



# 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. Our November was another busy month at North Ridge with our HOJA presentation, Professional Development Days, The Young Actors Project, many class field trips, and as well, our Girls and Boys Volleyball teams. Thank you to Ms. Rasmussen, Mrs. Gall, Mr. Dockstader and Ms. Han for coaching both of our teams. November also brought with it the first cold spell of the year. Remember to please send your child to school prepared for the colder weather with appropriate clothing (jackets, gloves hats) as well as footwear. 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. December brings many events to North Ridge as well. Our primary students are busy preparing for our Winter Concert, we are collecting for the Surrey Food Bank, Deck the Doors, Holiday themes Spirit Days (red/green day and PJ Day), PAC hot chocolate sales, PAC breakfast with Santa, our first term Reports and many more in-class activities. It will be a fun and festive time and North Ridge.

### FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Our School Wide Collection for the Surrey Food Bank will run from Monday, December 7 – Tuesday, December 15. 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.). \*\*



### We are a Nut Aware School

**Just a reminder to our families to please not send peanut or nut products to school.**

If you are wanting to send food/treats for your child's class, please check with your child's teacher before doing so.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school from **December 7<sup>th</sup>-December 11<sup>th</sup>**. It will be open before school from 8:10-8:33 and afterschool until 3:15.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library.

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, December 4	Term 1 Report sent home Red and Green Spirit Day (students may wear elf and/or Santa hats as well) Deck the Doors
Monday, December 7	Staff vs. Student Volleyball (lunch time)
Tuesday, December 8	Staff vs. Student Volleyball (lunchtime)
Wednesday, December 9	Early Dismissal - 1:33 pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, December 11	Kindergarten Dental Screening PALS - 8:35 - 10:30 (Please register for this event)
Thursday, December 15	Christmas Concert - 1:15 (admission by donation to the Food Bank)
Friday, December 18	PAC Pancake Breakfast with Santa - 7:30 - 8:30 PJ Day
Dec. 21 - Jan. 3	Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2016	School Reopens

## 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 (warning bell rings at 8:30). 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 of 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.

## Winter Concert

Students in Divisions 6 - 15 will be participating in our Winter Concert. Our Grade 7 Band will also be performing 1 song at the concert. Admission to our performance will be by donation to the Surrey Food Bank of either a non-perishable food item or cash donation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**When: Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 1:15 pm**



## **JUMPSTART ACADEMY**

Our winter session on Jumpstart will begin in the New Year. The program will run from January 18 to April 22, and will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4:30. 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.

**We are going Paperless...**

**In the New Year we will be transitioning to a paperless newsletter system. To receive your school newsletter, please log on to the school website and insert your home email to automatically receive newsletters, updates and other important information.**

