

North Ridge Elementary

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MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

We are having an engaging and focused Spring at North Ridge. We are so proud of two students who, on Friday at an assembly, shared our April virtue of Moderation. Anureet and Reese gave personal, thoughtful accounts of how they achieve moderation and balance in their lives. Also, at the assembly we unpacked the term “snitching” and how students sometimes use this term as a threat to hold power or control over someone else. A common saying at times is “Don’t be a snitch.” We talked about how safety and freedom from verbal and physical intimidation are basis human rights and we should always report to an adult if this is happening to any of us. We are helping students understand that our North Ridge team is always here to help students and that the “snitch” term is just a trick to keep someone from getting help. As always, we will keep working to help make North Ridge a safe and happy place of learning for all students! Thanks so much to all the parents for your wonderful support as well!

Sincerely,

Mr. Redding, Principal

Reading Link Challenge

The Reading Link Challenge is a lower mainland reading competition for Grades 4 and 5 students. Students had to read 6 novels over a period of 4 months. North Ridge had 7 teams of students compete for the school championship. The Surrey Public Librarian tested the teams in March on a list of 30 oral questions about the 6 novels. Congratulations to the **Savage Unicorns** team for claiming the school championship. The team members are: Muskaan S., Breanna T., Samaira J., Warda N., Mahek H. and Aamina A. The team also went on to win the Newton Challenge but missed advancing to the Surrey Finals. Thanks, Ms. Elfstrom, for inspiring our readers and organizing this engaging reading challenge!

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.

Best Running Club in Surrey



April hosted our 2019 North Ridge Running Club with over 250 students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 participating. The energy and running enthusiasm was electric with all students earning kilometer milestones. We handed out 5 km ribbons right up to 50km. Congratulations to Vivraj B. in Grade 6 who achieved the 50 km mark for the 2019 running club! Thanks to all the staff and parents who came out to make this month-long tradition happen!

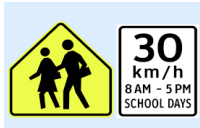
Street Parking

Please be aware of the street parking signs and rules on 62 Ave. and 134 Street. Bylaw officers often come by randomly and ticket vehicles. Also, we have had some safety issues because the school bus that picks up some students at 1:30 pm is unable to pull in to the curb due to illegally parked cars. Thanks for following these parking rules near our school!



Speeding Complaints

Parents, please be advised that we have received complaints from some neighbourhood residents about:



1. speeding around the corner of 136 St. and 61A Ave.
2. turning and driving into the wrong lane, driving on the left-hand side of the road
3. speeding to get back onto 136 St. coming from the school

Please drive slowly and with caution as we want to keep all our students and community safe from harm and we also need to respect our residents living on these streets. Thanks for your help!

April 18th Easter Stick Hunt

Primary and Intermediate groups were searching intently for thousands of coloured sticks spread about our forest behind the school. Classes redeemed their sticks for chocolate Easter eggs and about 40 lucky students found “special” sticks, which were traded in for a sweet individual prize! Once again, the enthusiasm and cooperation of all our amazing students were outstanding.



2019 Badminton Season



We have just concluded our 2019 badminton season. We had 3 teams at North Ridge this year: Grade 5, Grade 6 and Grade 7 teams.

The Grade 5s had an intramural league and practiced two times a week with Mrs. Sahota and Mrs. Kaur. They also had a final match on Friday against our Grade 6's. The Grade 7 team coached by Mr. Gibson and Mr. MacKinnon had a fantastic season and placed third in their play day. The Grade 6 team coached by Mr. Redding were victorious at their play day at JT Brown School. All players on all teams made huge progress in their badminton skills and we are excited for the 2020 season!

Track and Field Underway

Approximately 80 Grades 3 -7 students have signed up for our North Ridge track and field team. Practices are underway with our fleet of coaches for the following events: sprints, relays, distance, triple jump, long jump, discus and shot put. The competition categories are: Grades 3 and 4 are Tykes, Grades 5 and 6 are Pee Wees and the Grade 7s compete in the bantam division. We will be training all May in preparation for our district track meet on June 3rd at Bear Creek Park.



Vaisakhi

April 12th marked our 2019 Vaisakhi Celebration at North Ridge. We had a dynamic team of staff volunteers who helped student groups practice, audition and get ready for their dance performance. We also had much staff and student help with decorating the gym and stage. We ordered in lights, spotlights and a stage to make the performance absolutely first class. The student dance groups wore colourful traditional outfits and performed magnificently in their dances. We are so lucky to have a staff, PAC group and motivated students who all came together to make this event a wonderful cultural celebration! Thanks again to our PAC for providing samosas for every child and adult.

Dance Time at North Ridge



We had professional dance instructors, Ms. Joanne and Ms. Angela work with our students from April 17-24. Classes put together 7 creatively choreographed, energized and entertaining dances, which we performed in front of a parent audience of about 150. We are so proud of our students who took risks and challenged themselves to push out of their comfort zone to participate in their dance! Keep your eye out for next year's dance performance date, as you will not want to miss it!

Ready, Set, Learn

We hosted thirteen three and four year olds in our school on May 10th for our Ready Set Learn event. The children experienced a wide variety of hands-on learning just like in our many other PALS sessions throughout the year. Thanks to our kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Krajnc, Mrs. Sahota and Mrs. Kaur for helping out our young learners. **We look forward to our Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 28th from 12:30 -2:00 in our gym!**

North Ridge Super Writers

6 Ways to Stop Bullying

1. If someone is bullied you can talk to them
2. If you get bullied, seek help from a teacher, parent or a friend
3. Don't be a bystander when you are witnessing bullying
4. Stand up for yourself
5. Stand up for others when they are being bullied
6. Don't spread rumours about others

By Ibrahim H. in Division 8

Parents as Partners

Reading at Home

- Your child can read on their own. They can pick books that they love at the reading level that they are comfortable with. Fiction, non-fiction, graphic stories, comics, news articles.... They are all good!

- You can read to your child. Listening to stories is a great way to foster the love of reading. You can pick more challenging reading material. For example, your child may love a Harry Potter read-aloud and understand the story but they might not be there to read it independently.

- You can take turns reading aloud a sentence or a paragraph at a time. This will allow you to share the story with your child and spark interesting discussion about the story!

Ultimately, you are a reading mentor and you will create a love of reading in your child. If your child loves reading then they will be on their way to becoming a lifelong learner!

Upcoming Events

- May 13**
Chess Tournament
Grades 2-7
- May 15**
Frozen Yogurt – PAC
- May 20**
Victoria Day
- May 21 - 24**
Talent Show Auditions
- May 22**
Grade 7 Tour to Panorama Ridge
12:15 – 2:30 pm
- May 24**
Grade 7s to Crescent Beach
- May 27**
Non-Instructional Day
- May 28**
Welcome to Kindergarten
12:30 – 2 pm
- May 29**
PAC Meeting
8:45 am

School Spirit Day
Sunglass Day
- May 31**
Star Assembly
9 am
- June 3**
District Track Meet
Bear Creek Park – All Day

Hot Dogs – PAC
- June 7**
Parent Appreciation Tea/Assembly
8:15 – 9:30 a.m.
- June 12**
Summer Reading Presentation
Grades K – 4/5
9 am

Frozen Yogurt – PAC
- June 14**
Family Fun Day
- June 19**
Talent Show Day #1

Pizza – PAC
- June 21**
Talent Show Day #2
- June 26**
Grade 7 Year-End Celebration
Assembly/Lunch/Social
9:15 am
- June 27**
Report Cards
Year-End Assembly
Last day For Students
Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm
- June 28**
Last Day for Staff
Administration Day