

North Ridge Elementary

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MS. EPPELE AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

Dear North Ridge Parents:

This year is full of many memories. We have had a rich and engaging school year right up to spring break. From wonderful, hands-on learning in each class to field trips to school sports, we have learned and played so much! After spring break, we switched to on-line learning, which was very challenging for most of us including parents! Thanks for your patience and support throughout the spring; we are all a part of your child's support team!

We have had a small group of students (about 50) return to North Ridge this June. We have really enjoyed seeing the students whether it is when they pick up supplies or outside at recess! We look forward to a fuller school in September. Details about what September will look like will be e-mailed and posted on our website by late August. Some factors determining our fall plans are government decisions, health official guidelines and the amount of Covid-19 cases in B.C. Thanks for your continued support of your child and of North Ridge School! We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer full of outside activities and exercise.

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

Goodbyes

Inevitably, each year brings changes, and this year we have to say some special goodbyes. Goodbye to all our Grade Sevens! We will miss you and we wish you all the best! We will also be saying goodbye to several students within the school. To them too, we hope you carry happy memories of your time at North Ridge and all our very best wishes go with you! Goodbye and thank you to parents whose child will be going in to high school.



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.

Goodbye to the following staff:

- Ms. Van Berkel – Grade 7 (going to Edgewood)
- Ms. Landis – Grade K/1
- Ms. Godownwala – Grade 1
- Ms. Targerson – Grade 3/4
- Ms. Dhaliwal – IST Teacher
- Ms. Tumolva – IST Teacher
- Ms. Bains – Education Assistant
- Ms. Brar – Education Assistant
- Ms. Johal – Education Assistant
- Ms. Kale – Education Assistant
- Ms. Kelly – Education Assistant
- Ms. Koffas – Education Assistant
- Mr. Leek – Education Assistant
- Ms. Parhar – Education Assistant
- Ms. Tung – Education Assistant
- Ms. Wilson – Education Assistant

Welcome

We wish to welcome the following staff members who will be joining the North Ridge team in 2020-2021:

- Ms. Bakshi – Primary teacher
- Ms. Hua – Primary teacher (Welcome Back!!)
- Ms. Smith – Primary Teacher

Staffing and Student Class Placement for 2020/2021

At this time, staffing plans and preliminary class assignments are tentatively organized. These are DRAFT plans only, because the September enrollment is the final determination of classes and student placement. If you are planning to move to another school in September, please let the office staff know. From time to time, parents want to request specific placement for their child/ren for the upcoming year. It is important to understand that the placement of students is determined through a process of consultation with all school-based staff who work with the students – not just the classroom teacher. We work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement of your child based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual, social and emotional development
- Learning styles and strengths
- Degree of independence
- Integration of students with special needs
- Social compatibility
- Gender balance
- Class size and composition requirements
- Parameters of the school organization (e.g. # of classes, combined grades)

If you have educational concerns regarding the placement of your child, please put it in writing to Mr. Redding. We want a suitable class placement for all children, and it is not appropriate to request a specific teacher or with particular friends. While we understand that there are varying opinions on combined grade classes, it is important to understand that even in a single class there is a range of student strengths and abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. Please know that although parental requests are considered, we do not guarantee any parental request for a child's class placement next year.

Reading Link Challenge

The Reading Link Challenge is a lower mainland reading competition for Grades 4 and 5 students. Students had to read 6 novels over a period of 4 months. This year North Ridge had 9 teams of students compete for the school championship. The Surrey Public Librarian tested the teams in March on a list of 30 oral questions about the 6 novels. Congratulations to the **Jatt 350's** team for claiming the school championship. The team members are: Luqman G., Bishin S., Jalees C., Aishmeet D. and Arvin G. The team also went on to compete in the Newton Challenge but missed advancing to the next round of competition. Thanks Ms. Elfstrom for inspiring our readers and organizing this engaging reading challenge!

