
December Newsletter

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

I cannot believe December is already here. While it is a month filled with excitement, we must not forget that there are still curriculum programs in place and that teachers are working hard to meet the academic needs of your child. Our students have worked hard this first term and we are proud of them. The first formal report card will be sent home December 22nd.

We have a busy December with Deck the Halls, Food Bank Drive, prep for our Christmas Performance, Candy Gram Sales, Hot Chocolate Sales, PAC Pancake Breakfast, and PJ day.

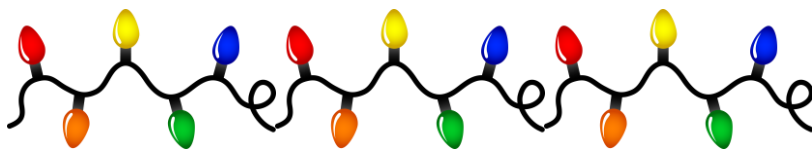
We thank you for your ongoing support at our school and we wish you a Wonderful Holiday Season with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stubbings

Dates Ahead

Dec. 11	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
Dec. 12	PAC Hot Chocolate Sale - \$1
Dec. 13	PAC Pizza Day
Dec. 15	Food Bank collection ends
Dec. 19	PAC Popcorn
Dec. 21	Christmas Performance – 1 pm
Dec. 22	PAC Pancake/Santa Breakfast – 8am PJ Day Report Card 1 goes home
Dec. 25 – Jan. 7	Winter Break
Jan. 8	School Reopens



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 school 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.

North Ridge “Star” Awards

In October, we started our “Star Student” Awards. Each month we will recognize students at our monthly assemblies who are selected by their classroom teachers who have demonstrated the chosen value or characteristic selected each month. The following students were recognized at our October and November assemblies:

October – Following Directions

Div. 1	Haseib M., Japkirit M.	Div. 2	Manya, Rafay M.
Div. 3	Raheel C., Barleen B.	Div. 4	Ella D., Aman S.
Div. 5	Maha N., Nemar K.	Div. 6	Sanja N., Arvin D.
Div. 7	Harleen B., Aamina A.	Div. 8	Eisah T., Mahek H.
Div. 9	Sabih M., Mahum N.	Div. 10	Ranveer B., Aafia A.
Div. 11	Ella P., Seerat J.	Div. 12	Maya B., Yusuf R.
Div. 13	Sarah S., Raunak G.	Div. 14	Zobaria C., Aydin K.
Div. 15	Gurjaap B., Radhika T.	Div. 16	Chryslene T., Karman N.
Div. 17	Parvin B., Icsha B.	Div. 18	Grace S., Harsimran D.

November – Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways

Div. 1	Kanwar S., Rajvir T.	Div. 2	Keilani M., Manprabhat C.
Div. 3	Ayesha N., Samantha A.	Div. 4	Christine T., Veera N.
Div. 5	Dishan G., Jaikar M.	Div. 6	Kimran B., Rohan B.
Div. 7	Aminullah S., Nyharika N.	Div. 8	Jaiyana Y., Gurshaan K.
Div. 9	Muskaan S., Vikrum S.	Div. 10	Alyssa O., Muhammad N.
Div. 11	Shaunak G., Maneha M.	Div. 12	Nimardeep S., Humraj S.
Div. 13	Mannat G., Alexa G.	Div. 14	Akash Y., Parmeet P.
Div. 15	Jagjeevan D., Cathy X.	Div. 16	Kajol R., Zaara S.
Div. 17	Daniella M., Hiten S.	Div. 18	Fateh M., Roohaniat S.



Volleyball

Our volleyball season has come to an end for the year. Thank you to Ms. Rasmussen and Ms. Gall for coaching the boys team and Mr. Dockstader and Ms. Nomura for coaching the girls team. Both our teams worked very hard this season and demonstrated skills of the game and great sportsmanship at both home and away games. Our boy's team finished in second place and our girl's team finished in fourth place at the District's Play Day event. Way to go to all of our volleyball players. 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!



Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game

We will have our Annual Staff vs. Student Volleyball game on Monday 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).

Food Bank

Our Surrey Food Bank Drive kicked off on Monday, December 4th and runs to Friday, December 15th. 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, diapers, 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.

Christmas Concert

Our students have been busy practicing for our upcoming Christmas Performance, "A Christmas Carol". Students in Divisions 5 to 18 will be participating in our Christmas Performance. We invite our families to watch the performance on Thursday, December 21st at 1 pm. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis. Due to fire regulations, we will not be able to exceed the number of seats in the gym. Admission to the Christmas show will be by cash donation with the proceeds going towards much needed technology for our students to use. We look forward to a great show.

“Read for Gold”

Thank you for supporting our Home Reading Program and ensuring your children are reading every day at home. Ensuring that your child develops this valuable habit will lead to both their school and future successes. When your child sees that you enjoy reading for yourself and you encourage them to read at home, they learn that reading is important, and they are more likely to develop A LOVE OF READING. We had many students reach their goal of 20 nights of reading each month. Our students are on their way to reaching the reading Podiums (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

Candy Gram Sales

Our Student Leadership Club will be selling Candy Grams from Monday, December 18th – Wednesday, December 20th. 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 – Generosity and the Gift of Giving. Candy Grams will be delivered on Friday, December 22nd.



Communicating Student Learning – Term 1 Report Cards

Students will be bringing home their first formal report card on Friday, December 22. 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 expectations 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.

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.





Kindergarten Registrations for the 2018-2019 School Year

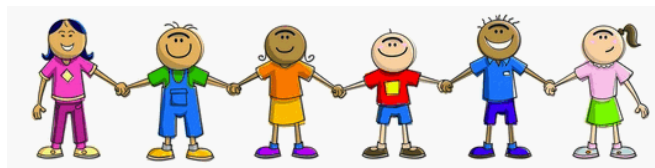
It's time to register for Kindergarten. Children who will turn 5 years old before January 1, 2019, are eligible to begin school in September 2018.

Registration for Kindergarten will begin Monday, January 15, 2018.

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



PAC News

Our PAC Executive for 2017-2018 are:

Pam Koffas – President
Suzanne Baker – Vice President
Eva Taylor – Secretary
Jaskirat Singhera – Treasurer

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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 first and last Tuesday of each month. Popcorn is \$1.00 per bag. Students do not need to pre-order, but must bring their money that day.

Fundraisers:

- **North Ridge Cookbook**

Please get your recipes in for the First North Ridge Cook Book. Once we have received the recipes, they will be collated and published in a cook book for us to sell. To make this work, we need to get your recipes – these can include snacks, breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert ideas.

- **Chocolate Sales**

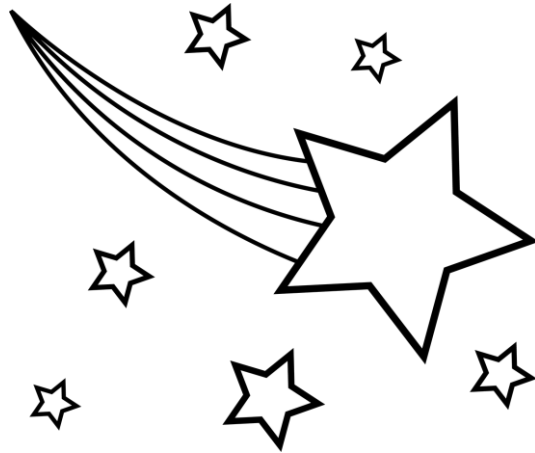
Our chocolate sale fundraiser has come to an end. If you still have money or chocolates at home, please return them to school **ASAP** so we can close out this fundraiser and tally up the amount we raised. **We need these handed in to the office no later than Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.**



PAC Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Please join us Friday, December 22 in the gym for breakfast with Santa at **8 am**. Come dressed in your PJ's. Breakfast will be by cash donation to the PAC. 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.



****Reminder that Winter Break is from December 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018****

School Re-opens January 8, 2018

From all of us at North Ridge,

We wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

