

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

February has been a very busy month. Many of our primary classes studied “community” and created wonderful three dimensional projects showing parts of a community. A few of our intermediate classes participated in Science Fair and displayed projects so other classes could view them and talk about what was learned. We recognized Valentines and Pink Shirt Days, and our K classes celebrated Chinese New Year. There are also excellent samples of writing, art and project work displayed in and around the school.

Earlier this month, parents and guardians had an opportunity to visit the classroom and participate in student led conferences. Your child/ren shared some of their learning with you, and teachers were available to discuss additional aspects of your child’s learning. Maintaining consistent communication with your child’s teacher is critical, and we appreciated the efforts of all family members who attended the conferences. **The second formal report card will be sent home on Thursday, March 15.** We encourage parents / guardians to contact the teacher if you have any questions about the report card.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Burton – Acting Principal



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.

Staff Changes

After spring break, **Ms. Koh** will be returning to her Grade 3 class currently being taught by **Ms. Dhillon-Dhaliwal**. **Ms. Gall** will be taking a parental leave of absence, and Ms. Dhillon-Dhaliwal will be taking on the responsibilities of her class. **Ms. Nomura** will also be taking a parental leave and a new teacher will be hired for this position. Unfortunately, **Ms. Edis** had to leave the Surrey School District for family reasons, and **Mr. Gibson** is currently teaching the Gr. 5 class until spring break. Another teacher will be hired to teach the class until the end of the year. Finally, **Mrs. Burton** will continue as Acting Principal until the end of the year.

Social Responsibility

Demonstrating respect also includes showing good manners, accepting differences and striving to be good citizens. Each month we focus on one area of social responsibility. PA announcements, hall displays and classroom lessons enhance our student's understanding and help them set personal goals. During the month of February, the focus was: ***Friendliness: Students will be recognized for being kind and including others.*** The following students were recognized at the monthly student recognition assembly:

Div. 1	Jagjeet G.	Shreyas M.	Div. 2	Rochelle L.	Sasha M.
Div. 3	Harkiran B.	Devon G.	Div. 4	Dilraj R.	Rida S.
Div. 5	Jasmyn G.	Manpreet K.	Div. 6	Marwa R.	Shahaan K.
Div. 7	Khushpreet D.	Karaj R.	Div. 8	Thaneesha R.	Johnver C.
Div. 9	Ivan H.	Aikam G.	Div. 10	Bhuvanesh D.	Reese R.
Div. 11	Gurlal G.	Paramvir C.	Div. 12	Jaskirat C.	Hailey G.
Div. 13	Prateek P.	Ayra K.	Div. 14	Sahib P.	Ekbir R.
Div. 15	Trevor C.	Tiffany Y.	Div. 16	Benjamin H.	Ziah P.
Div. 17	Jordan F.	Layla K.	Div. 18	Rupan N.	Grayson N.

For the month of March, the social responsibility focus is ***Determination: Students will be recognized for trying their best.***

Reading Link Challenge

Some of our students have been reading to prepare for the Reading Link Challenge. This is a school and Public Library challenge that requires students to read a wide variety of books and be prepared to answer questions about those books. The school level competition will take place on Wednesday, March 7. Finalists from this event will then advance to the In-Library Challenge taking place at the Newton Library on Tuesday, April 10 at 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Elfstrom in the Library.

Staff Parking Lot – Student Safety Concerns

We continue to have concerns about the use of the staff parking lot. Even with repeated requests and signage, it continues to be used as a drop off and pick up area for parents, and students are also walking through it when they arrive to school in the morning and leave at the end of the day. This creates a potentially dangerous situation, and in addition to this, school and district staff often cannot find a parking place in the morning because parents are using the parking spaces. Please be advised that there will be changes to the supervision of the staff parking lot after Spring Break. There will be information sent home about these changes and alternative places for you to drop off and pick up your child/ren. The parking lot entrance will be closed to parents and there will be a teacher on supervision in the parking lot both before and after school. City By-Law officers and Police will be on site for the first week after spring break. We will also be encouraging students to walk or cycle to school and will be creating a goal for them to reach by walking to school on “Walk-To-School Wednesdays.” There will be separate information coming out next week. We appreciate the cooperation of parents and guardians to make our parking lot a safer place for everyone.

Parent Information - Grade 7 Articulation

Articulation with Panorama Ridge Secondary has started and there are some important dates for parents of the Grade 7 students. Please mark your calendars.

Thursday - May 17

Grade 7 Students Visit PR (12:15 – 2:15 pm)

Thursday – May 17

Grade 7 Parent Night (Info. Session at 6:30 pm/Tours at 7:00 pm)

Running Club – April 3 to April 26

The Running Club will be starting on Tuesday, April 3 – the first day back after Spring Break. It will run Monday to Thursday from 2:40 – 3:10 pm. (unless raining – cancellation announcement will be made over PA).

This is such a great school activity! It is good for your heart and builds positive school climate. Come on out and join the running club.

All students, staff and parents are invited to participate. All participating students must be supervised by a parent. Permission slips have already been given to students.

