

## North Ridge Elementary

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### MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

The end of the school year is always filled with many feelings for students and staff. There is sadness because this great year is ending, pride in achieving many goals and also happiness at the prospect of a summer full of freedom and fun. The end of June is a good time to reflect on the school year and all those accompanying feelings. Personally, I am left with the feeling of gratitude that I am able to be a part of such an amazing community. The staff are incredibly dynamic, caring and professional. The students amaze us every day with their zest for learning and pride in doing a good job. Our parents are involved and committed to the North Ridge School community. Our amazing PAC has been dedicated all year to providing students with great opportunities from class funds, field trips, fine arts performances, hot lunches and frozen yogurt to name a few. 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 3rd to begin our next adventure in learning!

Sincerely,

Mr. Redding, Principal

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### 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:

- Mr. Manak – Grade 7 (going to Sunnyside)
- Mr. MacKinnon – Grade 3/4
- Ms. Landis – temporary teacher for Grade 1
- Ms. Prom – Grade 1 (going to K.B. Woodward)
- Ms. Kaur – Kindergarten (going to Dr. F.D. Sinclair)
- Madame Hurt – French Teacher (going to Coast Meridian)
- Ms. Gill – LST Teacher
- Ms. P. Sahota – IST Teacher
- Ms. Ogilvy – Education Assistant
- Ms. Pashan – Education Assistant
- Ms. Perpose – Education Assistant
- Ms. Sharma – Education Assistant
- Ms. Van Egdom – Education Assistant
- Ms. Whiles – Education Assistant

### **Welcome**

We wish to welcome the following staff members who will be joining the North Ridge team in 2019-2020:

- Ms. Eppele – Vice-Principal
- Ms. Hotti – Primary teacher
- Ms. McCauley – Primary teacher
- Ms. Fleming – LST teacher
- Ms. Van Berkel – Primary Teacher

### **Staffing and Student Class Placement for 2019/2020**

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 (eg. # 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.

## Parents as Partners

### Thinking Games

Between errands and summer activities, families may spend lots of time on the go. Some oral games that would be fun to play with your child are:

- ***Would You Rather***

For example, would you rather live near the mountains or near the beach? The other person has to answer and also give reasons.

- ***Three Favourites***

Someone picks a category such as movies, toys, holiday spots, etc.... and everybody in the family gives their top three choices.

- ***Which One Doesn't Belong***

One family member names three things such as Owl, Ostrich and Eagle. Another family member guesses which one does not belong and states why. There are different answers such as: An ostrich because it does not fly or an owl because it hunts at night.

## Track and Field Stars

Congratulations to our Grades 3-7 North Ridge Track and Field Team who practiced hard the month of May and put in a strong showing at our district track meet at Bear Creek Track on June 3. We had over 35 athletes represent North Ridge and all showed tremendous sportsmanship and athleticism. The following athletes received ribbons for Top 8 performances:

Manpreet K. -Bantam Girls Discus

Amnisha K. - Pee Wee Girls Discus

## New Look Stars

Here is our new logo designed by Grade 5 student, Harleen B. Her design received the most votes in our school-wide logo contest.



We are also excited to announce the arrival of our new jerseys from Sports Unlimited. The 60 jerseys feature our new logo in two colours on a sharp light blue jersey. Thanks so much for the generosity of Ms. Thind for paying for our entire jersey order! Thanks to you we are now the best-looking team in our zone!

## Family Fun Day

We had a fun-filled Family Fun Day on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Starting with the North Ridge bike parade and finishing with the Grade 7 water balloon toss, all our students had an amazing day! Students especially enjoyed the widely varied stations and the class vs class tug of war! Thanks again to our wonderful PAC for running the concession and serving hot lunch.

## Talented North Ridge

Our two-day talent show wrapped up last Friday. This year we had over 40 entries spanning Kindergarten through Grade 7. The audience was treated to some amazing talent that took many forms from singing, dance, playing instruments, joke telling just to name a few. If our talent keeps growing so fast, we may need to rent the Bell Centre next year!

## 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:

<b>Div. 4</b> Reva K. Gurseerat S.	Sarah S.	Grace S. Roselyn T. Nathaniel I. Jayden A. Dilraaj G.
<b>Div. 7</b> Aafia A. Mahek H. Anureet N.	<b>Div. 11</b> Zoel P. Jagat S. Akash Y. Jaskirat C. Sukhmani S.	<b>Div. 15</b> Kirin S. Ansh T.
<b>Div. 8</b> Maneha M.	<b>Div. 12</b> Mateo R. Cathy X. Tiffany Y.	<b>Div. 16</b> Harsimran D. Aikem L.
<b>Div. 9</b> Angel B. Warda K. Osmond X. Seerat J. Shristi S. Jasmeet S.	<b>Div. 13</b> Essam A.M. Purneet B. Ekbir R.	<b>Div. 18</b> Avery L. Jasmeet S.
<b>Div. 10</b> Maya B. Anreet B. Gurdit D. Prateek P.	<b>Div. 14</b> Guransh B. Baljot B. Benjamin H. Nicky M.	<b>Div. 19</b> Mannat D. Ashpreet M. Nimisha P. Karmanveer S.

## 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 3rd**

10:00 - 10:30 - 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 4th**

8:30 - 2:25- 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**

Kindergartens are on a gradual entry program. Please follow the schedule that you received.

**Bell Schedule for 2019-2020**

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:30	Morning Instruction Begins
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
11:37 – 12:20	Lunch
12:20	Afternoon Bell
12:25	Afternoon Session Begins
2:25	Dismissal



**Upcoming Events**

**June 26**

Grade 7 Year-End Celebration  
Assembly/Lunch/Social  
9:15 am

**June 27**

Report Cards  
Year-End Assembly – 9:00 am  
Last day For Students  
Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm

**June 28**

Last Day for Staff  
Administration Day