

### North Ridge Elementary

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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

#### **Office Staff:**

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto  
and  
Ms. Carly Favero

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

Congratulations to North Ridge students and staff for completing a successful second term. We have seen many outstanding student projects and assignments and a full season of volleyball for our Grades 5-7 students. Teachers have also been working hard on writing term two report cards, which will be handed to students on Thursday, March 11. Make sure you set some quality time aside to share with your child all of his or her successes. Fresh Grade students have their digital portfolio; parents can refer to on an ongoing basis. With spring break nearly upon us, we wish you a safe and happy two weeks full of fun (and Covid safe) activities and hopefully some sunny weather as well. We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful students on Monday, March 29th!

Sincerely,

Ms. Epele, Vice Principal  
Mr. Redding, Principal

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#### **PARENTS AS PARTNERS**

##### **Spring Break Math Activities**

**Playing Store:** Use real or pretend money to have your child 'pretend' to buy small items. They can get used to the various coins and what they are worth.

**Counting Cars:** Have your child count the number of cars that pass on the street in a given period of time. Also, you can both pick a car colour and have your child count red cars while you count white cars. Whoever gets to 10 first wins.

**Comparing Grocery Products:** Have conversations with your child about comparing cereals, crackers, milk or other items. You can compare nutrients, prices, sizes, etc.

**Exercise Log:** Have your child keep a record about the number of minutes they exercise and compare it to the number of minutes they watch TV or play video games each day.

**Tracking Commercials:** Use a watch to determine how many minutes of commercials are in a 30-minute TV show. Also you can track gender role stereotyping in commercials. How many commercials use female actors for household items and use male actors for items such as cars, cell phones, technology, etc.? The results may astound you!

#### 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.

## SPORTY SHORTS

### Volleyball Season



This year we had three separate volleyball leagues. Due to Covid-19, we practiced and played within our cohorts and did not play against other schools. We had the Division 6, 8 Team made up of Grade 4s and 5s. We also had the Division 4, 5 Team made up of Grade 6s and finally the Division 1, 2 Team made up of Grade 6s and 7s. With two months of solid practice and play, our athletes really improved their skills of bumping, volleying and serving; they also learned how to play as a team and communicate with each other.

The two winning teams in the season ending tournaments were The Red Devils for the Division 4, 5 league and Chocky Milk for the Division 1, 2 league.

### Badminton Coming Soon

Did you know that a badminton birdie can travel up to 100 meters a second? Fast flying objects will be spotted all over North Ridge as badminton season is just around the corner! The nets will be down for April but we will have some teams trying hard and developing skills by early May.



### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

We held a Random Acts of Kindness Week at North Ridge during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Many classes and students participated in random acts of kindness throughout the school. Some of the kind deeds were: leaving kind messages throughout the building and on our cars, giving artwork to a seniors' home, bulletin board displays and art projects.

### PINK SHIRT DAY



We participated in the annual Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone wore pink and we showed a special movie created by Division 5. The movie explained the benefits to your life when you are kind. It also discussed the various types of bullying and students acted out bullying vs kind scenarios. We also had a timely visit from our mascot, Everest!

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

Thanks for your help staying out of our staff parking lot. We have had some near misses with children and adults walking through our lot at the beginning and end of the day. We certainly want to avoid any accidents with vehicles and pedestrians!



### COVID REMINDERS

Thanks for all your help encouraging your child to wear a mask. They are not mandatory but every little bit of mask wearing is a help! Parents, when dropping off your child, please make sure to stay at least 2 metres from other children and adults at all times and also wear a mask. Thanks for your teamwork on this. We almost have this ugly virus beat!

### NORTH RIDGE MESSAGE SIGN

Thanks Ms. Baker and our PAC for buying the extender pole and suction cup, which has enabled us to change the message every few weeks. We have decided to allow each class to come up with a quote that we will display! So far, we have displayed the following quotes:

**Division 2:** If it is easy it's practice. If it is hard, it's learning.

**Division 10:** Never stop learning because life never stops teaching.

**Division 7:** Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.

And coming up next from Division 5 will be: Hard work is something you create.

## PLAYGROUND TIME

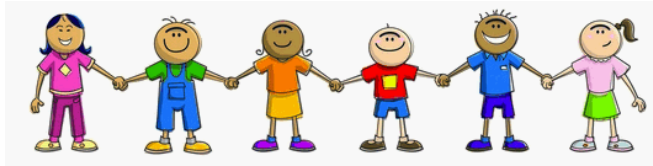
We always talk about having a positive plan when you go outside. Problems often happen when groups of kids are just hanging about doing not much of anything. Students who go outside and follow their plan to play something or engage in creative play always end up having a safe, fun time. Here are some examples of how our superstar students have been using their 15-minute recess and 45 minute lunch break:

- volleyball
- basketball
- tending to a wheat farm
- playing manhunt
- rolling down hills
- digging up rocks (fossils)
- flag football
- making bases
- playing house
- playing in the sand pit
- soccer
- mining
- showing gymnastics skills
- skipping
- creating their own games
- playing restaurant
- making campsites
- exploring nature
- talking with adults

We are helping our students make a plan if they don't have one! It's the key to a safe, respectful and active playtime!

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD

The B.C. Government has created an easy-to-use website to help you review the daily health checklist for your child. You can access it at [www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca](http://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca)



## NORTH RIDGE SUPER WRITERS

### Weekend News by Div. 16

On the weekend I went to the park and played with my friend. We played with my cars then he went home.  
By Viaan, Div. 16

I played Roblox with Sirat and with Sirat's cousin. It was so much fun. We played adopt me and we got to fly and ride pets and we had a lot of fun.  
By Mannat, Div. 16

On the weekend I did a pizza party in Roblox. I went outside to play volleyball. I rode my bike. I got a new bunny.  
By Sirat, Div. 16

On the weekend I ate ice cream with my Mom, Dad, and sister. It was fun. I went to a beach and I saw the water. It was fun. I went to Dollarama.  
By Geet, Div. 16

## READING LINK CHALLENGE 2021

We are excited to be able to run the Annual Reading Link Challenge with our Surrey Public Librarians again this year. We have 7 teams of Grade 4/5 students (41 in total) who have read 5 novels in preparation for the first round of the challenge. The public librarian will be quizzing the North Ridge teams on comprehension, events and details of these 5 novels through a virtual competition on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:45 pm. Teams, good luck in your final preparation for the North Ridge Reading Link Challenge!

## Upcoming Events

**March 11**  
Report Card #2  
Goes Home

**March 12**  
Last day before  
Spring Break

**March 15-26**  
Spring Break

**March 29**  
School Reopens

**March 31**  
Reading Link  
Challenge – Gym  
12:45 – 2:15 pm

**April 2**  
Good Friday

**April 4**  
Easter Monday