

North Ridge Elementary

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MR. REDDING

Dear North Ridge Families,

I would like to share the news that I am retiring at the end of June. Being the principal of North Ridge has been the highlight of my career and I will deeply cherish the relationships and memories of the amazing community. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my gratitude to our tremendous staff, our striving students and our caring families for the past six years. North Ridge is truly an outstanding school because of all of you! The new principal starting in September is Ms. Gwen Myles; she is very excited to be joining our team!

MS. UPPAL AND MR. REDDING’S MESSAGE

We would like to thank our parents and guardians for being wonderful supporters of education and of North Ridge. We can tell that you work hard to create consistent routines for your child(ren) to help them be at their very best. Consistent homework, playtime, bedtime and eating routines all help give our students the balance and energy they need to succeed! Remember, Ms. Uppal and I always have an open-door policy and feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for us!

Sincerely,
Ms. Uppal, Vice Principal
Mr. Redding, Principal

MARCH 15 EASTER EGG HUNT



Primary and Intermediate groups were searching intently for thousands of coloured beads spread about our forest behind the school. Classes redeemed their beads for chocolate Easter eggs and about 40 lucky students found “special” sticks which were traded in for a sweet individual prize! Once again, the enthusiasm and cooperation of all our amazing students were outstanding. And thanks to our PAC for funding all the chocolate eggs and prizes!

2024 BADMINTON SEASON

March and April’s badminton season is soaring right along. We have 2 teams of approximately 30 players at North Ridge this year: Grade 6 and Grade 7 teams. The Grade 7 team is coached by Mr. Pitre and Ms. Cordukes and the Grade 6 team is coached by Ms. Han and Mr. Dockstader. The season consists of 5 regular season games and a playday.



OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Office Staff:

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto
and
Ms. Carly Favero

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we would appreciate it if you would phone before 9:00 a.m. to let us know. We have a call home policy to ensure student safety on the way to and from school and if we are not informed of a student absence, our secretary must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. We do have an answering machine to leave a message if you are calling during non-school hours. The school phone number is 604-599-3900.

VAISAKHI

April 12 marked our 2024 Vaisakhi Celebration at North Ridge. The student dance groups wore colourful traditional outfits and performed magnificently in their dances. This year we brought in a stage and had spotlights as well. We are so lucky to have a staff and motivated students who all came together to make this event a wonderful cultural celebration. We had about 50 students dance this year! A special thanks to Ms. Johal, Ms. McLeod and Ms. Campbell for organizing and leading this wonderful event! We would also like to thank the following people for their help: Ms. Dhillon, Ms. Sidhu, Ms. Han, Ms. Ghaffar, Ms. J. Sahota, Ms. Thind, Ms. Sandhu, Ms. Nagra and Ms. Dhaliwal-Sidhu. Also thank you to everyone who helped set up the Gym and for providing the beautiful artwork for Vaisakhi.

READING LINK CHALLENGE

The Reading Link Challenge is a Lower Mainland reading competition for Grade 4 and 5 students. Teams of students had to read 6 novels over a period of 3 months. North Ridge had 3 teams of students compete for the school championship. The Surrey public librarian tested the teams in March on a list of 30 oral questions about the 6 novels. Congratulations to the Timbits team for claiming the school championship. The team members were Faith, Nimisha and Gurtej. The team also went on to compete in the Newton Challenge, adding team members Rajdeep, Jasmeen and Gursirat. The team put forth a great effort but missed advancing to the Surrey finals. Thanks, Ms. Snyder, for inspiring our readers and organizing this engaging reading challenge!



NORTH RIDGE RUNNING CLUB

April brings our 2024 North Ridge Running Club with over 250 students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 participating. The energy and running enthusiasm is electric with all students earning kilometer milestones. We have 5 km ribbons right up to 50 km. Congratulations to Elijah in Grade 7 to be the first student to reach 50 km this year! Thanks to all the staff and parents who come out to make this month-long tradition happen!



READY, SET, LEARN

This special event is an early learning event at North Ridge for preschool children in our neighborhood on Tuesday, May 7th. Parents and children are invited to attend our RSL event from 1-2 pm in the gym.

TALENT SHOW COMING MAY 15th

A record number of students have signed up and are practicing for our annual talent show which happens Wednesday, May 15th! We will send a parent invitation home soon!

NORTH RIDGE PAC STARS

Thanks so much to our amazing PAC for doing so much for our North Ridge students. They have contributed funds in so many different ways to our school and students. From field trip funds to classroom funds to our spirit wear and to subsidizing many activities at North Ridge. Our delicious hot lunches are so appreciated! We are very lucky to have you as a part of our North Ridge Team! They are also helping us raise money for valuable items such as books and technology. Thanks for everything you do, North Ridge PAC!

BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

The following are important benefits of being on time for school each day:

- Your child does not miss valuable learning time.
- Your child starts the day in a calm, relaxed and happy state.
- Your child learns the value of being on time for all things: appointments, sports games, school, clubs.
- Your child is not stressed out about interrupting the class when they come in late.
- Your child has the time to talk to the teacher and socialize as school begins to set a good frame of mind for the day.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We continue to practice our daily safety protocols at school. Thanks so much for keeping your child at home when they are sick or have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, constant cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea.

NORTH RIDGE SUPER WRITERS

Spaceship, by Div. 17

In some faraway lands there was a boy who was going to space in his spaceship. The spaceship crashed and the boy landed on the moon. He wanted to go back to Earth. He had a walkie talkie on him then he called another spaceship. The spaceship came. The boy went in the spaceship then the spaceship went back to Earth.

By Jaivir D.

Jungle

In a jungle I was exploring, I saw lots of animals. There was one fruit, it was a watermelon. Suddenly I saw the largest animal. It was a hippopotamus. There are lots of big animals. Then a tiger came chasing me. I ran as fast as I could but suddenly a helicopter came and saved me.

My Tree Observations

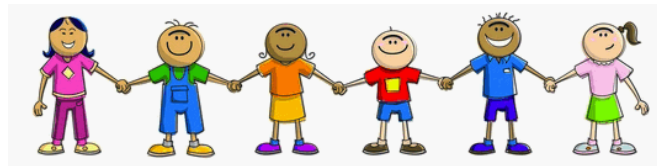
Pink blossom trees are insanely beautiful. I never thought that pink trees existed. I love pink blossom trees.

By Nahom M.

ALLERGY-AWARE SCHOOL

Several of our students at North Ridge have severe life-threatening allergies/allergic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products, as well as other food products. Please help us in doing everything possible to protect these students. Some ways you can help include not sending food to school that contain peanuts/nuts. Remind your child to wash their hands carefully after eating and to not share or trade snacks. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to make our school a safe environment for all of our students.

****Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life-threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place****



WHY WE NEED YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Here are some critical reasons why we want and need your child at school, on time, every school day.

1. We love your child! When they are not here, we miss them! They are important and our class community grows around them.
2. Habit is everything: If you let your child frequently miss school or sleep in, you are building a poor lifelong habit. We do not want your child to develop a habit that they stay home if things get tough or if they are a little tired. It is far better to build habits of endurance, perseverance and commitment. These good habits will serve your child well in life!
3. Learning happens best when your child is relaxed, happy and involved. If you let your child miss many school days, they will become more anxious, confused and disconnected; learning will then grind to a halt. Ensure they come every day to keep their learning in a good flow!
4. Research shows that students who attend school regularly are much more happy and emotionally healthier than kids who frequently miss school.

Of course, the exception is when your child has a fever, stomach flu or is really sick. During these times, your child needs to rest and recuperate before coming back to school.

WEATHER UPDATE

This is a reminder that all students will be expected to go outside at recess and lunch each day. Students will only be kept in during extremely poor weather. Children should be dressed to go outside with appropriate clothing and footwear. Waterproof coats, rubber boots and umbrellas are recommended for our rainy climate. It is recommended that your children keep a change of clothes or socks at school. This will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes. Please know we will call inside days for extreme weather, especially high winds.



SAFE PARENT PARKING OPTIONS

Please continue to be considerate of our neighbors when parking near the school:

- Follow No Parking signage!
- Parking at least 1.5 meters away from a driveway
- No U-turns in the school zone
- No drop offs on road behind school that goes from gate off of 62nd avenue to the garbage/recycling area
- **Please be mindful not to block residents' driveways when dropping off or picking up students**



Some good streets to park on are:

- 62 Ave east of the school all the way to King George Boulevard
- 135th Street north of the school

Upcoming Events

April 24
Class Photos

April 25
Last day of Running Club

Quesada – PAC

PAC Meeting
5:30 pm - Library

April 26
STAR Assembly
8:45 – 10 am

May 3
Pro-D Day
No School

May 7
Ready, Set, Learn
1 – 2 pm

May 9
Fresh Slice – PAC

May 15
Talent Show

May 20
Victoria Day
No School

May 23
Subway/Frozen Yogurt –
PAC

May 24
STAR Assembly
8:45 – 10 am

May 27
Pro-D Day
No School

May 28
Welcome to “K”
12:30 – 2 pm

May 31
Parent Appreciation Tea