

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

As you know, our previous principal, Mrs. Stubbings, took a leave of absence after the winter break and will not be returning to North Ridge. Many members of the school community expressed a sadness to learn of her leaving. We wish Mrs. Stubbings all the best, and know that her next school will be very lucky to have such a caring and dedicated principal.

I began as Acting Principal in January and will remain until a new principal is assigned. Although I have only been here for a few weeks, I have experienced a welcoming and positive introduction to the school. The staff have provided a lot of information and welcomed me into their classrooms. The students have been friendly and often test me as I learn their names. I have greatly appreciated such a warm welcome, and look forward to meeting more members of the parent community. As I slowly learn about the strengths and needs of the school, I will work very diligently with staff and parents to continue to support student learning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Burton – Acting Principal

Welcome New Staff Members

There have been a few new staff members join the North Ridge staff in January. **Ms. De La Vega** is our Core Music/Band teacher. She is working very hard to create a welcoming music environment in the portable and to inspire a love of music for her students. **Ms. Hardie** and **Ms. Beach** are our new child care workers. Ms. Hardie works on



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 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.

Mondays and Ms. Beach works on Wednesdays. They have replaced Ms. McAllister for part of the year, while Ms. McAllister works at another school. We also want to welcome **Ms. L. Wells** who will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays as a learning support teacher. She will be supporting a variety of students in literacy, numeracy as well as some of our English Language Learners. We are happy to welcome these new staff members to the North Ridge school community.

Social Responsibility

All students are expected to show respect towards themselves, others and their school. Demonstrating respect also includes showing good manners, accepting differences and striving to be good citizens.

Each month we focus on one area of social responsibility. PA announcements, hall displays and classroom lessons enhance our student's understanding and help them set personal goals. During the month of January, the focus was: ***Self Discipline: Students will be recognized for working towards a personal goal to improve themselves.*** The following students were recognized at the assembly:

Div. 1	Shaun S.	Sema H.	Div. 2	Kiranjot C.	Christopher P.
Div. 3	Taran S.	Raheel C.	Div. 4	Angelina S.	David C.
Div. 5	Ishmeet J.	Keoni M.	Div. 6	Pauline B.	Komal J.
Div. 7	Raunak B.	Manav M.	Div. 8	Shasta A.	Parm S.
Div. 9	Ruth C.	Jasmine D.	Div. 10	Manavh G.	Simrene J.
Div. 11	Jasonjit S.	Shristi S.	Div. 12	Jasmine S.	Osmond X.
Div. 13	Tristan B.	Yuvraj B.	Div. 14	Gurveen G.	Manan S.
Div. 15	Zoel P.	Jagat S.	Div. 16	Ameera D.	Suhana G.
Div. 17	Hiten S.	Seerit D.	Div. 18	Sofia N.	Maya D.

For the month of February, the social responsibility focus is ***Friendliness: Students will be recognized for being kind and including others.***

Weather Update

We are in the "rainy season" now, and this is another 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. Please make sure your child keeps a change of clothes and socks at school. This will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes.



Pokémon Cards

Many students have continued to ask about Pokemon Cards and we want to inform all parents that these cards are still not allowed at school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Allergy-Aware School

Several of our students at North Ridge have severe life-threatening allergies/allergic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products, as well as other food products. Please help us in doing everything possible to protect these students. Some ways you can help include: refraining from sending food to school that contain peanuts/nuts, remind your child to wash their hands carefully after eating if there is an anaphylactic student in your child's classroom, remind your child to not share or trade snacks and do not use these products in any treats that you may send into the classroom throughout the year. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to make our school a safe environment for all of our students.

*****For those parents of children with a severe life-threatening allergy, a letter will be sent home shortly regarding the safeguards in place at school to ensure your child's safety.*****

Student Conduct at North Ridge

We are currently reviewing concerns staff have about the behavior and conduct of our students, especially in and around the school at recess and lunch. Some of these concerns include students being out of bounds; lack of respect resulting in name calling and swearing; sneaking into the school when they should be outside and exiting and entering the building through the front doors. All teachers will be reviewing the expectations and ensuring these rules are clear to everyone. We expect students to follow the school rules as they are in place to ensure safety both inside and outside of the school building. To help us with this process, we ask parents to review the rules with their children. Please remind your children that they are expected to:

1. Enter and exit the school through their designated doors and NOT the front doors.
2. Stay in designated playground areas.
3. Use respectful and appropriate language.
4. Be honest and dependable.
5. Use polite manners. (Please and Thank You)

Upcoming Events

February 6th

Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm
Student-Led Conferences

February 9th

PALS – 3 & 4 yr. olds
Parents As Literacy Supporters
8:35 – 10:45 am

February 12th

Family Day Holiday
School Closed

February 14th

Red, Pink and White Day
Valentine's Day

February 16th

Non-Instructional Day
School Closed

February 21st

Anti-Bullying Day
Students wear pink shirts

February 23rd

School Assembly
Student Recognition
9:00 – 9:40 am
Parents Welcome

March 15th

Report Card #2 Goes Home

March 16th

Last Day Before
Spring Break



Student-Led Conferences/Early Dismissal – Tuesday, Feb. 6th

Teachers and students are busily preparing for student-led conferences next Tuesday. The purpose of the early dismissal is for students to share their learning with parents. Teachers have sent information home about their available times and will confirm those times before Tuesday. You may also phone the school on Monday to book a time for the conference. Parents can expect other parents and children to be in the classroom at the same time. The students look forward to sharing what they are learning in school, and of course, the teacher is available for additional information. If you are unable to attend this conference time, you may contact the teacher directly and arrange an alternative time.

