



North Delta Secondary

Husky Highlights

DECEMBER 2025

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Welcome back families and ND students!

January is the time of year that can present stress to students due to final assessments, returning from winter break, and excitement and nervousness for the new year and for semester 2. It's important to continue routines and focus on nutrition and sleep. We encourage all families to spend time revisiting routines and to include your children in these discussions. It is important to hear their voice and to explain the "why". And integrate some family time, whether it be, walks after dinner, board games night, or watching a movie.

Our counselling team and our CYCW's are here to support students and families. Please reach out.

This year we celebrate the year of the snake. Wishing everyone well in 2025!

*Ms. Sahota
Principal*

*Mr. Nikic
Vice Principal*

*Mr. Richards
Vice Principal*

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- 6 January Classes resume
- 15 January Black Excellence Day
- 16 January PAC Meeting
- Course Planning Assembly (Gr 10)
- Law Field Trip
- 17 January Student Council Donut Sale
- Literacy Grad Assessment
- 20 January DPAC hosted at NDSS
- 24 January Pro-D (No school)
- 29 January Lunar New Year!
- Semester 2 begins

We respectfully acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the shared traditional territories of the Tsawwassen, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Tsleil-Waututh, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nations, who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

- Superintendent: Doug Sheppard
- A. Superintendent: Brad Bauman
- Principal: Sonia Sahota
- Vice Principal: Vlad Nikic
- Vice Principal: Bill Richards
- Office Manager: Barb Pashak
- Trustee: Ammen Dhillion

- Emergency Contact Information:
- kids helpline.ca (text 686868)
 - Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Help Line 9-8-8
 - Crisis Line 604-872-3311
 - Suicide Help Line 1-800-784-2433
 - In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or go to your nearest hospital emergency room





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Messages from the District

Delta Parent Advisory Council

The Delta Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) will be hosting their monthly general meeting at North Delta Secondary School on Monday, January 20th at 7pm. The district DPAC is inviting any parent or caregiver with a child attending school in Delta, to attend our meeting in hopes of spreading awareness of the support and resources offered in Delta. If you have any questions, please feel free to email the DPAC Chair, Jennifer Rak at deltadpac@gmail.com or visit our website for more information. <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

Student Immunizations

From Fraser Health

Important changes to Fraser Health's in-school immunizations programs for the remainder of the 24/25 school year.

- Starting in January 2025, Fraser Health is expanding HPV vaccinations to all eligible students in grades 6-12, in all public and independent schools, as part of a provincial campaign to increase HPV immunization
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization protects against several cancers later in life and works best when given in early adolescence
- Fraser Health is aiming for 90% HPV immunization coverage for 17 year olds by 2026
- Eligible students will receive a letter advising them of the opportunity to get immunized at their school's scheduled immunization clinic
- Mature minor consent will be offered to grades 8 and above as per The Infants Act, mature minor consent and immunization.
- Feb 13th at NDSS

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Delta School District is looking for student, staff and community volunteers interested in serving on its Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee's role is to identify barriers that prevent people from fully participating in school life and to advise on strategies to reduce them, ensuring a more inclusive and accessible environment. If you are interested in helping our school district become more accessible and welcoming to all, please complete the online application (or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/UnQJP7uDdLQX5AFC8>) by February 7, 2025. For more information, please click [here](#).



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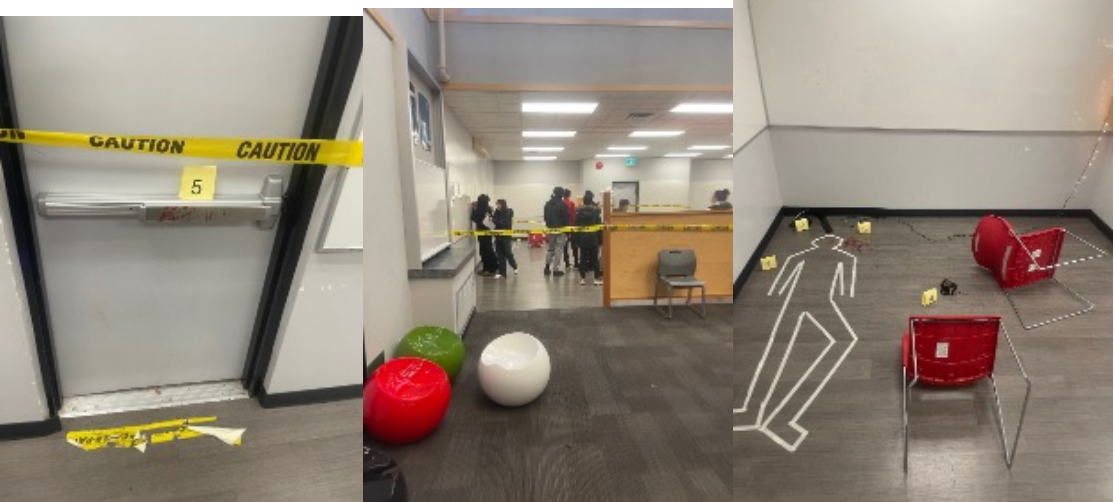
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Student Supports

