



North Ridge Elementary

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Principals Message

It is hard to believe that we are in our final month of school. The time sure has flown by this year. Although the end is near, our students and staff are busy wrapping up class projects, curriculum and year end assessments. It is important that your son/daughter maintain regular attendance and that he/she arrives to school on time for the final month. If he/she will be away, please call the school to let us know. I am especially happy to see the sunshine and with it, the warmer weather. Please remember to send your child to school with the appropriate clothes for the weather – hats and sunscreen, but also ensuring that it is appropriate for school and learning.

This newsletter includes the important dates for the month of June as well as important information as we head into the next school year. Please check our school website often for updates and important dates. As we are already starting to plan for next year, if you know that you are moving or will not be returning with us next school year, please let the office staff know ASAP. We look forward to what the month ahead brings. Thank you for your continued support of North Ridge.

Sincerely,

Tammy Stubbings

June Dates:

June 2	Spirit Day
June 5	District Track Meet
June 6	Div. 5 – 9 Crescent Beach
June 7	Div. 10/11 Grouse Mountain Div. 2 High School visit
June 9	Div. 12/13 Science World Grade 7 Tent Day
June 13	Div. 5-9 Bike Safety Program NO PIZZA TODAY!!!
June 15	Public Library Summer Reading Presentation
June 16	Family Fun Day and Parent Appreciation – PIZZA DAY!!!
June 19	Grade 7 Field Trip to Playland
June 20	Band Concert – 9 am Div. 7/16 Senator Reid Park – 1 pm
June 21/22	Talent Show
June 27	Div. 5/6 Skyzone
June 28	Grade 7 Assembly and Celebration
June 29	Last Day for Students Year End Assembly Report Cards Home

Parent Appreciation Event June 16th, 2017

This year we will be saying thanks to our parents at our Family Fun Day Event. We know how difficult it can be for our families to take time away from work, so have added this to a date that we know we have many parents attend. Please visit our Parent Appreciation Tent on Family Fun Day. We will have a special treat for our parents. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend this event, we thank you in advance for all that you do for your child and all of us at North Ridge. Our Parents are amazing!



Class Placements for Next Year

From time to time, parents want to request specific placements for the upcoming school year. However, it is important to understand that the placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. At North Ridge, we will work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement for your child based on the following criteria: student intellectual, social and emotional development, learning styles and strengths of students, degree of independence, integration of students with special needs, social compatibility, gender balance, and maintaining reasonable teacher-student ratios.

If you have educational concerns regarding the placement of your child, please put it in writing to Mrs. Stubbings for consideration by June 6th. It is not appropriate to request that your son/daughter be placed with a specific teacher or with particular friends. While we understand that there are varying opinions on combined grade classes, it is also not appropriate to request that your child be placed in a straight grade. It is important to understand that even in a single grade there is still a range of strengths and abilities. Combined classes have many educational benefits. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class.

For further information regarding class placements and combined grades, please refer to the district information on the district website.

With the trust and support of you at home, we are confident that all children will be placed in classes that will allow them to have a productive and rewarding 2017/18 school year. Your support and understanding as we begin planning for next year is appreciated.

School Start Supply Orders

We will once again be offering our families the opportunity to purchase school supplies through School Start. The order forms will be coming home early next week. You will have the option of returning your order form and payment to the school before June 16, 2017 or placing your order online using a credit card at www.schoolstart.ca. School supplies will be delivered to the school in September. If you are purchasing your supplies on your own, please use the school start lists to know what to purchase at each grade level. Grade level lists will also be available on our website.



2017-2018 School Fees

See the notice posted on our school website with a list of anticipated costs for the 2017-2018 school year. These fees include school planners for students in Grades 1 – 7, field trips and field study costs, and musical instruments.

Bell Schedule for 2017 – 2018

****Please note changes in end times and lunch****

8:30	Welcome Bell
8:35	Morning Instruction Begins
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
11:40 – 12:20	Lunch
12:25	Afternoon Session Begins
2:25	Dismissal



Important Dates for 2017-2018 School Year

The following dates are important dates for the next school year. Please note them on your calendar for future planning. These dates include school holidays/closures, Non-Instructional Days, Reporting Dates, Early Dismissals, as well as Parent Teacher and Student-Led Conferences. Although we attempt to stick to these dates, they are subject to change. We will try to give sufficient notice of change wherever possible.

September 2017

Sept 5	School Begins
Sept 25	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Sept 28	Terry Fox Event
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day

October 2017

Oct 3	Individual Student Photo Day
Oct 9	Thanksgiving – No School
Oct 18	Early Dismissal 1:25 pm – Parent Conferences/Goal Setting
Oct 19	Early Dismissal 1:25 pm – Parent Conferences/Goal Setting
Oct 20	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Oct 31	Halloween

November 2017

Nov 2	Photo Retakes
Nov 3	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am
Nov 10	Non-Instructional – Students do not attend
Nov 13	Remembrance Day Stat – No School



December 2017

Dec. 4 – 15	Food Bank Collection
Dec 22	Last Day Before Winter Break Report Card 1 Home
Dec 23 –Jan 7	Winter Break

January 2018

Jan 8	First Day back to School
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February 2018

Feb 6	Early Dismissal 1:25 pm – Student Led Conferences
Feb 12	Family Day – No School
Feb 16	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
Feb 21	Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day

March 2018

Mar 15	Report Card 2 Home
Mar 16	Last Day before Spring Break
Mar 17	
– Apr. 2	Spring Break

April 2018

Apr. 3	School Reopens
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May 2018

May 4	Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend
May 21	Victoria Day – No School
May 28	Pro-D – No School

June 2018

June 15	Family Fun Day (weather Permitting)
June 27	Grade 7 Year end Assembly/Celebration
June 28	Year End Assembly Early Dismissal 1:25 pm Last Day of School for Students Report Card 3 Home

School Spirit Days, Concerts, and PAC events will be announced at a later date.