

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing spring break with extra time spent with family and friends. It is hard to believe we are in the final few months of the school year.

There are many special events planned for the final term. Our Multicultural Week is taking place this week, with a final performance for our parent community on Friday, April 13 at 12:30 pm. We hope you are able to attend! Happy Vaisakhi to all of our families who celebrate this important event.

There is always a focus on learning and many experiential learning activities take place. Year-end field trips, special outings and culminating activities are some of the events students and parents enjoy. I wish your child/ren a successful third term.

Mrs. Burton – Acting Principal

Staff Changes – There is no replacement teacher for Ms. Nomura yet, but we appreciate that **Ms. Dhanju** has assumed the responsibility for the Grade 1 class at this time.

Are You Moving?

If you are moving at the end of the year, we need to know. As we enter the final months of this school year, we are also preparing for the 2018/2019 year. Before we can plan our school organization for next year, we need confirmation of how many students will be with us. If you are planning to move to another school in September, please let the office staff know. A “Families Moving” form went home earlier this week, so you could also fill it out and drop it off at the office.



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.

Social Responsibility

Being socially responsible students includes showing good manners, accepting differences and striving to improve. Each month we focus on one area of social responsibility. PA announcements, hall displays and classroom lessons enhance our student's understanding and help them set personal goals. During the month of March, the focus was: ***Determination: Students will be recognized for trying their best.*** The following students were recognized at the monthly assembly:

Div. 1	Sameera K.	Mubasher N.	Div. 2	Aura B.	Sunpreet J.
Div. 3	Manraj S.		Div. 4	Cammi T.	Danica G.
Div. 5	Simarjot K.		Div. 6	Xanthi K.	Jasmaan B.
Div. 7	Harsimar G.	Hamzah S.	Div. 8	Ruth D.	Gurnoor P.
Div. 9	Priya D.	Maheen J.	Div. 10	Sariel C-S.	Mayank M.
Div. 11	Namanpreet J.		Div. 12	Jovan D.	Hailey G.
Div. 13	Sukhmani S.	Karamtej H.	Div. 14	Aryan S.	Mateo R.
Div. 15	Esin Y.	Ranaiman G.	Div. 16	Karmanpal G.	Aikem L.
Div. 17	Samar A.	Sabreen S.	Div. 18	Ekampreet S.	

For the month of April, the social responsibility focus is ***Responsibility: Students will be recognized for being willing to do their part. This includes:***

- ***Taking care of the surrounding environment (classroom/school)***
- ***Accepting accountability for their actions***
- ***Making smart choices***
- ***Being trustworthy***

North Ridge “Star Awards”

As a part of any social responsibility program, we hope that students take pride in themselves, help others and look after their school. Taking responsibility and contributing positively to the school community without adult intervention is the ultimate goal. We want students to solve problems peacefully, accept responsibility for their actions and make decisions that positively affect themselves and others. When we notice that students do these kinds of things, we like to recognize their efforts. We are just beginning to implement this kind of recognition, and it goes a long way in developing positive relationships among students and staff. In March, these students were recognized:

Colby K. and Jaden F. - keeping a look out for broken glass on the playground and helping to clean it up
Fallyn B. – for suggesting more colourful and cheerful “principal outfits”.

Principal’s Award

In March, four students were recognized for **outstanding** social responsibility and leadership contributions to the school environment. They help set the positive role model we expect from our older students.

Kanwar S.

Akash P.

Rajvir T.

Alisha G.

Ready, Set, Learn – May 11th (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Parents/Caregivers of three & four year old children are invited to attend. There are great ideas for parents and an educational bag of materials provided for every child. We would love to see you there! Please register by phoning the school at 604-599-3900.

Reading Link Challenge

After the school competition in March, six of our students advanced to the next level of competition, which took place at Newton Library on Tuesday, April 10th. Their team name was *The Diamond Dominators 2.0*. We are very proud of these students and they demonstrated excellence, teamwork and perseverance. Congratulations to:

Priya D. **Anjalie R.** **Kimran B.**
Karaj R. **Hamzah S.** **Rashad R.**

We also want to thank **Mrs. Elfstrom** for working with all of the students and promoting the importance and enjoyment of reading.

Staff Parking Lot – Student Safety – WELL DONE, EVERYONE!

Thank you to all parents and students for following the expectations of the staff parking lot. There has been such a positive change and we really appreciate the cooperation of everyone in helping to make the arrival and dismissal times safer.