Indigenous Student Supports

North Delta Secondary School hosted the Empowering Indigenous Futures event on December 5th. Students from surrounding North Delta high schools had the opportunity to connect with Recruiters and Advisors from various post-secondary institutions in BC. The Indigenous Recruiters call themselves “joiners” and their primary focus is to connect Indigenous learners with education. Students were able to ask questions and learn more about potential paths to college or university, as well as admission requirements, application processes, scholarships and much more.

In attendance: UBC, SFU, UVIC, UBC-Medicine, Langara College, Douglas College and Native Education College.



CSI at NDSS

The Social department collaborated to create a crime scene in the LLC. Students engaged in a CSI exploration of the evidence.

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Profile of the Month

This month we profile Mr. Patrick Klassen. Mr. Klassen is the Director of Learning Services at the Delta District School Board. He makes a difference everyday because he uses his expertise to support students and families, with care and compassion. You may not know this but Mr. Klassen has an identical twin!

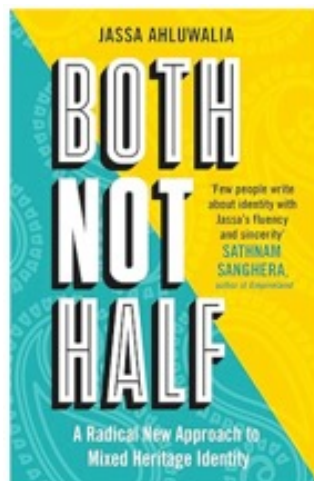


This month we profile Mr. Grewal, CYCW/YEP. Mr. Grewal has made a difference everyday for the past 11 years at ND. He is a strong supporter of all students in the building. He is the supervising adult for our EEBC and our ELL Homework Club. He is also the very proud coach of ND's Provincial Championship winning Ball-Hockey program.

Read A Good Book Lately? or Listened to a Good Podcast Lately?

"Both Not Half" is an inspiring call for inclusivity and self-discovery. It explores the historical roots of mixed identities and challenges the traditional categories and stories we often take for granted, encouraging us to embrace the full complexity of who we are.

Submitted by Patrick Klassen





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What's Happening at NDSS?

Before the break, students in Mr. Frankson's foods class made and decorated gingerbread houses. Thank you Ally Esguerra for capturing the artistry.



The Theatre Department presents...The Addams Family!

Hey Huskies! Mark your calendars!

North Delta Secondary Theatre Department is thrilled to present this year's musical comedy *The Addams Family*, a darkly delightful adaptation of the beloved cartoon and TV series, brought to life in a fun, quirky stage production! Join the eccentric and spooky Addams family as they navigate love, family secrets, and their own peculiar brand of togetherness. This entertaining musical will be performed

at 7 PM on February 26, 27, and 28.

Tickets for students, parents, families, friends, and the community will go on sale the week of February 10th! With unforgettable characters, hilarious moments, and catchy songs, you're in for a charming and entertaining evening.

We also have three exciting matinee preview shows (February 18, 19, and 20) which are starting to fill up quickly!

These previews are perfect for large groups such as elementary schools, seniors' centres, and other community organizations.

If you know of a group that would like to attend, please contact our VP, Vlad Nikic, to reserve tickets today! (vnikic@deltaschools.ca)





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Library Learning Commons

Library Learning Commons News: A Busy Few Months in the Learning Commons

It's been an exciting and busy few months here at the NDSS Library Learning Commons! We're thrilled to share some of the highlights:

Over 80 new books have been purchased this past December for both staff and students, enriching our collection and providing fresh resources for learning and leisure.

