

North Ridge Elementary

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

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MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

On behalf of North Ridge staff, I would like to wish you a safe and happy winter holiday. We have had a busy and successful fall term at North Ridge. The students have worked hard in their studies and we have had many clubs, sports and services for students operating daily at our wonderful school. Our JumpStart, leadership team, soccer and volleyball teams, floor hockey intramurals and dance clubs, are just samples of how our dedicated staff make our school a lively and rich place to be. 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.

Sincerely,

Mr. Redding, Principal

Winter Music Concert – Rudolph's Wish

Ms. Feuring and Divisions 7-19 music classes are busy preparing for our winter music concert on Thursday, December 20th from 1:00-2:00 pm in our gym. We cordially invite you to come to our concert; doors will open at 12:30. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis. Admission to the Christmas show will be by cash donation with the proceeds going towards the Surrey Food Bank. We look forward to a great show. See you there!



"Read for Gold" Program

We are proud of all of our students who are participating in our Home Reading Program by reading 15-20 minutes each day. So far, we have many students who have read 40 nights so far this school year. Keep up your awesome reading, North Ridge Stars!

Remembrance Assembly

We had a thoughtful and moving Remembrance Ceremony on November 8th.



Music classes sang, some grade 7 girls did an emotion-evoking dance, speakers taught us about Canadian soldiers and classes presented creative poems and their thoughts on peace and remembrance. We were also very lucky to have Corporal Mujcin and Master Corporal Heslop participate, as well as bagpiper, Mr. Carse.

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.

Sports Highlights—*Volleyball Season*

Both the boys' and girls' volleyball teams had excellent play days. The boys' and girls' teams both finished 2nd and 3rd in their play days. We are most proud of how well our athletes represented our school. We had over 55 athletes play volleyball! They played hard but also showed outstanding sportsmanship and respect to teammates and their competition. We would also like to thank our parents who drove our teams to away games and to our play day events – we couldn't do it without your support. The season will wrap up with a competitive staff vs students challenge match on Monday (boys team) and Thursday (girls team) at lunch! Students are welcome to come watch the game and cheer on both our student and staff teams. Admission to the event will be a Loonie (\$1.00) or a non-perishable item for the Food Bank. Thanks to coaches Dockstader, Rasmussen, Robinson, Prom and Redding for your coaching dedication!. Basketball season begins in January!



November Virtue: Service

In November, we celebrated our service virtue at North Ridge. Doing kind and thoughtful acts for others was our focus. We recognized recycling crews and many students who help in formal and informal ways around the school. Forty-one students received special STAR certificates at our November assembly for their service at North Ridge. We are excited to practice our December virtue, Joyfulness!

Reading Link Challenge



Our annual Grade 4/5 Reading Link Challenge is underway. Many students have formed groups and are madly reading up to six selected novels. In February, a Surrey public librarian will come to quiz our reading teams about these six selected novels. The winning team will then move on to the Newton zone finals. Good luck Grade 4/5 readers!

Thank You, PAC!

Thanks so much to our amazing PAC for doing so much for our North Ridge students. From Popcorn days to field trip money, to our many delicious hot lunches, you do so much for our students! We are very lucky to have you a part of our North Ridge team!

Food Bank

Our Surrey Food Bank Drive kicked off on Monday, December 3rd and runs to Friday, December 14th. We are asking students to bring in non-perishable food items or cash donations to support our food drive. Most needed items are canned fish and meats, canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, meals in a tin, healthy cereals, whole grain rice, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, meal supplements and low sodium items. Other items needed include: baby formula (large cans), diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6), baby/toddler cereal, baby jar food, baby pajamas, baby toiletries, small toddler toys and books, toddler dishes and spoons, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please make sure these are all new items. We thank you in advance for your support.



Candy Gram Sales



Our Student Leadership Club will be selling Candy Grams from Monday, December 10th – Friday, December 14th. Each Candy Gram will cost a Loonie (\$1.00). Students can purchase these for friends, staff or for students in the school whose day they may want to brighten. This is a great way to practice the act of kindness and our December virtue of the month – Joyfulness. Add a little joy to someone's day by getting them a Candy Gram. Candy Grams will be delivered on Friday, December 21st.

Communicating Student Learning – Term 1 Report Cards

Students will be bringing home their first formal report card on Friday, December 7th. We are all very proud of our students and their progress in Term 1. This report provides you with important information about your child's progress. Please take the time to review the report with your child(ren) and point out its positive aspects. Areas that are “emerging” or “developing” should be framed as goals to work towards for the next term. If you have any questions regarding your child's report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Parents of students who have Fresh Grade can log on to your child's Fresh Grade account on an ongoing basis to view progress.