Reading Awards

Many students were recently recognized for reaching a significant goal in reading. These students were:

Bronze Level – Read for 50 Nights

Sameera K.	Manprabhat C.	Sunpreet J.	Ayesha N.	Gurnoor D.
Harsimar G.	Manav M.	Aikam G.	Ivan H.	Soha K.
Ibraheem A.	Sahilpreet P.	Hannana R.	Bhuvan D.	Paramraj G.
Jaiya G.	Alyssa O.	Reese R.	Mannat G.	Sanehjot M.
Adele M.	Radhika T.	Cathy X.	Tino T.	Jayden A.
Benjamin H.	Aikem L.	Icsha B.	Dilraaj G.	Roselyn T.

Silver Level – Reading for 100 Nights

Anureet N.	Manahil A.	Angel B.	Maya B.	Osmond X.
Baljot B.				

Our PAC Executive for 2017-2018 are:

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

Our PAC meets monthly to discuss school events, fundraising and other information for the school. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, even if you are not on the Executive. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and encourage all parents to attend.

PAC Hot Lunch and Fundraising

Hot Lunch is going green! Instead of filling out paper order forms, parents will place the hot lunch orders on-line using:

www.MunchaLunch.com

You can pay for your orders online using a credit card (VISA or MasterCard). Payment is due immediately upon ordering. You will need to register and set up your account. Place your orders all at once or week-to-week, just be sure it is at least two days before the deadline (Notice with dates available on website).



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.

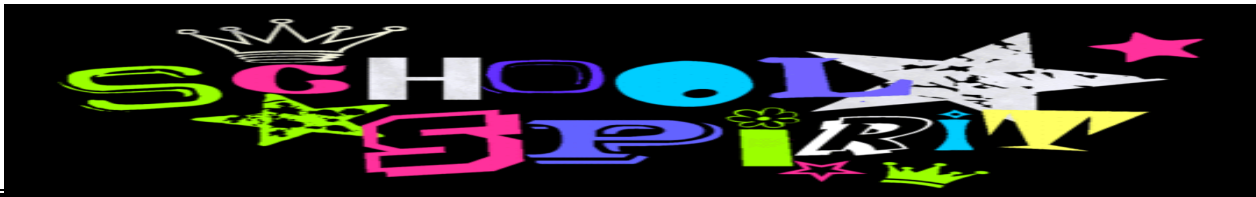
Basketball Season is Underway

The extracurricular basketball season has begun and many Gr. 6 and 7 students have joined the school teams and are practicing a couple of time each week in preparation for their weekly games. The boys play on Wednesdays after school and the girls play on Thursdays. We really appreciate the volunteer time our coaches have offered so these students can play. Many thanks to **Mr. Manak** and **Mr. Tubic** for coaching the boys, **and Ms. Wong, Ms. Dixon** and **Ms. Robinson** for coaching the girls.

Boys: Grade 7	Haseib M. Akash P. Mubasher N. Manprabhat C.	Karnveer K. Nathan R. Shaun S. Mantej H.	Kanwar S. Gursimar S. Rawaha B. Jonathan R.	Shreyas M. Rajvir G. Abyaan A. Reda H.
Boys: Grade 6	Robin T. Taran S. Gavin T.	Kabir K. Inder D.	Raheel C. Tanvir S.	Dishan G. Arsh S.
Girls: Grade 7	Rajvir T. Sema H.	Japkirit M. Gurjiya C.	Alisha G. Kiranjot C.	Cricket A. Sameera K.
Girls: Grade 6	Nemar K.	Khushi S.	Storm C.	Cammi T.

School Climate and Culture

Research clearly indicates that a positive school climate and culture has a significant impact on student learning. All staff are working together to continue to maintain a positive environment for students to learn. We are seeking input from all members of the school community to provide us with information that may help us with our work in this area. If you would like to provide constructive feedback or suggestions, we invite you to write your comments on the “tear off portion” at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the school. You may send it to your child’s teacher or drop it off at the office.



School Climate and Culture - Parent Feedback Form

Parent Name _____

Child #1 Name _____ Div. _____

Child #2 Name _____ Div. _____

What area of the school climate and culture at North Ridge is having a positive impact on your child/children's learning?

What aspect of the school climate and culture at North Ridge need our attention?