We've created a professional library for staff, supporting their ongoing professional development with a variety of resources to enhance their teaching practice.

The Library Learning Commons has undergone some cosmetic upgrades, including fresh paint, creating an even more inviting space for everyone.

Ms. Robertson has organized visits from post-secondary institutions, offering valuable opportunities for students to explore future educational paths.

A major highlight this term was the cross-curricular collaboration between Ms. Cleaver, Mr. Cotter, Ms. Burnett, Mr. Schaeferle, Ms. Jhooti, and Mr. Hundal on an engaging crime scene investigation project, integrating a range of subjects and skills.

We also hosted KPU librarians, who led a fantastic workshop on academic writing with Ms. Cleaver and Ms. Barnhardt-Leung's Senior Social Studies classes.

Through PAC, we've added to the NDSS Learning Commons Thrill Zone with board and card games for students to enjoy during their leisure time, creating opportunities for meaningful connections and relaxation with peers.

A special thank you to Grade 12 students Mariah King and Jasmine Cheng for their beautiful holiday display in the Novel Room, spreading cheer throughout the Library Learning Commons.

We're excited about the events and projects coming up in the new year—stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to engage in the Library Learning Commons!

Athletics

The winter athletics season is in full force at North Delta Secondary and it's been a busy season! We have/are hosted/ing 4 basketball tournaments (gr.8 boys, gr.8 girls, jr. boys & jr. girls) this year all co-sponsored by the Delta Police Department and Beyond Mars. Thank you to the Delta Police Department & Beyond Mars for supporting our student-athletes by providing prizes, player of the game shirts, awards and coming out to our tournaments!

These tournaments wouldn't be possible without our coaches who have helped run them. Thank you to Ms. Neimar, Mr. Nikic, Mr. Bahia and Mr. Mankaran Dhanda for volunteering their time to make sure these tournaments are happening.

Our basketball teams are in middle of their regular season player right now and all teams are in contention for qualifying for South Frasers. We have seen some tremendous play and growth from each team. Huskies, make sure to come out to our home games and support our teams by checking our Instagram and twitter accounts - @ndhuskies.

The wrestling team is preparing for South Frasers & Provincials as well. With 16 wrestlers on the team, this is the largest wrestling team North Delta has had in several years. Coaches Mr. Jessy & Mr. Paul Sahota, with support from Ms. Ikjot Sandhu, have helped to rebuild the program.

We are now excitedly waiting to see how our wrestling team does!

All the best Huskies!



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Careers Important Information

Career Programs Update

Various Career Programs are available for students who are entering Grade 11 or 12 in September. This includes the program options listed below. All applications are due to Ms. Deloyer by Feb. 7th.

- Apprenticeship Opportunities:
 - o Youth Train in Trades: Start post-secondary apprenticeship training while in high school. If accepted the tuition will be paid by the school district. Post-Secondary Opportunities in Delta include: Auto Service Tech., Cook, Electrician, Carpenter, Auto Body / Collision Repair, Baking & Pastry Arts, Painter, Millwright, Motorcycle Tech., Metal Fabricator, Plumber or Welder. Applications are due to Ms. Deloyer by Feb. 7th, and are found here - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/train-in-trades/>
 - o Youth Work in Trades: Are you working with a Red Seal journey-person? You can earn high school credits!
- Dual Credit Opportunities:
 - o CADD: Part-time classes in design/drafting through the use of drafting software. In partnership with KPU. If accepted the tuition will be paid. More information and application form are here - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/cadd/>
 - o Biomedical & Health Science: Students start full-time in February and will take 2 Biology courses, English & Psychology. In partnership with KPU. If accepted the tuition will be paid. More information and application form are here - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/healthscience/>
- Jr. Firefighting Camp
 - o Students engage in a week-long fire camp, plus additional first aid and fitness training to gain a true understanding of the basic components of Delta Fire's basic training for new recruits. More information and application form are here - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/firefighting-camp/>
- Aquatic Leadership Certification
 - o Students take their Bronze Cross, Bronze Medallion, Swim and Life Saving Instructor and Standard First Aid certifications, and receive Active Living 11 or 12 credits. More information and application forms can be found here - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/aquatic-certification/>

Please reach out to Ms. Deloyer at sdeloyer@deltaschools.ca for more information or assistance with applications.