Ready, Set, Learn

We hosted 10 three and four year olds in our school on Jan. 27th for our Ready Set Learn event. The children experienced a wide variety of hands-on learning just like in our many other PALS sessions throughout the year. Thanks to our kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Krajnc, Mrs. Sahota, Mrs. McCauley and Ms. Landis for helping out our young learners. **Unfortunately, we were unable to host our Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 26th! Information has been sent to you by e-mail regarding this and the information is also on the North Ridge website – northridge@surreyschools.ca.**

Instagram Bullying

We have had several reports of Instagram accounts set up by students for the sole purpose of putting other students down. We have reported the accounts to Instagram and our Safe Schools Department. Please monitor your child's on-line accounts and make sure they are using social media respectfully.

Report Card Pick Up

Report cards will be sent home with any students that are attending on Thursday, June 25th. The rest of the report cards will be available for pick up outside of the office from 9 am to 2 pm on Friday, June 26th.

School Supplies

If you have not already picked up your child's school supplies and any inside shoes, etc., please do so ASAP. Anything not picked up will be donated.

North Ridge PAC Stars

Thanks so much to our North Ridge PAC team who have contributed funds in so many different ways to our school and students. From field trip funds to classroom funds to subsidizing performance groups our PAC is such a valuable partner to us. They have also contributed to our new High Tech built-in Sound System to create a Dolby surround sound experience where we can watch Mr. Redding's amazing slideshows and movies! This will enhance student presentations as well and learning can be shared with everyone in the school. Thanks for everything you do, North Ridge PAC!

Read for Gold

Thanks to all the hundreds of students who participated in our Read For Gold Program for 2018-2019. A record number of students reached the platinum level of reading which is 200 nights! Congrats to the following Platinum medal recipients:

Div. 2

Mahipreet (Mahi) S,

Div. 3

Gurleen S.

Div. 7

Angel B.

Aarav B.

Maya B.

Hasrat C.

Jaskirat C.

Tarn D.

Warda K.

Namanpreet J.

Gunin M.

Jasmeet S.

Sage M.

Prateek P.

Jannat Raja

Nimardeep S.

Ekamjot S.

Div. 9

Pavithra G.K.

Manahil A.

Arika K.

Akash Y.

Ayaan J.

Jagat S.

Caden S.

Adele M.

Essam A.M.

Yusuf R.

Sehaj K.

Div. 10

Rayyan A.

Surleen B.

Gurveen G.

Shreyaansh M.

Daksh M.

Sahib P.

Ekbir R.

Mateo R.

Avreen S.

Gurmukhi T.

Cathy X.

Tiffany Y.

Nuraj Z.

Div. 11

Jayden A.

Baljot B.

Grace S.

Aydin K.

Zahra K.

Parmeet P.

Prabhjot S.

Div. 12

Aikem L.

Danny N.

Icsha B.

Imran W.

Muhammad R.

Parvin B.

Roselyn T.

Sabreen S.

Samaira R.

Tavleen G.

Ziah P.

Zoran I.

Div. 13

Chryslene T.

Dilraaj G.

Ekam D.

Harsimran D.

Jasdeep D.

Nathalie F.

Ekampreet S.

Zayden D.

Div. 14

Aayan A.

Tihara D.

Gurleen L.

Aarav M.

Ysabella R.

Guransh B.

Crstean J.

Nicky M.

Kajol R.

Ansh T.

Div. 15

Ashpreet M.

Dalbir T.

Mya J.

Nimisha P.

Sudish S.

Div. 16

Faith B.

Prabhsharan M.

Cameron H.

Div. 18

Kanwar S.

Colette N.

Dylan H.

Kiara N.

Hardil S.

Div. 19

Geet P.

Jessica S.

Parth P.

Natalia S.

Div. 20

Tyaag S.

Avleen H.

Samar H.

Sonia P.

Roopveer G.

September & School Opening

As the summer begins to wind down, parents and children's minds will turn again to school. We will look forward to seeing you in September after you have enjoyed your summer vacation. You DO NOT need to register your child if he/she attended North Ridge this year. Due to Covid, please check our website for future updates and start-up information for September – northridge@surreyschools.ca.

Bell Schedule for 2020-2021

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:30	Morning Instruction Begins
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30	Afternoon Session Begins
2:30	Dismissal



Upcoming Events

June 25

Report Cards Go Home
Last day For Students
Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm

June 26

Last Day for Staff
Administration Day