



January 2018 Newsletter

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Hello from Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton!

I do hope that our newsletter finds you well on your way into a memorable 2018. We are really enjoying the international students of 2017-2018 in our schools now and thank everyone involved in making their year a positive growth experience.

This message comes to you with an announcement. I will be leaving my position at Sea to Sky International effective February 28, 2018 to go and work as program manager for International Education at Rocky Mountain International Student Programs. It is, of course, with mixed feelings that I leave Sea to Sky where I have worked for 9 years. I have made many positive connections and will greatly miss working with all of you.

All the best,

Amy Shoup, Manager, International Education SD48



Welcome District Principal of SD48 International Education

Faizel Rawji has been a Principal with the Surrey School District since 2006, prior to which he served as an Acting Vice Principal for the Coquitlam School District. He has received several awards including, Canada's Outstanding Principals Award and the Surrey Now Community Leaders Award. He has contributed to the British Columbia Education Plan and has been interviewed by the CBC on how this plan will be put into action in schools. He has recently co-authored a book being published by Pacific Press at the University of British Columbia called "**Insider's Guide to K-12 Education in British Columbia**".

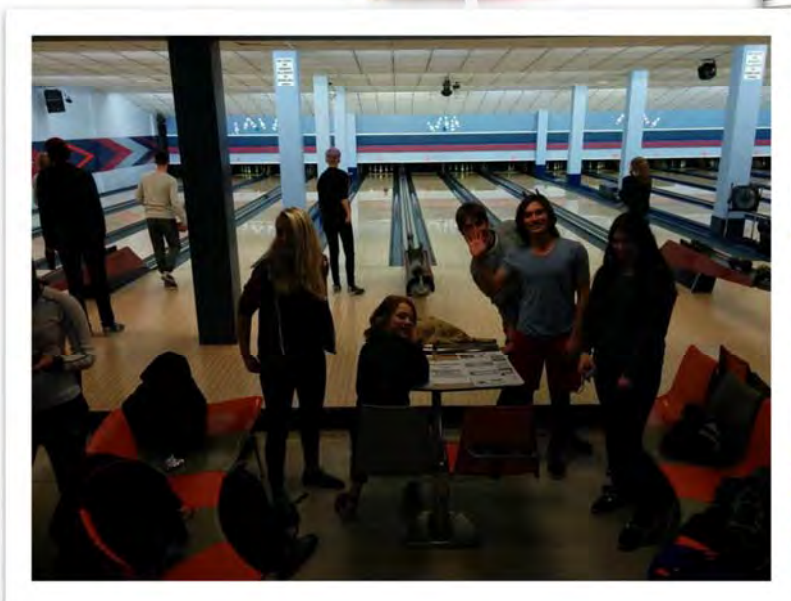


Faizel has advised the Province in areas ranging from Technology Education to Healthy Living Standards. He served as an advisor for the Premier's Technology Council, which helped shape the future of the BC Education Plan. He has been the keynote presenter for Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Education and has presented on numerous education topics across BC. Faizel travelled to Africa to present a weeklong workshop to Headmasters of the Aga Khan Education Services on school leadership. He recently served as the President of the Surrey Principals and Vice Principals Association and is featured on the BC Principals and Vice Principals webpage. Faizel also traveled to India to attend the International TED conference. He has produced a number of webinars to educate parents and to give guidance on topical issues in education, and looks forward to joining the SD48 International Team.

Students as Good Ambassadors for our International Program

Balancing our students' need for fun and safety, independence and accountability: It is important to hold the line on students staying out past curfew. On the weekend, if your student is staying at someone else's home, please make a call to the supervising adult beforehand to ensure there will be continuous supervision through the night. Depending on the age of and maturity of the student, curfew is generally 12:00 am on the weekend, unless you decide to make it earlier. If students are staying at a friend's home, there must be a responsible adult 25 or older at home at all times. *When our students know we are all connected and supporting each other, and that we are wrapping around them as a community, they develop a good sense of their boundaries.*

Please have a conversation with your student(s) about what respectful behaviour in a group looks like. Talk to them about being cognizant of how long they are staying in an establishment (i.e., a local business, like a coffee shop). As individuals, one on one, our students are really polite, respectful, and upstanding humans! Sometimes in groups, they get loud and forget about those around them. This is of course can be characteristic of all humans. We want to continue to work to build a positive perception of our international students in the community.





"A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils" ~ Ever Garrison

SD48 International Student Activities

with Mr. Brent Goodman

Program Activities, Events and Resources for Students

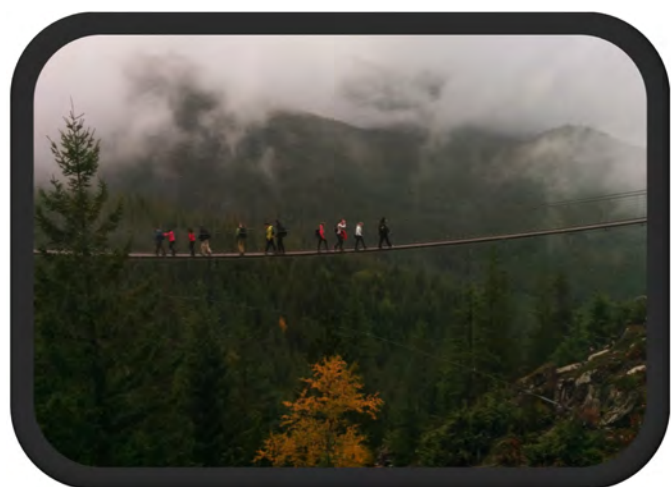
Brent Goodman, our events coordinator, sends out a list of events he has planned, every few months for International students in SD48. The events offered each quarter give the students a chance to do, explore and enjoy a variety of new activities and places

Events Coming Up

Event	Date	Details
Vancouver Day Trip	Fri, Feb 2	\$15
Squamish Youth Centre BBQ	Thurs, Feb 8	Free
Nordic Skiing #1 <i>For Squamish Students</i>	Wed, Feb 14	\$25 - Includes Ski Rental, Day Pass, Bus, and Instruction for Beginners
Nordic Skiing #2 <i>For Whistler and Pemberton Students</i>	Wed, Feb 21	\$25 - Includes Ski Rental, Day Pass, Bus, and Instruction for Beginners
Vancouver Canucks	Wed, Mar 7	\$65

Host parent volunteers are welcome to join and assist. Please contact Brent if you wish to do so:
604-966-1014 Email: bgoodman.iepsd48@gmail.com

Photos from November SD48 International Activities— Exploring Lynn Canyon in North Vancouver



Sea to Sky Student Safety

Mountain Activities Reminders

- ◆ **Always ski with a friend/buddy.** Never Ski Alone.
- ◆ **Conduct** - Please obey mountain signage and follow the Skiers and Snowboarders Code of Conduct. This means no skiing out of bounds or in closed areas, particularly with the recent unstable snow pack.
- ◆ **Safety** - Please enter the following ski patrol emergency telephone line into their cell phones: 604-935-5555. Do not hesitate to call this number if you are lost or hurt. They are on the mountain to help you.
- ◆ **Safety** - Keep your cell phone charged, or stop for a break and charge it at the charging stations on the mountain. It's also a very good idea to have a whistle on them in case they ever need to call for help.
- ◆ **Transportation** - Students from Squamish or Pemberton taking the bus to go skiing in Whistler should always have a pre-booked return bus ticket as buses fill up fast, particularly on weekends.

Finally, please remember that students are not allowed to miss school to go skiing!

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