Our first “Walking Wednesday” resulted in over 150 students walking or rolling to school. A few more bicycles are also appearing in the racks outside the office. Members of the student leadership team will be tracking the numbers of participating students and will be creating a graph to track our progress. The final goal is to reach 2000!

Parent Information - Grade 7 Articulation

Articulation with Panorama Ridge Secondary has started and parents should mark this date on their calendars.

Thursday – May 17th

Grade 7 Parent Night (Info. Session at 6:30 pm/Tours at 7:00 pm)

Running Club – April 3 to April 26

The running club is well underway and there has been a tremendous response from students and parents. Each day after school (from Mon. to Thurs.), we meet on the grass field to begin 30 minutes of running. For every 10 laps, students earn a ribbon. The more laps they run, the more ribbons they earn. We are very pleased with the positive response from our school community, and enjoy watching parents, students and staff benefit from running.

Track and Field Season - May

The track and field season will begin in May and is open to interested Gr. 3 – 7 students. Events include sprint and long distant running, relay races, long jump and throwing events such as shot put and discus. More information will be coming soon.

PAC News! - The PAC are selling North Ridge cookbooks now for \$10 each. If you want one, drop off your order and payment at the office

Upcoming Events

April 9 - 13

Multicultural Week
Performance for Parents
April 13 @ 12:30 pm

April 10

Reading Link Challenge
@ Newton Library

April 18

BC Dairy Visits North Ridge

April 19

Author - Michael Wade
Visits North Ridge

April 25

School Spirit Day
“Sparkle Day”

April 26

Grade 7's Visit PR
“Shrek”

April 27

School Assembly
Student Recognition
9:00 – 9:40 am
Parents Welcome

May 4

Non – Instructional Day
No Classes

May 11

Ready, Set, Learn
School Event
1:00 – 2:00
3 & 4 year olds

May 14

Green Thumb Theatre
Visits North Ridge
“Trash” 9:00 am



Reading Awards

In March, these students earned an award for reaching the following goals in reading.

Bronze Level – Reading for 50 Nights

Sasha M.	Simrene J.	Tristan B.	Raunak G.
Nathen D.	Aryan S.	Gurmukh T.	Karmanpal G.
Kajol R.	Maya D.	Harsimran D.	Arya J.
Grayson N.	Grace S.	Rupan N.	

Silver Level – Reading for 100 Nights

Manav M.	Nyha N.	Navi S.	Hamzah S.
Soha K.	Ranveer B.	Muhammad N.	Ansh T.
Jasleen K.	Nimardeep S.	Jasmine S.	Gurdit D.
Purneet B.	Ekbir R.	Daksh M.	Ranaiman G.
Tino C.	Jayden A.	Zaara S.	
Chryslene T.	Sofia N.	Sam Moses A.	

Grade 6 Band Choice for Next Year

The grade 6 students have a choice to take band next year. A letter went home earlier this month for parents to consider this option and discuss it with their child. Currently, Ms. De La Vega teaches both our Gr. 7 band as well as Core Music for K – Gr. 4. She states: *“Now that you’ve heard your children sing and play instruments at the Multicultural Performance, don’t forget to gear them up for Gr. 7 band, where they will find a sense of community, teamwork and learn the universal language of music. Canadian scientists have proven that the brain (Corpus Callosum) grows bigger when practicing music! This of course is reflected in all other subjects, helping students with math, spatial awareness, languages, and even empathy as students must develop social skills for effective teamwork.”* Please consider this option for your child in Grade 7. Complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Dress Code Guidelines

As the weather improves and the temperature gets warmer, it is helpful for parents, staff and students to have guidelines about what is appropriate to wear at school. Education and learning should always be the focus at school, and the following guidelines help support this expectation.

- All students are to wear clothing with positive or appropriate messages. Shirts with inappropriate language, swearing, or offensive racial or gender messages are not allowed at school.
- All students should choose clothing that is comfortable and discreet.
- Girls are to wear tops that cover all undergarments. Sleeveless tops should have wide straps (use the “3 finger” rule to estimate width). No high cut shorts or skirts, see-through blouses or netted tops that reveal undergarments. Girls should also be wearing clothes that cover the belly and the back. Skirts or shorts should be at the mid-thigh area. High cut shorts or skirts are not appropriate for school.
- Boys are not allowed to wear muscle shirts (short-sleeved T-shirts are more appropriate).
- Flip-flops are not safe footwear for regular activities at school (PE, playing outside, walking in and around the school.) It is better for students to wear sandals or running shoes.

We hope these guidelines help you and your child/ren to make appropriate choices about what to wear at school.