



North Delta Secondary

Husky Highlights

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Thank you to our community of learners for a great school start-up. It has been lovely to re-connect with returning students and to hear about your summer. It has been particularly lovely to meet new students to our school. The grade 8's this year are full of enthusiasm and we have new graduating students who specifically chose ND to graduate from.

Special thanks to the Office staff, Caretaking staff, Counsellors and my administrative partners for getting the school ready. Thanks to the teachers who BBQ'd for the entire school!

This month our nation will continue to walk the path to Truth and Reconciliation. At the school, we will participate in a Walk for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday September 27th. Please send your child to school wearing an orange t-shirt. If you need more information about Orange Shirt Day please visit [this](#) link to learn more or learn about Reconciliation [here](#).

In our new section, Read a Good Book Lately, Mr. McKaig shares his book recommendation on True Reconciliation, by Jody Wilson-Raybould. Mr. McKaig attended a book reading where Ms. Wilson-Raybould read her book. He was kind enough to get a signed copy. As part of my (Ms. Sahota) path to Truth and Reconciliation, I will be reading her book.

Enjoy the sunshine in September!

Ms. Sonia Sahota
Principal

Mr. Vlad Nikic
Vice Principal

Mr. Bill Richards
Vice Principal

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

September 3	First Day of School (altered schedule)
September 4	First Day of Semester 1
September 11	Grad Council Nominations Due
September 12	Picture Day
September 17	Terry Fox Run
September 23	Graduating Students Boat Cruise
September 27	Truth and Reconciliation Walk
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day-No school

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:
- kidshelpphone.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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Expectations of Personal Digital Device Usage

We want our students to be healthy, happy, and engaged learners. We hope our students pursue growth and aim to be their best selves. These guidelines are aimed at enhancing student learning and well-being.

Personal Digital Device Definition

Any personal electronic device that has internet access, be used to communicate or gaming capabilities.

Let's make this easier for students to understand...

- PDD's can only be in one of three places (backpack, locker, or cellphone holder provided by the teacher)
- PDD's may only be accessed before school, after school, and at lunch
- PDD'S are not be used any instructional time unless the teacher asks you to
- PDD's are not allowed in the Library
- PDD's are not allowed during study blocks

There are some exceptions for students with IEP's, AIP's, designated support plans or for medical reasons.

Restorative Practices at North Delta Secondary School

Last year, we experienced an increase in behaviour that resulted in many suspensions and discipline-related concerns. In order to maximize our students' potential and subsequently decrease a number of Code of Conduct infractions, we will:

1. Focus on positive role modeling and exemplary behaviours as stated in our "Husky PRIDE" Code of Conduct document. We ask students and staff to focus on leadership and provide a positive impact on our community. The Husky PRIDE stands for Performance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Environment where all members of our community are expected to positively contribute to our school culture.
2. Restorative Justice in Schools - According to academic research, Restorative Practices are processes that proactively build healthy relationships and a sense of community to prevent and address conflict and wrongdoing. In recent years, restorative practices have been adapted in schools as a way to improve school climate and culture by addressing youth behavior and improving relationships between students, teachers, and staff. Holding individuals accountable and repairing harm and restoring positive relationships is the cornerstone of restorative practices. The primary belief of restorative practices is that people are worthy and relational, and that relationships must be built, maintained and repaired.

Relationship. Respect. Responsibility. Repair. Reintegration.

We appreciate your support!



Library Learning Commons

The North Delta Library Learning Commons is excited to welcome students and staff to explore the library and share this space. The library learning commons has key goals for this year. First, we're working to increase the library collection by adding more books and resources that reflect the diverse interests and needs of our students. Second, collaboration with teachers is also a key focus, as we aim to support classroom learning and create engaging projects together. Additionally, we're planning to improve the library's furniture to make it a more comfortable and inviting space for everyone. We look forward to working with our students and staff throughout the year. If you have suggestions or concerns contact our Teacher Librarian, Mr. Hundal at j.hundal@deltaschools.ca.

Terry Fox Run September 26

On September 26th North Delta students will help to raise awareness and funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. Students will walk/run on our track. It's been 44 years since Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and we are proud to be carrying on this tradition at NDSS. Terry Fox set the bar high for himself when he started his Marathon of Hope and despite the challenges that Terry faced, he never quit. For this year's Terry Fox School Run we are going to try our very best, no matter what, just like Terry did. This year's NDSS "Try like Terry" Challenge will follow Terry's dream of a \$1 donation from all Canadians and as a school to raise \$1,400! We can't reach our goal if we don't all work together, so we need everyone to "Try like Terry" and do their very best to fundraise and participate in the event. **You can view a video clip at this [link](#).**

Truth and Reconciliation Walk September 27th

The Delta district will come together to show support for our Indigenous families by walking the path to Truth and Reconciliation. As a community we will proudly wear our orange t-shirts and walk around the school. This is a symbolic gesture to acknowledge ND's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. I strongly encourage you to educate yourself on the path to Truth and Reconciliation. As a school we will continue to walk the path.





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Counselling Department

A message from NDSS Counselling Department:
Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to seeing you!

Any students who need to request a change in their class schedule please complete a course change form in person at our main office. Only necessary requests will be considered.

Counsellors will review these forms in order, according to the date they were submitted. **PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL YOUR COUNSELLOR REGARDING THESE REQUESTS.** Please be patient when waiting to hear back from your counsellor. Counsellors will be emailing or phoning students once their forms have been reviewed. The last day for course change requests is Friday September 6th at 3pm.

