# **May Newsletter**

# **North Ridge Elementary**

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### Dear Parents & Guardians:

The final weeks of the school year are always very busy. We focus on student learning, but also plan special events, field trips and celebrations. The Gr. 7 students prepare for their transition to high school and we plan special activities for them; we welcome new Kindergarten students and prepare for the school organization next year.

The staff and I have been establishing continued consistent expectations for behavior, social responsibility and support for academic learning. I continue to visit classrooms and am proud of many of the student's accomplishments such as: improved reading, written stories and essays, passion projects and beautiful art displays. It is a pleasure to see their work.

I especially want to thank all of the students, teachers and parents who participated in the school running club. More than half of our entire student population signed up! This was a very positive and beneficial school community event. Thank you to all who participated.

Mrs. Burton – Acting Principal

<u>Staff Changes</u> – We would like to welcome Mr. Steve Kemp to the North Ridge staff. Mr. Kemp will be teaching one of our Grade 1 classes for the rest of the year.



## **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.

## **Student Class Placements for 2018/2019**

At this time, staffing plans and preliminary class assignments are tentatively organized. These are DRAFT plans only, because the September enrollment is the final determination of classes and student placement. If you are planning to move to another school in September, please let the office staff know. If parents feel they have extenuating circumstances that require special consideration for your child's class placement, please put your request in writing explaining the educational reasons for why you are requesting a certain placement and address it to Mrs. Burton or "The Principal of North Ridge". Parental requests for placement are considered, but we cannot guarantee any parental request for a particular class placement next year.

## **Social Responsibility**

During the month of April, the focus was: *Responsibility: Students are recognized for being willing to do their part.* The following students were recognized at the monthly assembly:

| Div. 1  | Akash P.   | Zaara A.   | Div. 2  | Chastyn T.   | Jasmeen K. |
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| Div. 3  | Serit M.   | Iffat A.   | Div. 4  | Navreen P.   | Alisha N.  |
| Div. 5  | Ashlyn N.  |            | Div. 6  | Gurjus S.    | Anjalie R. |
| Div. 7  | Breanna T. | Jasmine K. | Div. 8  | Owen X.      | Simran S.  |
| Div. 9  | Soha K.    | Inigo A.   | Div. 10 | Shareena K.  |            |
| Div. 11 | David D.   | Suvir M.   | Div. 12 | Zacharia A.  | Zakirah S. |
| Div. 13 | Emily G.   |            | Div. 14 | Purneet B.   | Hashim S.  |
| Div. 15 | Adele M.   |            | Div. 16 | Nathaniel I. | Jayden A.  |
| Div. 17 | Samar A.N. | Parvin B.  | Div. 18 | Arya J.      | -          |

For the month of May, the social responsibility focus is *Teamwork. This means the ability to work together towards a common goal, as well as working positively in groups.* 

## North Ridge "Star Awards"

We expect students to take responsibility and contribute positively to the school community without adult intervention. We also expect students to solve problems peacefully, accept responsibility for their actions and make decisions that positively affect themselves and others. When we notice students do these kinds of things, we like to recognize their efforts. These students were recognized at the April assembly:

Mishaal M., Hargun M., Jaskaran G., Zacharia A., Jaskirat C. & Benjamin P. - for helping to clean up "unsafe" debris from the playground

**Janvi V.** – always looking for ways to help the school and the teachers

**Inigo A. & Gurvir D.** – for showing honesty when they found an iPhone with credit cards

Shehbaaz S., Aminullah S. & Mehtabvir S. – for showing empathy for a younger student who had fallen Dilraj R., Inder D., Tanvir S. & Arsh S. – volunteering time as a lunch monitor; handle conflicts fairly Harveer C., Ashna M. & Rochelle L. – spent extra time taking down artwork and returning it to classes after the Mulitcultural Performance. All members of Div. 2 helped with the take down as well.

### Principal's Award

In April, two students have demonstrated <u>outstanding</u> social responsibility and leadership contributions around the school. They help in multiple ways and always set a positive role model for others.

Div. 2 - Ashna M. Div. 5 - Dishan G.

