

Community Connections Volunteer Newsletter, Summer 2017



To our dearest volunteers at NSMS.

We hope that you are enjoying the beginning of the summer season. In April, at NSMS, we had a few activities to celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week by having the wall of appreciation with inspirational words, giving workshops to newcomers about volunteering as a Canadian culture, and having the Mix & Mingle event for our volunteers. We truly appreciate the commitment, dedication and support from our volunteers who help our community grow together on the North Shore.

The Volunteer Mix & Mingle event started with a presentation of the Volunteer Spirit Award by the North Shore Community Resources Society. Every year, NSMS departments nominate their excellent volunteers for this award. This year the award went to **Homeira Hosseini** who has been volunteering at NSMS. She was chosen as one of the 20 award recipients this year.



In May, we had a popular tour to the Lions Gate Hospital. We had the help of generous volunteers who provided translations during the tour when the participants needed translations. We do the tour twice a year at the Lion Gate Hospital. The hospital has been eager to educate newcomers about the services and how to use & navigate the facility.

Senior Sparks has begun (Photo on Left): It is a new weekly social gathering program for immigrant seniors 55+, that includes bus trips, workshops, cooking sessions, tours and fun social gatherings. We have wonderful committed volunteer members participating in this program to provide support to immigrant seniors' social participation, inclusion and contribution to their communities.

Volunteering Opportunities:



Do you like interacting with children? We need volunteers for child-minding positions in June!

Please contact/reply to Sochell, sochellr@nsms.ca, if you are interested in helping children learn and have fun while their parents are in workshops. [The details are under Volunteer roles currently available.](#)

Volunteers are needed to socialize with participants in our upcoming workshops such as tours at the West Vancouver Memorial Library and new Delbrook Community Centre, Club Café English conversation lounge themed for Canada Day, yoga, and arts & culture during the summer months.

Are you interested in taking a leadership role in English conversation club? If yes, please contact Sochell. We are planning to start a monthly English conversation club and looking for conversation leaders who can commit at least 6 months. [See Volunteer roles currently available.](#)

Will you be away for the summer? Please let Sochell know, so she can contact you for any volunteering inquiries when you return not contact you while you are away.

We thank all of you for your support. We look forward to having you soon.

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