Reading Awards

Upcoming Events

March 2

PALS – 3 & 4 yr. olds
Parents As Literacy Support
8:35 – 10:45 am

March 6

Boys BB Tourney
Panorama Ridge Secondary
3:30 – 6:30 pm

March 7

PAC – Pizza Day
Girls BB Tourney
Panorama Ridge Secondary
3:30 – 6:30 pm

March 13

No Popcorn Today

March 14

School Spirit Day
“Crazy Hair Day”

March 15

Report Card #2

March 16

School Assembly
Student Recognition
9:00 – 9:40 am
Parents Welcome

March 16th

Last Day Before
Spring Break

March 19 – April 2

Spring Break

April 3

First Day Back
School Opens



These students were recognized at the monthly assembly for reaching a significant goal in reading. These students were:

Bronze Level – Read for 50 Nights

Ashna M.	Hamanjit T.	Heela N.	Daksh M.
Owen X.	Mahum N.	Vikrum S.	Gurjaap B.
Benjamin P.	Rumaysa J.	Prateek P.	Arika K.
Zobaria C.	Nathen D.	Gurveen G.	Zoel P.
Aydin K.	Sahib P.	Parmeet P.	Jordan F.
Mateo R.	Akash Y.	Hashim S.	

Silver Level – Read for 100 Nights

Simran B.	Sunpreet J.	Gurnoor K.	Jasmeen K.
Keilani M.	Amnisha K.	Anjalie R.	Aamina A.
Khushi D.	Parm S.	Yuvraj L.	Ruth C.
Priya D.	Jasmine D.	Zaara I.	Maheen J.
Sabih M.	Sahilpreet P.	Muskaan S.	Jasleen K.
Maneha M.	Humraj S.	Zakirah S.	Laaibah J.
Zakirah S.	Zoel P.	Jagat S.	Esin Y.
Tiffany Y.	Ameera D.	Benjamin H.	Nicky M.
Karman N.	Ziah P.	Seerit D.	Harshiv S.
Hiten S.			

