



NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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January Newsletter

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www.surreyschools.ca/northridge

Principals Message

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy and healthy 2016.

Our students have already settled back into the daily routines of their classrooms and are working hard on their Term 2 lessons and goals.

Basketball season has started for our Grade 6/7 students. Ms. Tsuyuki will coach our girl's team and Mr. Manak will coach our boy's team. We look forward to a great season with our teams. If you are able to help out with driving our students to our away games, please see one of our coaches.

Kindergarten Registration began January 18th at 9 am. If you have a child who was born in 2011 that will be starting Kindergarten, please come in to the school to complete the form.

FSA's will begin later this month for our Grade 4 and 7 students. These will be done in class and include a written and on-line portion.

We are also preparing for our Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day in February. Order forms were sent home last week to purchase t-shirts. We are encouraging all staff and students to wear pink on this day. If you did not order a t-shirt, do not worry, you are able to wear any pink shirt that you already have or feel free to purchase at any retail store.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mrs. Stubbings

Important Dates

- Jan. 18 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Jan. 20 Div. 1/2 at Coastal Climbing Field Trip – 8:30 – 11:30
- Jan. 29 PAC Meeting 8:45
- Jan. 29 Grade 7 Course Selection Meeting 1pm
- Feb. 4/5 BC Dairy Presentations
- Feb. 8 No School – Family Day
- Feb. 12 Red & White (Pink) Day for Valentines
- Feb. 19 No School – Pro-D
- Feb. 25 Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day
- Mar. 4 Term 2 Report Cards Home
- Mar. 9 Early Dismissal – 1:33 pm
- Mar. 14 – 28 Spring Break
- Mar. 29 School Opens

Extended Vacation Reminder

We understand that at times families need to plan extended vacations during the regular school year. Although the experience will be beneficial in many ways, it may affect your child's academic progress.

If you are considering taking your child (ren) out of school for an extended vacation we ask that you complete the Extended Absence Form, available at the office, at least one week prior to your departure. Children will not be given homework while they are away, but it is valuable to talk with your child's teacher to discuss concepts that may be missed or activities that can be done while he/she is away.

The policy on student registration and placement allows the District to de-register students who are absent for 25 or more consecutive days (illness excepted), unless an acceptable date of return has been verified with the principal. This means that students who are in elementary grades are not guaranteed a space at their current school when they return from extended vacations.

Inclement Weather

As we are in the winter season, please ensure your child is dressed properly for the weather. All students should be prepared for going outside and should have a warm jacket, boots, gloves, etc. Also, remind your child about having indoor and outside shoes to wear. A change of clothes at school would be helpful if your child gets wet or dirty.

We are a Nut Aware School

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



What is the FSA?

Between January 11 and February 18, 2106, students in Grades 4 and 7 will be participating in the FSA exams. The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a set of reading; writing and numeracy tests administered each winter to B.C. students.

FSA does not measure students' ability to memorize specific facts; it measures reading, writing and math problem-solving skills that students have gained during several years of learning. Some of the questions are easy and some are more challenging. Students answer the multiple choice questions on the computer and do their written work in a booklet that goes home to parents in the spring, along with the student's overall assessment results. FSA results do not count toward student grades. To access more specific information, please visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration started Monday, January 18, 2016. If you have a child who was born in 2011 and will be starting Kindergarten at our school, please be sure to register.

You will need to bring the following documentation when you come to register:

- *Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport)
- *Proof of Guardianship (parents / guardians as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order)
- *Proof of Citizenship for both the parent(s)
- *Proof of Residency (purchase or rental agreement, cable, hydro or gas bill)
- *Health Documents (care card; immunization records, medical conditions/information)

Please inform any families in our neighbourhood with children of kindergarten age (born in the year 2011) to come in and register.



JUMPSTART ACADEMY

Our winter session for Jumpstart will begin January 18. 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. We do have some open spots available for this program. If you are interested in having your child attend, please contact the office and we will add names to the program and/or waitlist.



Parent Meetings

We are having an increasing number of parents visiting our school during the day to meet with teachers while class is in session or just after the morning bell. If you are wanting to meet or talk with your child's teacher please put a note in the planner, call the school to set up an appointment or touch base with the teacher at the end of the day. It is very hard for teachers to have long conversations when class is in session. We thank you for your understanding and your ongoing support of North Ridge and your child's learning.



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