Halowe'en event for students in grades 1-7. The gathering was a huge success, the decorations were outstanding and the variety of costumes, worn by young and old, was exceptional. Encore, un très grand merci à Mme Stuart!



## Remembrance Day



Each year students at Braemar take the time to plan an assembly to honour the many people whose strong sense of courage and conviction have helped define Canada as a peaceful country. This year, an honour guard of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts welcomed guests as they entered the gym. On the walls were samples of student art from Div. E02 – an exquisite exhibition of poppies completed in pastel. Students from various classes recited original poems and sang in both French and English. Student MCs from Mrs. Waters' class invited the audience to pause and to remember people who have boldly defended our country in the unsettling days of war and who currently fulfill peace keeping duties in many troubled parts of the world. Thank you to all who helped make the assembly such a meaningful event.





Welcome to our new website! Please take the time to check out Braemar’s new, enhanced website!



**"Picture This: Outdoor School" Photo Contest**

The photo contest is open to students, staff, parents and NVOS Alumni. The North Vancouver Outdoor School (NVOS) is the subject of this year's school district-wide photo contest. If you have a high-quality original and engaging photograph that depicts an aspect of Outdoor School, please consider entering it in our "Picture This: Outdoor School" photo contest. The contest is open to entries from October 24, 2011 to January 31, 2012. Prizes and recognition will be awarded by jury, and by an online "voter's choice" poll. As well, students who vote in next year's online poll will be offered a chance in the participation draw for a Kidsbooks gift certificate.

You'll find more information, a detailed prize list, and the entry form at: [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca)

**Create Change: For Our Daughters**

On Monday, November 7, three young women from Ghana, representatives of the non government organization **Create Change: For Our Daughters**, came to Braemar to tell their personal stories of struggle and achievement. Students in Div. E01, F01 and F01L attended the presentation and were completely enthralled by the personal stories they heard. The teachers, in turn, were impressed by the respectful and thoughtful questions that the students asked of the young women and by the keen interest they showed in wanting to better understand their culture.

Despite the ongoing challenges the young women from Ghana face, they continue to share their message: "In Africa, change will come through women and it is education that will make this change."



November'11/December'11/January'12

Nov. 28	Pizza Day
Dec. 2	Report Cards Home
Dec. 5	Pasta Day
Dec. 5	Gr. 6 Immunization
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>2pm Dismissal</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences Strings Concert
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>2pm Dismissal</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences
Dec. 7	Band Concert 7 pm Larson
<b>Dec.8</b>	<b>2pm Dismissal</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences
Dec. 12	Hot Dog Day
Dec. 16	Last Day of School
<b>Please note:</b>	No formal Christmas concert has been scheduled for this year.
Dec. 19	School Closed for Winter Vacation
Jan. 3	School Reopens



Grade 7 Art Project



Student Art Activity

The **FLU Season** is coming...

Here are some ways to protect your family from the flu:

- 
✓ get your annual flu shot
- 
✓ wash your hands often, and for at least 30 seconds
- 
✓ stay well rested
- 
✓ eat nutritiously

Flu vaccine is recommended for all people for prevention of flu. You can purchase it through many pharmacies, Dr's offices, and travel clinics.

Flu shots are free of charge for:

- ❖ People with chronic illnesses
- ❖ Babies between 6 and 24 months of age
- ❖ People 65 year old or over
- ❖ Pregnant women who will be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester during the flu season
- ❖ All household contacts of the above listed persons

For a more extensive list of who is able to receive free vaccine and to find a free or pay flu clinic near you, go to [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca)



Central Community Health Centre  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 132 West Esplanade  
North Vancouver, BC V7M 1A2



### **Announcements about District-wide Closures and/or Delayed Openings of Schools**

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media. If weather conditions are questionable, announcements will also be made to say that schools are open.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

CBC AM 690 radio BCTV  
CHQM FM 103.5 radio CBC TV  
CKNW AM 980 radio City TV  
Fairchild AM 1470 radio CTV BC  
News AM 1130 radio  
AM730 All Traffic All The Time

Announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the School District's website at <http://www.nvsg44.bc.ca>. The North Vancouver School District will use the SchoolConnects system to contact parents in the event of an Emergency Release of students during the school day.

Student safety is our first priority and a shared responsibility. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. If for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements for their child. The decision to attend school is the responsibility of each family.

Parents are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, the school's start time is delayed, or students are dismissed early. This is a reminder that all students need to dress warmly and appropriately for winter weather conditions.

At this time, we encourage you to review your own preparations for winter weather and ensure that you are familiar with your municipality's snow and ice response procedures. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all North Vancouver schools. Your child's school will contact you about any changes to driving routes (one way) that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.

John Lewis  
Superintendent of Schools  
North Vancouver School District (No. 44)

Links:

Metro Vancouver Weather Forecast – Environment Canada  
[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-74\\_metric\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-74_metric_e.html)

City of North Vancouver – Snow Preparedness and Clearing  
<http://www.cnv.org/?c=3&i=587>

District of North Vancouver – Snow and Ice Removal  
<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=288#links>

North Shore Emergency Management Office  
<http://www.nsemo.org/>



## ***Braemar-Balmoral-André Piolat Winter Traffic Plan***

### **IN THE EVENT OF A HEAVY SNOWFALL.....**

Braemar Elementary is a triple-track school. This means that we attract significant auto traffic to the school. In the event of a major snow event, the movement of that traffic can become severely hampered. It is likely that:

1. there will only be a single lane plowed along major feeder routes to the school such as Mahon and Evergreen
2. cul-de sacs will likely not be plowed
3. parking will be almost non-existent along feeder routes
4. there will be a high degree of anxiety and frustration on the part of drivers when regular driving patterns and access routes are compromised by significant accumulations of snow

Your cooperation is required!

### **TRAFFIC FLOW.....**

In the event of a heavy snowfall, **Mahon cul de sac will remain closed to all non-resident traffic.**

To further facilitate the smooth flow of traffic during excessive snow falls, **ALL parents who drive their children to Balmoral, André Piolat or Braemar are asked to drive north along Mahon Ave and to exit west along Evergreen to Delbrook Ave.** This one way flow of traffic is suggested in our respective 'School Snow Plans' as a strategy to help minimize congestion and keep the streets safer for our students.

Any Braemar parents needing to park their vehicles should do so well away from the school eg. Delbrook Ave.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER.....**

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to school. If, for any reason, there is concern that a child cannot travel safely, other arrangements should be made.

Parents are also encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, start late, or dismiss early.

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to get to and from school. Your cooperation will be much appreciated by many!

Once at school, every effort will be made to clear pathways to three main entrances to the school. Students should use either:

- The southeast door (entrance off of primary playground)
- OR • The main front door to the school
- OR • The door leading from the undercover play area

Please note that the north entrance to the intermediate wing will be opened but access to it may not be shovelled.