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Subject: Fireworks and Halloween Safety

Dear Families,

As highlighted in the recent Halloween message from Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, North Vancouver School District and North Vancouver RCMP are encouraging all community members to take appropriate precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween. Per the recent North Vancouver RCMP media release referenced in Dr. Ryan's letter, the RCMP note that they regularly receive a significant number of complaints related to fireworks and remind residents that fireworks are **not permitted in the City of North Vancouver or *Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) lands***, while the **District of North Vancouver** and **səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) require a permit** for the purchase and sale of fireworks. Individuals who sell or use fireworks illegally may be subject to fines, and misuse can result in injury, property damage, or criminal charges.

For those interested in learning more about local regulations, please visit the **City of North Vancouver**, ***Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation)***, **District of North Vancouver**, **səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)** and **North Vancouver RCMP** websites for detailed information regarding fireworks bylaws and safety expectations. The RCMP media release also includes additional Halloween safety tips for families, including travelling in groups, using well-lit routes, carrying flashlights, and ensuring costumes do not obstruct vision.

We appreciate your help in reinforcing this message with your children and community members to ensure everyone's safety and respect for our shared spaces. We also ask families to remind children that school grounds, parks, and neighbourhood spaces should remain safe and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure Halloween remains a fun, safe, and inclusive celebration for all members of the community.

Warm regards,

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Helpful Links

- səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) Fireworks Laws
- *Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) Fireworks Law*
- City of North Vancouver Fireworks Information
- District of North Vancouver Fireworks Regulations
- RCMP: *RCMP urge caution around fireworks and safety on Halloween night*