Please ensure you have the name of your assigned counsellor correct according to the list below.

T. Blouin, Grade 8	Grade 12 last names	A – F
D. Bousserska, Grade 9	Grade 12 last names	O – Z
R. Khaira, Grade 10	Grade 12 last names	G -K
F. Cipriano, Grade 11	Grade 12 last names	L-N

If you have any other personal or mental health issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to your counsellor.

PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting will be on October 1st, 2024 at 6pm in the school Library. If you are not able to attend in person a Zoom or Teams link will be sent out shortly before each meeting. We meet monthly with the exception of December and March. All parents are automatically members of the PAC, however, if you are interested in being on the executive, please join us at the first meeting for elections. All parents are welcome! PAC email: northdeltasecondarypac@gmail.com. Please visit our website [here](#).



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Student Recognition Award

We will be reintroducing the Student Recognition Award where staff nominate students on a weekly basis for demonstrating positive actions towards their learning, towards others or in the community. Students who are nominated will receive a gift (ND merchandise) and be recognized in the Office.





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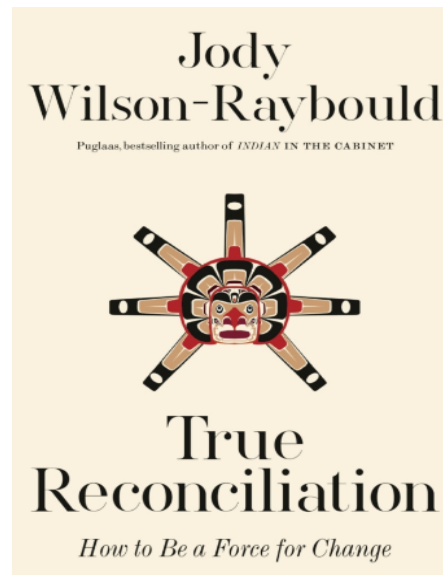
Read A Good Book Lately?

This month I would like to introduce you to a book written Jody Wilson-Raybould. “True Reconciliation” by Jody Wilson-Raybould is a compelling exploration of reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and Canada. Drawing from her experience as a former Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Wilson-Raybould offers a thoughtful, practical roadmap for achieving true reconciliation. She addresses the need for structural change, legal reform, and the importance of respecting Indigenous rights and sovereignty. The book emphasizes that reconciliation is a long-term process requiring commitment from both individuals and governments. Through candid reflections and actionable insights, Wilson-Raybould inspires readers to engage in this vital, ongoing journey.

You can hear from the author at this [link](#).

Submitted by Mr. J. McKaig

Learn. Understand. And Act.



Theatre Department: Do you want to perform in this year's spring musical?

If you are a current student with a flexible after school schedule who wants to:

- explore your creativity
- try something new
- collaborate and work with others
- make lifelong friends and memories that will last a lifetime...

join Ms. Inglin at lunch in the Theatre on Monday Sept 9 to find out how you can be a part of this year's production!

no experience necessary

students from all grades are welcome

If you are on Instagram, please check out our ND Theatre Instagram to see photos from past and current productions, classes, field trips, announcements, and more!

Follow @ndss_theatre for everything ND THEATRE!



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Newsletter Profile of the Month

The students, staff, and community are the ones that make North Delta great! Each month we will profile a member of the school community in this section. If you feel that you would like to suggest someone to profile, please email a pic and details to b.pashak@deltaschools.ca. All we need is a current pic, full name, who they are, a fun fact, and tell us why how they have made a difference to the North Delta community.

September

This month we profile Gurbani. Gurbani is a grade 12 student who makes a difference every day at ND. Gurbani supports our Grad Council, DYAC, Student Council, and our Laadliyan chapter. You may not know this, but Gurbani participated in the Delta PD Youth Academy this past summer and has her eyes set on a career in law enforcement.



This month we profile Jill Moye who is a member of our EA Support Staff. Jill has been with the district for 30 years and at North Delta Secondary for 25. She makes a difference every day because she supports students and mentors colleagues. You may not know this but she loves to ski and was able to ski on the Alps in France.

Athletics

Hi Huskies! North Delta Athletics is excited to begin another fantastic year of athletics! We have several opportunities for our student-athletes to partake in such as: Girls Volleyball (Gr.8, Jr. & Sr.), Boys Volleyball, Jr. Boys Soccer, Sr. Boys Soccer, Jr. Cross Country, Sr. Cross Country, Girls Field Hockey – Open to all grade levels with a desire to run both a jr. & sr. team! Excited to have the program up & running again after a two-year hiatus! Our coaches and teacher sponsors are eager to support athletics at North Delta and we are hopeful we have great success at each sport this year! For any information about North Delta athletics feel free to visit our athletics website (<https://ndathletics.weebly.com/>) and social media pages (twitter: @NDHuskies; Instagram: @ndhuskies) or email Athletic Director Jaskaran Dhanda (jdhandad@deltaschools.ca).
Let's go Huskies!



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Emergency Preparedness Fee

As previously communicated to families in the spring (view the letter [here](#), the district is introducing a new annual Emergency Preparedness Fee of \$10 per student. This is to cover the maintenance and replenishment of emergency provisions, including food, water and first aid items, to help care for students in case of a large-scale incident such as an earthquake. Please pay this \$10 fee by sending cash or a cheque (made payable to the school) to the school office, paying in person at the school office using our credit and debit card machine, or by paying online through Parent Connect. If your family requires financial support in relation to this fee, please contact the school office. Discretion will be maintained.

The Delta District School Board prides itself on our Vision, Mission and Values.



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