



# NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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## December Newsletter

Look for newsletter and other School information posted on our school web site:  
[www.surreyschools.ca/northridge](http://www.surreyschools.ca/northridge)

### Principals Message

I cannot believe that December has already arrived and with it came our first snow fall. The kids had a great time building snowmen, snow forts, snow angels, and sliding down the hill. Our first term has been busy with many activities and events going on - Cross Country, Terry Fox, Volleyball, Intermediate Jumpstart, Hip Hop, Remembrance Day Assembly, Hot Lunches, Deck the Halls and many field trips.

Thank you to Ms. Elfstrom for running our Scholastic Book fair, it was another successful Fundraiser for our school library. Still ahead Surrey Food Bank collection (ends Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>), Holiday Themed Spirit Days (Red/Green Day and Christmas Ugly Sweater Day), PAC Breakfast With Santa, our First Term Reports and many more in-class activities. It will be a fun and festive time at North Ridge.

We wish you all a wonderful winter break with your families and we will see you all back in the New Year.

### FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Our School Wide Collection for the Surrey Food Bank will run from Monday, December 5 – Monday, December 12. We are asking students to bring in donations of non-perishable food items. Families may also make a cash donation at the office. We thank everyone in advance for your support of this very important program.

### SURREY FOOD BANK MOST NEEDED ITEMS include:

- Canned fish and meat
- Healthy & high fibre cereal
- Meals in a tin
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Wholegrain pasta and rice
- Pasta sauce
- Canned and dry soup
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- Meal supplement
- Low sodium items

#### For the Tiny Bundles

- Formula       Diapers
- Cereal         Baby jar food
- Bottles

\*\*Other items could include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, and other baby or toddler toiletries (wipes, diapers, etc.). \*\*



### Candy Gram Sales

Our student Leadership Team will be selling Candy-Cane Grams Monday thru Thursday. Each Candy Gram will cost \$1 and students can send a special treat and message to their friends or teachers. Candy Grams will be delivered each Friday to the students. Candy Grams are on sale at lunch in Ms. Nomura's classroom.



### Winter Weather Update

Remember to please send your child to school prepared for the colder weather with appropriate clothing (jackets, gloves, hats) as well as footwear (boots). It would be very helpful to send your child with a change of clothing in case he/she becomes wet or muddy.

Our grounds can also become slippery with the colder weather and freezing temperatures. Please be careful when walking on the school grounds, especially at the back of the school up on the hillside. Talk to your child about using the safe walkways, as well as the stairs.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 9	PALS (3 and 4 year olds - 8:35 am - 10:45 am) PAC Hot Chocolate Sales @ lunch - \$1
Dec. 12	Food Bank Collection Ends
Dec. 15	Term 1 reports go home Christmas Sing-Along Div. 5 and 6 - Christmas Play performance
Dec. 16	PAC Pancake Breakfast with Santa - 7:30 am - 8:30 am School Wide Movie Spirit Day - Christmas Ugly Sweater or Christmas Wear Last Day before winter break
Dec 19 - Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3	First Day Back

## Student Lates and Attendance

We have noticed a high number of student lates and absences at our school. Our school day begins at 8:35 am (warning bell rings at 8:30 am). It is very important for students to arrive to school on time and be prepared to start their day. Often times, students arriving late are missing important information from teachers, school announcements, as well as missing planner time and the start of instructional time. If your child will be late, please contact the school office in advance.

If your child will be absent from school, it is also important to contact the school office (604-599-3900). It is for the safety of your child that we call home when your child is marked absent and we have not heard from you. These phone calls home take a great amount of time for our office staff to make each morning. We are asking for your help to please take the time to call the school. If it is before or after school hours, we do have voicemail set up for you to leave a message. Please clearly state your child's name, Classroom Teacher name, and the reason for the absence. If the absence will be for a few days, please leave the dates your child will be away. For extended absences due to vacation there is a form to complete in the office.

We thank you in advance for helping us to reduce the number of lates and absences by ensuring that your child understands the importance of being at school and arriving on time.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration starts on Monday, January 16, 2017. See notice posted on our school website.

Children who turn **five years old before January 1, 2018 (Born in 2012)** are eligible to begin school in September 2017.

Upon Registration at the school, **the following documents must be provided:**

- Proof of birth date for the student (Birth Certificate or passport)
- Proof of Guardianship (parents/guardians as shown on child's birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation);
- Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and the student (birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card);
- Proof of residency (purchase or rental agreement, property tax document, Hydro or Fortis Bill)

\* If you have a neighbor in our area who may not know about pre-registration for Kindergarten, please pass this information on to them or have them contact the school. Thank you!

## JUMPSTART ACADEMY

Our winter session of Jumpstart will begin in the New Year. The program will run from January 16 to April 21, and will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm. This session will be open to students in Grades 1 – 3. The goal of this program is to connect students to community and school based recreational opportunities and to pursue lifelong physical activity. Forms were sent home with many students. If you are interested in this program, please contact the office and we will add names to the program and/or waitlist.

