

NOTEBOOK

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SURVIVING HIROSHIMA

During the May 7 Professional Development day, the NVTa invited Sachi Rummel to share her beautiful presentation about her survival of the Hiroshima atomic bomb explosion in Japan. Sachi's memoir was a story of hope, kindness, and love during challenging times. She shared her authentic story in a way that was age-appropriate for students. She and her husband, Charles Rummel, brought insight into current positive and negative uses of nuclear energy and helped listeners understand the pros and cons of such energy. Through her stories, Sachi also shared about Japanese culture; notably by teaching each of us to write our names in Japanese. This presentation was a rare opportunity that felt like a gift. Sachi and Charles Rummel are available to speak to classes if you are interested in inviting them to your school. I really recommend the presentation. They can be contacted at (778) 899-9271 or at rummel@telus.net. The presentation costs \$100 per class. Thank you Sachi and Charles Rummel for your willingness to share your stories with us!

*Mme. Eliza
Boundary Elementary*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 NVTa SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the following students, who recently received an NVTa Teacher Education Scholarship: Tiam Sharafi (Argyle); Katrina McKinnon (Carson Graham); Gudrun Wai-Gunnarsson (Handsworth); Harry Nicholls (Seycove); Darci Cann (Sutherland); Micaela Mulleder (Windsor).

POSTING AND SURPLUS INFORMATION

A. POSTINGS TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

We have received notification from HR that postings will continue throughout the summer. They will be posted as they come up so check the portal on a regular basis if you are interested. **All employees on a Continuing Contract may apply for these positions until July 31.**

B. SURPLUS INFORMATION

If you are not yet placed for the fall, and you are going out of town for the summer, you should make sure that HR has your contact information. After August 15, HR can begin assigning positions without postings to teachers who are not yet placed. If HR assigns you to a position after August 15, ask for a list of all available positions as the Board only has the right to assign an employee to a position if it is the only vacancy that exists that matches a surplus employee's qualifications and experience. Please call the NVTa if you have any questions on this.

COMMITTEE CALL-OUT

We are currently taking applications for the following two Joint Committees:

- District Screening Committee (4 NVTa Reps)
- Mainstreaming/Integration Committee (4 NVTa Reps)

Please email or fax your applications to Beth Triggs

(beth@nvta.ca) at the NVTa office. **Application deadline: 12:00 pm on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.** Application forms can be found at nvta.ca.

NVTa OFFICE INFORMATION

Summer Break is upon us!

If you need to contact the NVTa over summer break, please note the following – The week of July 2 – July 6, the office will be open with reduced hours. The office will be closed from Friday, July 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. and will reopen on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Have a wonderful summer!

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NVTA MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2018-2019

AUGUST 2018

27 NVTA office reopens

SEPTEMBER 2018

3 Labour Day

4 Schools reopen

19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

26 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)
- adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget & Fee 2018/19) – to be confirmed

OCTOBER 2018

5 World Teachers' Day

8 Thanksgiving

17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

19 Professional Development Day

NOVEMBER 2018

2 NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day

11 Remembrance Day

12 Remembrance Day (STAT)

21 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

DECEMBER 2018

7 NVTA Christmas Party (Location TBD)

19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

December 22 – January 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2019

7 Schools reopen

16 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

30 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church
- elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting) – to be confirmed

FEBRUARY 2019

15 District-wide Professional Development Day

18 Family Day Stat Holiday

20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

MARCH 2019

13 NVTA Representative Assembly dinner meeting (Sutherland Library)

16-19 103rd BCTF A.G.M. (Location TBA)

March 16 – March 31 SPRING BREAK

APRIL 2019

1 Schools reopen

17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

- followed by All-Candidates Meeting

19-22 Easter Long Weekend

MAY 2019

6 District-wide Professional Development Day

8 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social (elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for
2019/20) – St. Martin's Anglican Church) – to be confirmed

15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

20 Victoria Day

JUNE 2019

10 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)

19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

27 Last day of school

28 Administration Day