



Community Connections Volunteer Newsletter, Fall 2018

To our dearest volunteers at NSMS.

September has arrived! We hope that you are having a good start after 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 had tours at our local community facilities and workshops about camping in BC, Back-to-School information for new students and their parents.

Featured Volunteering Opportunity: Conversation Leaders at English Club



Since its inception last fall, English Club is growing fast. The workshop is led by a trained English language instructor with a volunteer conversation leader at each table to facilitate conversations. There is a different conversation topic each week, and the participants enjoy the opportunity to speak, listen, and meet new friends. This fall, we are having one English Club at the North Vancouver City Library on Wednesday mornings and another one at the West Vancouver United Church Thursday mornings. If interested, please contact Sochell, sochellr@nsms.ca.



(Stephen, second from left; Shelly, second from right)

Feature our English Club Conversation Leaders Volunteers

Some of our Conversation Leaders Volunteers at North Vancouver City Library share their experience: “I learn more than the students do, about different cultures and languages”, says Shelly. Stephen

commented that “I love volunteering because I admire people who come to learn so much every week, and I also learn from them.”

We really appreciate our volunteers commitment to make the English valuable to all the participants. Thank you all.

Upcoming Volunteering Opportunity: Childminder Role to Support Parents Participating Workshops (October and November)

Skills & Qualifications: An interest/experience in working with children

Additional language is an asset: Korean, Farsi, and Mandarin

Responsibilities include...

- Ensuring the safety and well-being of children while parents are attending a nearby workshop
- Playing with children (ages 0-3) and assist them with activities such as arts and crafts
- Helping with room set-up, take-down and clean-up
- Assisting facilitator with assigned tasks such as photocopying and food preparation

Schedule: 8 sessions, including October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27. 4:30pm-8pm each session.

Location: Boundary Elementary School, 750 26th Street East, North Vancouver

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sohell, sohellr@nsms.ca. Thank you.

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

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