

North Ridge Elementary

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MS. EPPELE AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

Our students have had a restful winter break and they are excited to be back in the school groove. Students are working hard on projects, assignments and their learning. We don't have to walk far to see students working together on a math problem or a science project. The excitement and enjoyment when learning together is so obvious to see! Our students are developing excellent communication and cooperation skills that will not only boost their learning but also help them throughout their lives. We also have our mentorship program up and running again. We have 22 senior student leaders who work with primary mentees in many areas right after lunch each day. The skillset and positive attitudes of our mentors makes for rich and meaningful individualized learning sessions! Thanks to Ms. Young and Ms. Jawanda for their dedication to get this incredible program up and running! At recess and lunch, we have been having a great time playing outdoors, especially sledding! Thanks for making sure your child is dressed for the weather!

Sincerely,
Ms. Eppele, Vice-Principal
Mr. Redding, Principal

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR SICK CHILD AT HOME

At school, we are always looking after your child's wellbeing. We remind students to wash their hands and cough into their elbows. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather; we go outside every recess and lunch unless there is extreme weather conditions.

Please keep your child at home:

- If your child has a fever
- If your child is too sick to take part in normal school activities
- If your child has a communicable disease (e.g. strep throat, flu, stomach flu....)
- If your child throws up, we ask that you keep them home for 2 days.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Making Connections While Reading

Talk about personal experiences when reading with your child. Show them that the pictures and words are triggering memories for you, that when you read you think about your past experiences related to the text. By doing this you show that you are making personal connections while reading, and in doing so, you are helping them learn that this is one way to deepen understanding and enjoyment of text!



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.

DOES BULLYING HAPPEN AT NORTH RIDGE?

Unfortunately, sometimes, yes. However, throughout the year, we focus on being a kind person and a caring citizen. We teach students to use their WITS if unkind behavior happens: Walk away, Ignore the person, Tell them to stop, Seek help from an adult. We always use a caring, teaching, team approach to larger problems working together with students, staff and families to get to a better place for all students involved. We also have a monthly virtue we teach to the students and recognize at our monthly assemblies. January's virtue is respect! We have an open door policy at all times to discuss our students and your children!

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT – A REASON FOR THE SEASON

We held our wonderful music and dancing performance, A Reason for the Season. Thanks to all the parents who were able to shift their schedules to attend! Our music classes from Divisions 7 - 20 sang their hearts out to a pretty full gymnasium! Thanks to Ms. Feuring for all her work preparing for and leading the concert and to all the students for their artwork, which transformed our gym into a festive winter theme!



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. It is recommended that your children keep a change of clothes or socks at school. This will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes.



THANK YOU, PAC!

Thanks so much to our amazing North Ridge PAC. From field trip and classroom supply money, to dance classes, you do so much for our students!!! Thanks for all your hot lunches, popcorn days, pizza days and frozen yogurt days. Also, the Breakfast With Santa was very well attended and the pancakes were delicious! Thanks to all the volunteers who got up so early to make this lovely North Ridge tradition continue! We are very lucky to have you as a part of our North Ridge team.

HOOP IT UP!



We are at the beginning of another stellar basketball season with our North Ridge Stars! We have over 60 Grade 6-7 students participating this winter. Our Boys A and Boys B teams as well as our Girls team each have 5 league games followed by a play day. It seems that the gym every before-school time, recess, lunch and after-school time are filled with bouncing basketballs! Thanks to our amazing coaches Mr. Pitre, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Wong, Ms. Godownwala, Mr. Lee and Mr. Redding for leading our basketball Stars!

READING LINK CHALLENGE

Our annual Grade 4/5 Reading Link Challenge is underway. Over 50 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!



PINK SHIRT DAY FEB 26th



This year's Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 26th. We look forward to celebrating our February virtue of Kindness and making some special plans for Pink Shirt Day!

