



NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Monday, March 30, 2020

Dear North Ridge Families:

We wish that you all were back with us this week at our great school! We miss greeting all of you and welcoming you back to the building. Instead, we are sending our best wishes to you and your families in an e-mail letter. We hope you are all well and rested, and that you are staying safe. Your health and well-being are the priorities.

Starting this week, our school will be working in a way we have never seen before. We are learning a new way of teaching our students. One of the biggest changes will be that there will be no physical access to the building for students or parents. The staff will all be working from home, and connecting with their classes through e-mail, phone or other platforms that many of us are using for the first time.

Week One Goal: Connecting to our Community, Communicating First Steps

Our primary first week goal is opening the lines of communication, and ensuring that everyone is connected. You can anticipate you will be contacted through e-mail or by phone at least once by someone from the school before the end of the week. If you do not receive a contact e-mail or call, it may be that we do not have the correct contact information for you. In that case, please call the school between 8 am – 4 pm (604-599-3900) and Mrs. Grigoletto, Ms. Epele or Mr. Redding will answer.

Our North Ridge Team

In this first week, our staff will be working to gather resources, learn new skills, connect with colleagues, consider communication tools, establish communication schedules, and determine how their classes will move forward. We do not want to overwhelm anyone with this new way of working. It's going to take some adjustment, and there will be frustration and hiccups along the way. We will work hard to resolve any issues.

Structure and Routine

We suggest that you take this time at home to establish a "school" routine that mimics a shortened school day, create a distraction free workspace, gather the tools you might need, and consider how you are going to share the resources you have available to you at home to do this work. Daily physical activity is also an important part of the day! Routine and structure make working from home more manageable and less stressful.

We know that there are so many more things to consider and so many more questions to be answered. Please be patient as we work through each week at a time, adjusting to the changes in our world and community.

We wish you and your family good health and safety as we move through this together. We miss our students and families dearly and look forward to when our doors open again!

Sincerely,

Ms. Epele – Vice-Principal
Mr. Redding - Principal