

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of the school year. During the last few remaining weeks, our students and staff will be completing class projects, curricular units and year-end assessments. There are also field trips, year-end events and special school activities. It is important for your child to maintain regular attendance, arrive on time, be prepared for class and willingly participate in all activities. Certainly the warmer weather has contributed to a positive and happy feeling around the school. Please remember to send your child with water, sunscreen (if necessary) and appropriate outfits and clothing for school during the warm weather.

We are currently involved in preparing for year-end events, as well as planning for next year. There will be staff changes, as well as students who will be moving to other schools and new



students who will enroll at North Ridge next year. This newsletter includes important dates for the month of June, as well as key calendar dates for the 2018-2019 school year. Our website also includes updates and important dates. We look forward to the last few weeks with your child/ren.

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 – Some of the North Ridge staff will be going to different schools next year. They have been a committed and dedicated group of professionals, and it has been a pleasure working with them.

Ms. Gill – Temporary teacher for Ms. Han (Gr. 6/7)

Mr. Gibson – Temporary teacher for Mrs. Shackelford/Ms. Edis (Gr. 5)

Mrs. Ahluwalia – moving to Woodward Hill (Gr. 2/3)

Mrs. Dhillon-Dhaliwal – moving to Beaver Creek (Gr. 2)

Ms. Dixon – moving to Georges Vanier (Gr. 4/5)

Mrs. Fisher (LST) – TBA

Ms. L. Wells – TBA

Ms. McAllister (CYCW) – not returning to North Ridge



We thank these staff members for their contributions and hard work. They have been wonderful additions to our school and have made a significant difference in the lives of the students. We wish them all the best in their new assignments and plans for next year.

Staffing and Student Class Placement 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. From time to time, parents want to request specific placement for their child/ren for the upcoming year. It is important to understand that the placement of students is determined through a process of consultation with all school-based staff who work with the students – not just the classroom teacher. We work carefully and collaboratively to determine the most suitable placement of your child based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual, social and emotional development
- Learning styles and strengths
- Degree of independence
- Integration of students with special needs
- Social compatibility
- Gender balance
- Class size and composition requirements
- Parameters of the school organization (eg. # of classes, combined grades)

If you have educational concerns regarding the placement of your child, please put it in writing to Mrs. Burton by Monday, June 11th. We want a suitable class placement for all children, and it is not appropriate to request a specific teacher or with particular friends. While we understand that there are varying opinions on combined grade classes, it is important to understand that even in a single class there is a range of student strengths and abilities. Teachers are well qualified to teach both grades in a combined class. Please know that although parental requests are considered, we do not guarantee any parental request for a child's class placement next year.

Social Responsibility – Virtue of the Month: “Teamwork”

Being socially responsible students includes showing good manners, accepting differences and striving to improve. 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 May, the focus was: *Teamwork: Students were recognized for doing their best for the team, working well with others, respecting others and taking care of their learning environment.* The following students were recognized at the monthly assembly:

Div. 1	Jessica S.	Jashan N.	Div. 2	Nicholas C.	Cricket A.
Div. 3	Samantha A.	Keisha B.	Div. 4	Inder D.	
Div. 5	Tyrone B.		Div. 6	Navpreet D.	Kyla L.
Div. 7	Tarun P.		Div. 8	Shaun N.	Eisah T.
Div. 9	Jasmeet S.	Sobit M.	Div. 10	Manavh G.	Ranveer B.
Div. 11	Tarn D.		Div. 12	Angel B.	Ayaan S.
Div. 13	Harjovin K.	Ainveer P.	Div. 14	Nathen D.	Manraj D.
Div. 15	Avreen S.	Laaibah J.	Div. 16	Danny N.	Amrit L.
Div. 17	Zayden D.	Steven H.	Div. 18	Rupan N.	Grace S.

North Ridge “Star Awards”

As a part of any social responsibility program, we hope that students take pride in themselves, help others and look after their school. Taking responsibility and contributing positively to the school community without adult intervention is the ultimate goal. We want students to solve problems, accept responsibility, make positive decisions and contribute to the school in ways that make a difference. These students were recognized at the last assembly and can redeem their “star” for a treasure box prize, a bag of popcorn or piece of pizza from the PAC or a free pool pass from the Newton Wave Pool. Congratulations to:

Sema H. & Ladan I.M. – willingly and enthusiastically cleaned up litter at Crescent Beach

