

North Ridge Elementary

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

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MS. ELFSTROM AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

On behalf of North Ridge staff, Ms. Elfstrom and I would like to wish you a safe and happy winter holiday. We have had a busy and very successful fall term at North Ridge. The students have worked hard in their studies and we have seen the return of many clubs, sports and services for students operating daily at our wonderful school. Our sports teams, JumpStart, huge leadership team, volleyball teams, soccer intramurals and various clubs, are just samples of how our dedicated staff make our school a lively and incredible place for our students. We will dearly miss our students over the winter break! We hope you enjoy sharing this time with your children and make the most of this festive season. Along with some of the fun activities you may have planned, please remember to encourage your child to practice reading and/or writing daily for a short amount of time. This will help our students continue to build on their growing skills. From all of us at North Ridge to all of you, we wish you a safe and happy holiday. **See you on Monday, January 3rd, 2021**

Sincerely,
Ms. Elfstrom, Acting Vice Principal
Mr. Redding, Principal

WINTER CONCERT

Ms. Feuring and her music classes put on some short daily concerts in the gym with small audiences this week. From drumming to black lights, to bells and scarves, our Grade K to Grade 4 performers performed enthusiastically and beautifully. Hopefully we can have parents back into the gym as we miss you as our audience!



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS – VOLLEYBALL SEASON



After successful girls and boys' seasons, we are excited to start basketball in January. Meetings will happen for our Grade 6s and 7s the first week back to get organized for the upcoming season.

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.

READING LINK CHALLENGE

Our annual Grade 4/5 Reading Link Challenge is underway with six new books to read. Over sixty students are madly reading their first novel. In January, they will form teams to answer questions on all six of the books. In February, a Surrey Public Librarian will come to quiz our reading. The winning team will then move onto the Newton zone finals. Good luck Grade 4/5 readers!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Big thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair. Not only did students purchase great books to read over Winter Break, but we also raised one thousand dollars to buy new books for the library. Thank you to Ms. Brar and the Book Fair volunteers who put hours of work into making our fair run smoothly. Students are already asking when the next one will be.

THANK YOU, PAC!

Thanks so much to our amazing PAC for doing so much for our North Ridge students. Our weekly delicious hot lunches, our awesome colourful spirit wear, Purdy's fundraising, frozen yogurt, is just a partial list of all you do for our students and staff! Also, thanks so much for the generous class December gifts! We are very lucky to have you as a part of our North Ridge Team!

TOY AND HATS/GLOVES/SCARVES DRIVE

Thanks to Ms. Targerson, Mr. Lee and our community service/event leadership team for organizing and running these two important drives this year. The clothing and toys have now been dropped off at the charity locations. Below is a photo of the officers receiving our unwrapped toys!





Kindergarten Registrations for the 2022-2023 School Year

It's time to register for Kindergarten. Children who will turn 5 years old before January 1, 2023, are eligible to begin school in September 2022. Registration will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022.

The Surrey School District is now using a web-based online registration form. Please go to this link:

<https://sd36.vivosforms.com/StudentRegistration>

You will need to upload the following documents: when registering:

- Proof of Birth Date for the student (birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of Guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation)
- Proof of Citizenship for both parent and the student (Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card)
- Proof of Residence (Purchase or Rental Agreement, Cable, Hydro or Gas bill)
- Student immunization records

If you know of any children in the neighborhood who will be attending Kindergarten next year, and they do not have children attending North Ridge at this time, please pass on this information.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Talking About Emotions

When we talk to children about emotional experiences, it helps them learn how emotions affect people. It also teaches them how to repair emotional mistakes. This is an important part of the way they learn to understand and manage their own feelings.

Example: Selina is dancing around the living room when she bumps into her father and he spills his coffee. Her father is angry and yells at her to settle down. Then, he feels badly about what he said and apologizes to her. "Oh, Selina, I am sorry. I know that it was an accident." Selina starts to turn away, but her father continues. "When people are upset, sometimes they do things that they wish they hadn't. I should have waited a few seconds to calm down before saying something."

Be A Role Model

How you manage your own emotions is a powerful lesson for your children. Watch what you say when you are upset. When you are angry with your children or your partner, take time to cool down. Let your children see you taking deep breaths to control your feelings. You teach your kids strategies by modeling them in real life situations.