TWIN DAY

We are excited about Twin Day on Friday, January 31st. Find a partner or two or three and plan to wear the same/similar clothes that day!

FOOD BANK

Our Surrey Food Bank Drive kicked off on Monday, December 2nd and ran til Friday, December 13th. We also collected money and donations at the Pancake Breakfast. In total, we raised over \$500 and donated 25 boxes of food. We thank you all for your support!



BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

The following are important benefits of being on time for school each day:

- Your child does not miss valuable learning time.
- Your child starts the day in a calm, relaxed and happy state.
- Your child learns the value of being on time for all things: appointments, sports games, school, clubs.....
- Your child is not stressed out about interrupting the class when they come in late.
- Your child has the time to talk to the teacher and socialize as school begins to set a good frame of mind for the day.



Kindergarten Registrations for the 2020-2021 School Year

It's time to register for Kindergarten. Children who will turn 5 years old before January 1, 2021, are eligible to begin school in September 2020.

Registration for Kindergarten will begin after 9:00 am on Monday, January 13, 2020.

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.

CHESS CLUB

Ms. Elfstrom has started Chess Club again this year. Grade 2-7 students are invited to play chess in the library on Thursdays at lunch! Upcoming tournament information will come home soon!

FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

The North Ridge Hockey League for Grade 6s and 7s is underway in the gym on Tuesdays and Fridays! Thanks, Mr. Lee, for coaching, refereeing and leading the hockey players!

RESPECT VIRTUE

January's North Ridge virtue is Respect. We are reminding the students about the important facets of being respectful. • speaking courteously to all people • taking care of others' belongings • listening to adults • treating others with kindness • honouring the rules of your family and school.

NORTH RIDGE SUPER WRITERS

Today I would like to tell you what I did over the winter break. On the winter break I went to the trampoline park with my Mom, Dad, brother and sister. There were lights and there were fun things. Also I watched a movie with my family. It was called Snow White and it was fun. Then I read books and we played with toys. At Christmas I got a present and it was an iPad and all the thing on it were so much fun.

By Dilraaj, Div. 13

How to Build a Snowman

Step 1. Roll a big snowball.

Step 2. Roll two snowballs then stack the snowballs.

Step 3. Make a face with rocks and a carrot nose.

Step 4. Put on stick hands.

Step 5. Put on a warm scarf and hat.

By Ayaan, Div. 13

What Traditions Does Your Family Following for New Year's

On our New Year's holiday, we all watch movies at our cousin's house and when it gets close to New Year's we go outside and do fireworks – the big ones. We do fireworks for a long time, go inside, eat, and do fun stuff like play card games and other fun stuff. Then we eat dessert and go to bed.

By Anreet, Div. 8

My family and I stay awake up to 12:00 Am., but sometimes I do not stay awake that late. I usually go to sleep at 8:00 p.m. During the Happy New Year we take family pictures. I get really tired. Before New Year has even happened, I slept. I slept because I have a night routine so I go to sleep early for school and I wake up early because I take a long time getting ready. My family had come over to do the party. I don't do the party but I love New Year's.

By Jasmeen, Div. 8

PAC News

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

Upcoming Events

Jan 24

Kicks for Kids
Gr. 4-5 Soccer
12:30 – 3 pm

OPAI Souvlaki – PAC

Jan 27

Ready, Set, Learn
1-2 pm

Jan 31

Star Assembly
9 - 10-am

Twin Day

Pizza- PAC

Feb 3 – 14

Dance In School Program

Feb 4

Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm
Student-Led Conferences

Feb. 7

Pizza – PAC

Feb 10

PALS
8:35 – 10:15 am
Library

Feb 14

Valentine's Day
Wear Pink, Red, White

Pizza & Frozen Yogurt – PAC

Feb 17

Family Day

Feb 21

Non-Instructional Day

Feb 26

Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28

Star Assembly
9 – 10 am

OpaI Souvlaki - PAC