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## Ready, Set, Learn – May 11th (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Parents/Caregivers of three & four year old children are invited to attend. There are great ideas for parents and an educational bag of materials provided for every child. We would love to see you there! Please register by phoning the school at 604-599-3900.

## **Running Club**

This was a fantastic school community event with more than half of our students, parents and staff participating. We are very proud of everyone and wanted to make a special mention to four students who completed the entire booklet. Congratulations to **Puneet N.; Jasmaan B.; Ashaz K. and Abdulrahman A.N.** for completing a total of 50 km. Well done!

Many thanks to the following staff who helped organize and support the running club: Ms. Rasmussen, Ms. Gill, Mr. Docksteader, Ms. Wong, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Mujcin, Mrs. Ahluwalia, Ms Elfstrom, Mrs. Johal, Mrs. McLeod, Ms. Dixon, Mrs. Krajnc, Mrs. Sahota, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Burton.

## **Walking Wednesday**

Each Wednesday, a group of our student leaders set up a table at the front entrance. Any student who walks, rolls or cycles to school are encouraged to get a hand stamp at the table. Teachers then count the number of students and all division numbers are tallied and added to the large graph by the office. Currently students have earned approximately 850 points with a goal to reach 2000 points by mid-June. We are planning an "Activity Afternoon" for all students when they reach this goal. Thank you to parents who are helping to support this activity based event.

## **Reading Awards**

In March, these students earned an award for their reading goals:

### Bronze Level – Reading for 50 Nights

| Gurvir D. | Jesse D.   | Jasmeet S. |  |
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| Yuvraj B. | Samar A.N. | Ekam D.    |  |

## <u>Silver Level – Reading for 100 Nights</u>

| Manprabhat C. | Urooba M.  | Jaiya G.   |
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| Alyssa O-P.   | Suvir M.   | Mannat G.  |
| Alma H.       | Prateek P. | Surleen B. |
| Sanjot M.     | Cathy X.   | Guransh B. |
| Maya D.       | Grace S.   | Roselyn T. |

## **Upcoming Events**

May 10 School Chess Tournament

### May 11

Ready, Set, Learn School Event 1:00 – 2:00 3 & 4 year olds

### May 14

Green Thumb Theatre "Trash" 9:00 am

### **May 17**

Gr. 7 Students Visit PR/Kabaddi 12:15 – 2:30 pm Gr. 7 Parent Night @ PR 6:30 pm Meeting/7:00 pm Tour

## May 21

Victoria Day Holiday

### May 23

"Black & White Day" School Spirit Gr. 7's to Crescent Beach

### May 25

Student Recognition Assembly 9:00 am Parents Welcome

#### May 28

Non-Instructional Day No Classes

### **May 29**

Welcome to Kindergarten 12:30 – 2:00 pm

#### May 31

District Track Meet @ Bear Creek

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE CHANGE Family Fun Day Friday, June 8

## Gold Level – Reading for 150 Nights

| Sunpreet J. | Gurnoor K. | Jasmeen K.    |
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| Keilani M.  | Aamina A.  | Khushpreet D. |
| Nyharika N. | Anureet N. | Manahil A.    |
| Angel B.    | Maya B.    | Osmond X.     |
| Ranaiman G. | Laaibah J. | Zoel P.       |
| Jagat S.    | Esin Y.    | Tiffany Y.    |
| Ameera D.   | Nicky M.   | Ziah P.       |
| Baljot B.   | Seerit D.  | Dilraj G.     |
| Harshiv S.  | Hiten S.   | Sofia N.      |

## Track and Field – May 1 to May 26 (Practices 2:45 – 3:30 pm)

Monday – Sprints & Relays

Tuesday – Long Jump/Shot Put

Wednesday – Sprints & Relays

Thursday – Long Distance/Discus

There are many students coming out to the practices and we are very proud of their efforts. Team member selections will take place during the last two weeks in May.

## Bear Creek Track Meet is Wednesday - May 31st

# PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: FAMILY FUN DAY - Friday, June 8th

We have had to change the date of the Family Fun Day to Friday, June 8. Please make this change on the calendar.