North Ridge Super Writers

My Special Place: Bench in the Woods

I know the warm yummy smell of apple pie it feels so close I can almost taste it. The truth is I really don't know where the pie is but I can imagine it. The place where I go where it barely snows. The stunning park where I see kids run and play. People on bikes come to this park almost every day so I see familiar faces. Brown oak trees, purely green grass, and delightful gardens. Oh, the lavender and the roses smell like heaven! The birds are always chirping when I come. A cold breeze hits my face. I walk further and I get lost in my thoughts and dreams. In the middle of the forest there was a brown rundown bench it seems so old but there's an urge to sit on it. The warm sunlight comes peeking through the spruce tree leaves hitting the bench. It seems like fate wanted me to sit there. I hear leaves crunching from my brand new shoes. I keep walking, I sit on the bench, leaves fly through the whistling wind. The forest smells like flowers and different woods. Birds, squirrels, and butterflies all know the joy of the woods. Happiness and peace is what the forest brings.

By Gurleen, Div. 6

My Special Place: My Room

I know this special place of mine. The scent, smell, and hearing. I know everything about it! I relax in front of the fan and feel the cool air brushing against my face and my hair. When I draw in my room, I feel the cool air brushing against my face and my hair. When I draw in my room, I feel like falling asleep on my bed. I stay in my bedroom for a long time until I feel like going out of it. My room is comfy and quiet, I can think about my thoughts and feel comfortable with peace and quiet. While I'm laying down, I see the closet light glowing with a light yellow colour. When I turn my head sideways I see my white fan blowing swiftly into my face turning cold as it blows more and more making me feel colder and colder as I rushed to the fan with my hand and turned it off as I fell asleep. This is my special place because it is comfortable and gives me space.

By Zara, Div. 6

Weather Update

This is just 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. Some children may wish to keep a change of clothes or socks at school; this will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes.



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.



Kindergarten Registrations for the 2019-2020 School Year

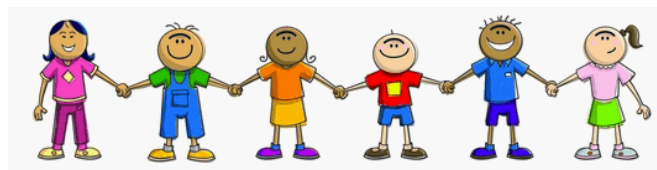
It’s time to register for Kindergarten. Children who will turn 5 years old before January 1, 2020, are eligible to begin school in September 2019.

Registration for Kindergarten will begin after 9:00 am on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Upon registration at the school, please bring the following documents:

- 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.



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

Popcorn Sales:

Popcorn sales are on the last Thursday of each month. Popcorn is \$1.00 per bag. Students do not need to pre-order, but must bring their money that day.



PAC Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Please join us Friday, December 21st in the Gym for breakfast with Santa at 7:30 am. Come dressed in your PJ's. Breakfast will be by cash donation to the PAC (each person who donates will receive a free gift). Pictures with Santa will be by use of your own camera. This is a family event and students attending must have an adult attend with them. We look forward to seeing many of you that day.

Upcoming Events

Dec 7
Report Card 1
Goes Home

Dec 10
Scholastic Book Fair
Begins

Dec. 10 – 14
Candy Gram Sales

Dec 12
Taco Del Mar - PAC

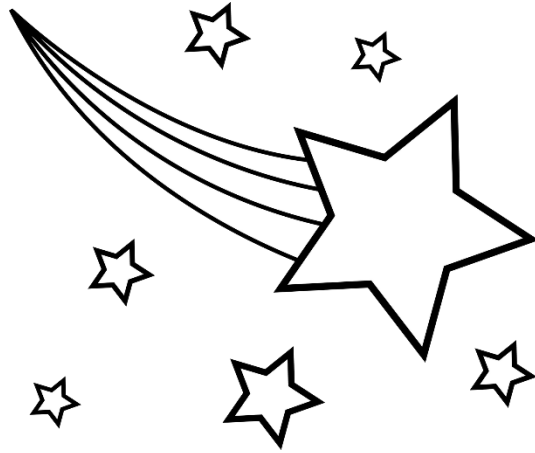
Dec 14
Food Bank Collection
Ends

Dec 20
Winter Music Concert – Rudolph's
Wish - 1 pm

Dec 21
PAC Pancake
Breakfast – 8 am
PJ Day

Dec 24 to Jan 4
Winter Break

Jan 7
School Reopens



****Reminder that Winter Break is from December 24, 2018 – January 4, 2019****

School Re-opens January 7, 2019

From all of us at North Ridge,

We wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

