

### North Ridge Elementary

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#### MS. EPPELE AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

This has been a school year like no other. Covid has caused so much stress, pain and sadness in our lives and some North Ridge families have been affected profoundly. Amidst the Covid chaos we have tried to run a successful school year which was a monumental task. We are so proud of our staff and students who showed courage, resilience and leadership by learning in a new environment full of new rules and protocols. Despite a lack of field trips, sports, assemblies and events, we think we still gave the students a meaningful and engaging school year. Our Blended Team of 6 teachers have also shown tremendous adaptability and creativity to build learning communities online!

This week we can all give ourselves a huge cheer for a job well done. This includes parents who are our wonderful partners in their child's learning journey. Parents, you have always been here to help prepare your child for each school day emotionally, physically and academically. Thank you for always being there when we need you in any way.

Thanks to our amazing PAC who have been dedicated all year to providing students with great opportunities from pumpkins in October, to class funds, to Grade 7 graduation. Thanks so much also for purchasing our new projector screen in the gym. Our new multi-media audio/visual system is now complete thanks to your funds!

We are one very big, cohesive family that we are all so proud to be a part of. Have a safe, fun and active summer, North Ridge STARS! We look forward to seeing you all on September 7th to begin our next adventure in learning!

Sincerely,

Ms. Eppele, Vice Principal  
Mr. Redding, Principal

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#### SEPTEMBER PLANS

So far, we expect next school year to be much more like normal. There will be no Blended program offered in Surrey for 2021-22. Although there will still be a number of health and safety Covid protocols in place, we hope that school assemblies, sports and events can resume. There will be more specific information coming late August but for now we can plan for all 500 students to be back in the building!

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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

#### **Office Staff:**

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto  
and  
Ms. Carly Favero

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#### 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.

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## **PARENTS AS PARTNERS**

### **Keys To A Great Summer**

**Read Read Read:** Summer should be fun and that includes fun reading. Find anything and everything to read that interests your child!

**Make Art:** Kids love art projects of every kind. Buy some sketching materials, paints and let them explore!

**Do Science:** Watch an ice cube melt, grow plants, play with magnets, do experiments... A cool app called Seek lets you identify plants and insects!

**Exercise:** Get outside and move. Go on walks, hikes and bike rides. Explore parks, swim in lakes and limit tech time!

## **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 into high school.

Goodbye to the following staff:

Ms. Rasmussen – Grade 7 Teacher (going to Chantrell Creek)

Ms. Targerson – Grade 6 Teacher

Ms. Ichiki – Grade 5/6 Teacher

Ms. Mawhinney – Grade 1/2 Teacher

Ms. Landis – Grade 1 Teacher

Mr. Gibson – Grade 1 Teacher

Ms. Johal – Education Assistant

Ms. Lynch – Education Assistant

Ms. Madan – Education Assistant

Ms. Sahota – Education Assistant

Ms. Samra – Education Assistant

Ms. Wilson – Education Assistant

## **WELCOME**

We wish to welcome the following staff members who will be joining the North Ridge team in 2021-22:

Ms. Godownwala – Intermediate Teacher

Mr. Naidu – Intermediate Teacher

Ms. Frej – LST Teacher

## **NORTH RIDGE SUPER WRITERS FEATURING DIV. 14**

### **Cheetah's Loose Tooth**

Once upon a time, there was a cheetah. He ate a gazelle, but the horn was too hard. This made his tooth loose. His friend Lion tried to pull Cheetah's tooth out. Next Cheetah tried to eat another gazelle, but that did not work. Lion had an idea. Lion roared at Cheetah's tooth and it fell right out. In a few days, Cheetah's adult tooth grew in.

By Arfat

### **Mario's Tooth is Loose**

One day Mario and Sonic were running to school. Mario tripped and hit his mouth. Mario's tooth was loose. Sonic was thinking of what to do. Then, Sonic knew what to do. Sonic ran and got an apple and ran back to Mario. Mario ate the apple. It was wiggly but it did not come out. Sonic tied a string to Mario then Sonic tied it to himself and ran as fast as he could. Mario's tooth came out. Next Mario tucked it under his pillow. After that night, Mario woke up and he saw a coin. He went to Sonic and showed it to him. They went back to school.

By Jigar

### **The Loose Tooth**

One day Rebecca was playing on her Nintendo Switch in the attic so her mom would not know she was playing on it. She was tired so she took a break. After a while, she was hungry, so she ate a hard taco. "Owwwww!" she yelled! Her tooth really hurt so she wanted to get it out. It was already loose, so she bit on a popsicle to try and free it. "Owwwwwwwwwwww!" she shrieked. Next, she pulled her tooth really hard. "Owwwwwwwwwwww!" she screamed again. She decided to call a dentist. The dentist came on an airplane. The dentist said, "I know what to do". So, he tied a string to her loose tooth and got in his airplane and flew. Luckily, the tooth came out and she was able to finish eating her taco.

By Aarav

### **Staffing and Student Class Placement for 2021/2022**

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.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards will be sent home with any students that are attending on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Supplies**

The school supply lists are posted online under the Parent or Student tabs. You can either order them online or use the list and purchase them yourself. Please check our website at [northridge@surreyschools.ca](mailto:northridge@surreyschools.ca). The website is where we will post any updates before September.

## Upcoming Events

**June 24**

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

**June 25**

Last Day for Staff  
Administration Day

### 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. Information will be posted by the front entrance during the last week of August. You DO NOT need to register your child if he/she attended North Ridge this year.

The schedule will be as follows:

#### FIRST DAY BACK—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:40 - 10:00 - Kindergarten students attend in the gym

10:00 - 11:00 - ALL students go to classrooms  
(Room # will be posted)

11:00 - DISMISSAL

#### SECOND DAY BACK—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 - 2:30- Go to the same room as yesterday. Teachers will give instructions.

On Wednesday, students will be placed in temporary grade groupings which will continue until classes are set. We will work as quickly as possible to form classes. This could take a week or longer. We ask for your patience and understanding as we wade through the complex process of placing students. Staff are committed to organizing classes which are balanced in terms of student performance and behavioral characteristics.

#### KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Kindergarten students are on a gradual entry program. Please follow the schedule that will be mailed out to you shortly.

#### 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