Student Conduct at North Ridge

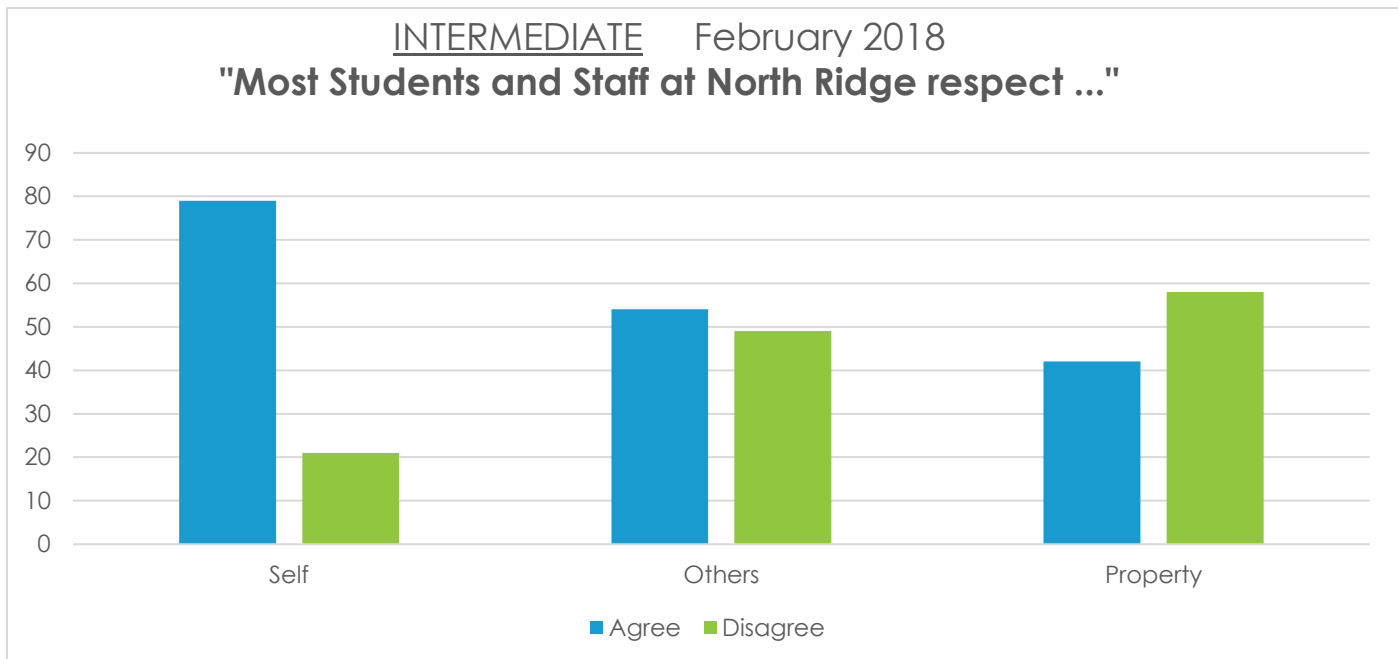
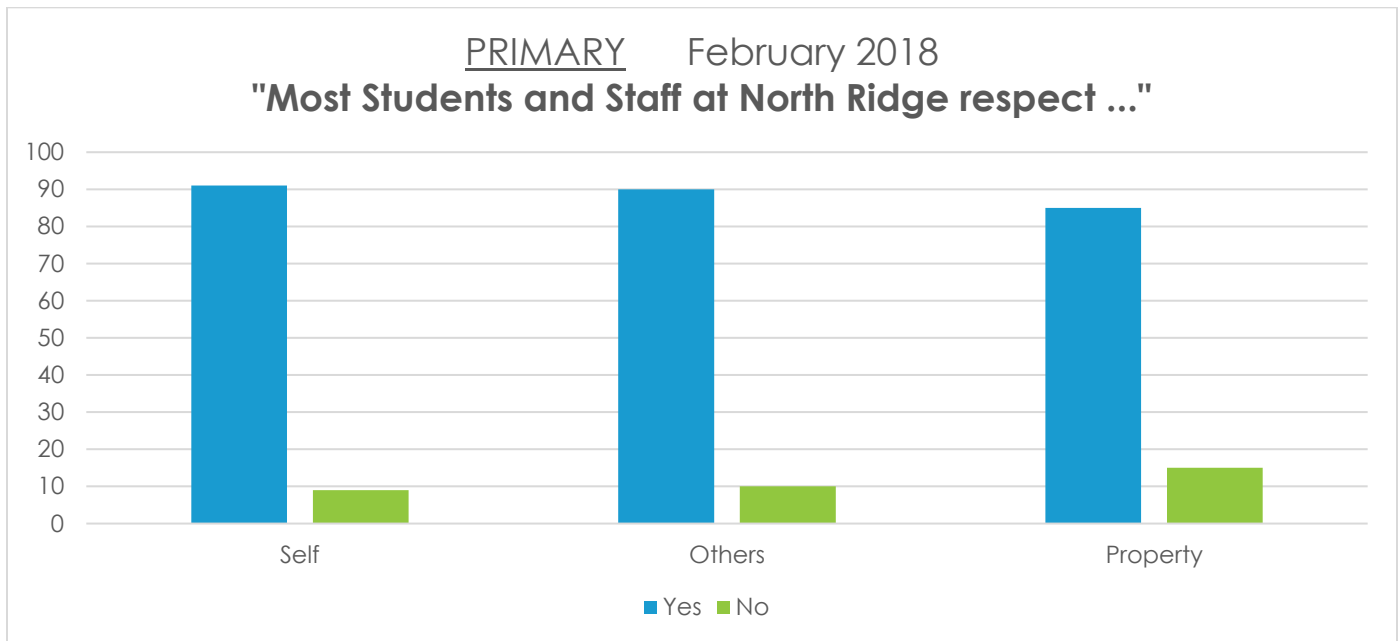
Students have improved some of their conduct on the school grounds. They are staying inside the “in bounds” areas better, and using their designated doors both before and after school. Our Div. 18 Kindergarten class, who use the front doors, have been better able to connect with family members at the end of the day, as they also have designated doors not being used by other students. Students are staying on the right side of the hall when moving through the building, so others have safe and reasonable passage. We appreciate the efforts of all students to follow these rules.

There are still repeated complaints about inappropriate and disrespectful language on the playground. Name calling, swearing and disrespectful comments are common and we continue to work to improve this. A positive school climate is important for learning, and when this kind of behavior is happening, it affects how kids learn. We expect students to be respectful of others at all times. To help us with this process, we ask parents to review these rules with their children. Please remind your children that they are expected to:

1. Use respectful and appropriate language.
2. Be honest and dependable.
3. Use polite manners. (Please and Thank You)

All students are expected to show respect towards themselves, others and their school. Mrs. Burton visited all classes this month and conducted a survey indicating whether students agreed or disagreed with this statement: **“Most Students and Staff at North Ridge respect self, others and property.”**

The following graphs indicate the results of the survey. The numbers of students are shown in %. It is important to note that there is a significant difference between primary and intermediate students, especially in the area of respecting others and school or personal property.



Successful Basketball Season for North Ridge!

We are very proud of both our boys' and girls' basketball teams. The boys placed first in their play day at Strawberry Hill. They were not only undefeated during the season, but demonstrated good sportsmanship and team play throughout the season. Our girls' team placed second in their play day losing the final game by only one point! The girls showed excellent team play and improved greatly this season. Again, we really appreciate the volunteer time of our coaches. Many thanks to **Mr. Manak** and **Mr. Tubic** for coaching the boys and **Ms. Wong, Ms. Dixon** and **Ms. Robinson** for coaching the girls.

These teams have a chance to participate in a feeder school tournament at Panorama Ridge Secondary this week. Mrs. Burton will be supervising these events.

BOYS – Tuesday, March 6th 3:30 – 6:30 pm

GIRLS – Wednesday, March 7th 3:30 – 6:30 pm