North Ridge Super Writers:

Coast Salish Shelter

Did you know the Coast Salish lived in longhouses near the mouth of a river or a sheltered bay? The longhouse faced the beach to see if enemies were coming. They were made from massive cedar planks to withstand storms. There were no windows and one door at the end of the longhouse. There was a fire pit in the center and a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. Did you know that there were two levels in the Coast Salish longhouse? It can fit 20 to 40 relatives. Have you heard that the Coast Salish named their house and the family totem was in the front of the house?

By Abhay, Div. 11

Coast Salish Food

Did you know the Coast Salish ate mostly salmon, clams and oysters? The clams were dug from the beach and the meat inside were smoked. The Coast Salish used oil of the Oolichan (smelt) to give more flavor to food. It also kept food from spoiling and binded fishcakes and berry cakes. The Coast Salish also ate other fish, deer, elk, moose, bear, roots, herbs, and berries. Did you know that they used soapberries to make drinks and ice cream?

By Gursirat, Div. 11

Coast Salish Tools

Have you heard that the red cedar was used by the Coast Salish for canoes, houses, clothing, baskets, and tools? Did you know that the red cedar is called the “tree of life”? The Coast Salish used a tool called a weir to catch fish. The weir is a fence-like structure made from wood. The fish got stuck in the weir and then speared. The Coast Salish made knives from sharpened seashells. They sharpened their blades with wet sand. Did you know that they used a sharp and hard piece of wood called a “digging stick” to plant seeds and to dig clams?

By Rehan, Div. 11

PAC HOT LUNCH AND FUNDRAISING

Remember to place your hot lunch orders through Munch a Lunch. A new form has been added to the website with the new dates to order from January to March.

www.MunchaLunch.com

Upcoming Events

Jan 3

School Reopens

Jan 6

Fresh Slice/Yogurt
– PAC

Jan 13

Pizza Hut – PAC

Jan 18

Photo Retake Day

Jan 20

Mucho Burrito –
PAC

Jan 27

Fresh Slice/Yogurt -
PAC

Jan 28

Star Assembly
8:45 – 10 am

Feb 1

Early Dismissal
1:30 pm
(Student Led
Conferences)

Feb 3

Subway Kernels
Popcorn – PAC

Feb 10

Pizza Hut – PAC

Feb 17

Fresh Slice/Yogurt -
PAC

Feb 21

Family Day

Feb 23

Pink Shirt Day

Feb 24

Star Assembly
8:45 – 10 am

Mucho Burrito -
PAC

Feb 25

Non-Instructional
Day

Thank you to everyone who ordered Hot Lunch through Munchalunch these past few months! Moving forward, we will **no longer be offering pizza and other hot food to be purchased on the day of hot lunch. Orders must be done on Munchalunch ahead of time.** The number of children coming to school with cash has grown exponentially and we do not have the capacity, nor the parent volunteers, to deal with the volume. Many children are ending up with no lunch as we quickly go through the "extras" and cannot predict the amount needed. So, please order your child's lunch on Munchalunch, or pack them a lunch.

Pre-order Hot Lunches at: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthRidge>

Please note: The **order must be fully paid** (VISA/MasterCard) **by midnight 8 days before** delivery. Please keep this in mind if ordering weekly. No late orders/payments will be accepted.

***Important *Check your email** to confirm payment went through – your child's order is not complete until paid, and he/she will not receive their lunch. You will receive an emailed receipt upon payment.

Upcoming Hot Lunches

Fresh Slice & TCBY	Thursday, Jan 6 -> *Online order closes midnight Dec 29
Pizza Hut	Thursday, Jan 13 ->*Online order closes midnight Jan 5
Mucho Burrito	Thursday, Jan 20 ->*Online order closes midnight Jan 12
Fresh Slice & TCBY	Thursday, Jan 27 -> *Online order closes midnight Jan 19
Subway & Kernels	Thursday, Feb 3 -> *Online order closes midnight Jan 26
Pizza Hut	Thursday, Feb 10 ->*Online order closes midnight Feb 2
Fresh Slice & TCBY	Thursday, Feb 17 ->*Online order closes midnight Feb 9
Mucho Burrito	Thursday, Feb 24 ->*Online order closes midnight Feb 16
Subway & Kernels	Thursday, Mar 3 ->*Online order closes midnight Feb 23
Fresh Slice & TCBY	Thursday, Mar 10 ->*Online order closes midnight Mar 2

**If your child is away on a hot lunch day, you can either pick it up from the child's classroom at 11:30 or it will be donated to another child in need of lunch. There are no refunds once the order cut-off has closed. Questions or want to volunteer?? Please e-mail:

surreynorthridgepac@gmail.com