

Community Connections Volunteer Newsletter, Fall 2017

To our dearest volunteers at NSMS.

September has arrived! We hope that you are enjoying the summer season. Summer is a popular season for newcomers to arrive and start a new chapter of their lives. At NSMS, we have a Newcomers Information Session for Farsi speakers every Friday, and also we have workshops like Employment Mentoring, Club Café at the museum and the theatre, school orientations for parents and students who are new to the public school systems in West Vancouver and North Vancouver.

Featured Volunteer: LeRoy



(from left: LeRoy dancing as a wolf with First Nations in Club Café-Theatre; at an English conversation table in Club Café-Canada Day, and Winter Mingle)

LeRoy has been regularly volunteering at NSMS since 2013 for Community Connections programs to meet and mingle with newcomers. *“I learn from newcomers how a small bit of effort or encouragement can help someone improve their life. Regardless of where they come from their goals and dreams are very similar”*. For 45 years, he has been volunteering at other organizations like Mental Health Association and Canadian Executive Services Organizations. We appreciate LeRoy’s committed dedication to support newcomers at NSMS. Thank you, LeRoy!

Invitation to a public forum on September 14, 7-9pm



ACTING AGAINST RACISM:
Strategies for Moving Forward

A Public Forum - All Are Welcome
September 14, 7-9pm
Kay Meek Centre, West Vancouver

Keynote Speakers: Sunera Thobani & Handel Kashope Wright and Panel Discussion Moderated by Margaret Gallagher

Have recent national and international events made you feel uncertain or helpless about what you can do to prevent racist or discriminatory behaviour on the North Shore? Through a partnership with NSIIP (North

Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership), NSMS is organizing a public forum. Join us and let's continue the momentum of resiliency and hope as active participants who see building an inclusive North Shore as a top priority.

Tickets are free but RSVP is required: <http://actingagainstracism.brownpapertickets.com> or call 604-973-0457

If you are participating, please fill out the pre-forum online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ActingAgainstRacism> -The survey results will be discussed during the forum.

For more information, visit www.nsiip.ca/acting-against-racism/ or <https://www.facebook.com/events/247255045775277??ti=ia>.

Volunteering Opportunities: English Conversation Leader in Club Café

Did you know... currently, there are 500 newcomers registered for English classes but over 600 people are on the waitlist? At NSMS, we offer free English conversation club, Club Café for newcomers to learn about something new in Canada, practice their English, and meet other newcomers and long-time resident volunteers. Upcoming Club Café sessions will be at the Oxygen Fitness and Yoga studio, North Vancouver City Hall, NSMS, and more.

Please contact Sochell, sochellr@nsms.ca for volunteering positions.

We thank all of you for your support. We look forward to having you in the fall season.

From Sochell, Minori, and Meharoona at NSMS Community Connections Department