Jaskaran G. – found and returned a very expensive basketball to the office

Pahul M. & Serit M. – intervened when two students were playing unsafely

Harveer C., Ayesha N., Janvi V., Simar K., Dishan G., Kiranjot C., Manpreet K., Zoya D., Anjalie R., Amnisha K., Zara A. and Samantha A. – arrive early, set up and organize all “Walking Wednesdays”



Principal’s Award

In May, two students were recognized for **outstanding** social responsibility and leadership contributions to the class and school environment. They help set the positive role model we expect from our older students. We are proud to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of:

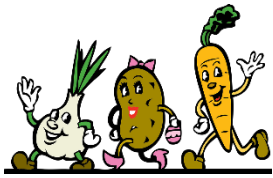
Jasmaan B. (Gr. 5)

Aurora B. (Gr. 7)

Track & Field

There was a record number of students who participated in the track and field practices this year. We were very pleased with the level of enthusiasm and the interest in our students learning about the different events. Approximately 30 students were selected for the school team and will represent North Ridge at the District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park on Thursday, May 31st. We wish our team Good Luck and know they will do their best. Ms. Rasmussen, Mr. Dockstader and Ms. Dixon will be coaching and supervising at the meet.

Walking Wednesday – Right Now @ 1500 pts. - Goal is 2000 pts.



Students are very close to reaching the goal! If they are successful, the school staff is planning an “Activity Afternoon” on June 26. The students will participate in activity-based stations organized by the teachers and rotate to 2 or 3 stations.

Reading Awards

In May, these students earned an award for reading 50, 100 or 150 nights. Congratulations to all of these students:

Bronze Level – Reading for 50 Nights

Rogeen H. Ekampreet S. Gurjaap B. Jalees C.

Silver Level – Reading for 100 Nights

Adele M.	Parmeet B.	Jaskirat C.
Yusuf R.	Seerat J.	Jasleen K.
Maneha M.	Ivan-Huy H.	Harleen B.
Komal J.	Fateh M.	Rupan N.

Gold Level – Reading for 150 Nights

Zaara S.	Ansh T.	Surleen B.
Zacharia A.	Ranveer B.	Muhammad N.
Aryan T.	Yuvraj L.	Ruth C.
Priya D.	Jasmine D.	Maheen J.
Sabih M.	Sahilpreet P.	Muskaan S.
Gurshaan K.	Sasha M.	

Prize Draw Winners

Jaiya G.	Jasleen K.	Maya B.
Manahil A.	Sarah S.	Ekbir R.
Parmeet P.	Laaibah J.	Arika K.
Dilraaj G.		

Bell Schedule for 2018-2019

8:28	Welcome Bell
8:33	Morning Instruction Begins
10:13 – 10:28	Recess
11:40 – 12:20	Lunch
12:20	Afternoon Bell
12:25	Afternoon Session Begins
2:25	Dismissal



Upcoming Events

May 31
District Track Meet
Bear Creek Park – All Day

June 6
School Spirit Day
“Hat / Crazy Socks”

June 8
Family Fun Day
Bike Parade / Stations /
PAC Concession

June 12
Parent Appreciation
Tea / Assembly
8:15 – 9:30 am

June 19
Talent Show Day #1
9:00 – 10:00 am

June 21
Talent Show Day #2
9:00 – 10:00 am

June 27
Grade 7 Year End
Celebration
Assembly / Lunch / Social

June 28
Report Cards
Year End Assembly
Last Day for Students
Early Dismissal @ 1:25 pm

June 29
Last Day for Staff
Administration Day

Key Calendar Dates – 2018/2019

Tuesday - September 4	Schools Open
Monday – September 24	Non-Instructional Day
Monday – October 8	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday – October 17	Early Dismissal – Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday – October 18	Early Dismissal – Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday – October 19	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday – November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday – November 9	Non-Instructional Day
Monday – November 12	Remembrance Day (Stat Holiday)
Friday – December 7	Report Card #1
Friday – December 21	Last Day Before Winter Break
Monday – December 24 to Friday – January 4	Winter Break
Monday – January 7	Schools Open
Tuesday – February 5	Early Dismissal – Student Led Conferences
Monday – February 18	Family Day
Friday – February 22	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday – March 14	Report Card #2
Friday - March 15	Last Day Before Spring Break
Monday – March 18 to Friday – March 29	Spring Break
Monday – April 1	Schools Open
Monday – April 8	Non-Instructional Day
Friday – April 19	Good Friday
Monday – April 22	Easter Monday
Friday – May 3	Non-Instructional Day
Monday – May 20	Victoria Day
Monday – May 27	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday – June 27	Early Dismissal - Report Card #3 Last Day for Students
Friday – June 28	Administration Day / Schools Close

