

### North Ridge Elementary

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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

#### **Office Staff:**

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto  
and  
Ms. Carly Favero

#### **MS. ELFSTROM AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE**

Our fall term is soaring right along here at North Ridge! We are grateful to have many of our school activities back such as assemblies, clubs, sports, student leadership, lunch monitors, hot lunches and more! Our older students are doing a remarkable job of being leaders and role models for our younger students. We see countless examples every day of older students helping younger ones solve problems, include them in games, guide them as lunch monitors and talk with them. Our caring adult and student leadership helps create a safe, happy and motivated school!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Elfstrom, Acting Vice Principal  
Mr. Redding, Principal

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#### **JUMP SET SPIKE**



The North Ridge boys and girls volleyball seasons are underway. The boys games are on Wednesdays and the girls play Thursdays after school. This week the boys team plays at Cougar Creek and our girls host Cougar Creek. We have over 55 Grade 6 and 7 athletes taking part in volleyball this year. Thanks to Ms. Targerson, Ms. Han, Mr. Naidu, Ms. Beamish and Mr. Redding for coaching! We are looking forward to the staff vs students volleyball match coming soon!

#### **SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

We are accepting money donations to a support program we have at North Ridge. Donated funds will go toward purchasing Superstore gift cards to be used for North Ridge families throughout the year in times of need. Please submit your donation to Ms. Favero or Ms. Grigoletto at the office if you wish to donate. Thank you!

#### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**



Our wonderful North Ridge student leadership team is now underway. This year we have 6 strands of leadership: Athletic, Technology, Announcer/MC, Community Service, Spirit and Mascot. We have over 70 students on our team this year! We are so impressed with the responsibility and teamwork of our leadership members as they dig into their new roles! Thanks so much to the teachers helping guide our leadership team this year. Thanks Mr. Pitre, Ms. Elfstrom, Ms. Brar, Ms. Targerson and Mr. Redding!

#### 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.

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS



We continue to practice our daily safety protocols at school. We have had a healthy fall so far; thanks so much for keeping your child at home when they are sick or have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, constant cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea. A big thanks goes to our wonderful staff and custodial department for working hard to keep us all safe!

## PUMPKIN PATCH

Our primary students were treated to a North Ridge style pumpkin patch on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>! Mrs. McCauley ordered 280 pumpkins from Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch and our Leadership Students helped spread all the pumpkins throughout the forest. These pumpkins cost \$3 each so thanks to our generous PAC for paying the complete pumpkin bill for us! The staff, students and families really appreciate our PAC!



## TERRY FOX GOAL ACHIEVED

Our North Ridge Leadership Team challenged the school to raise \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation this September. Fundraising picked up quickly when they announced that Mr. Redding, Ms. Favero and Ms. Elfstrom would get doused in ice water then get a pumpkin pie in their faces!

The end result was \$1338.45 raised for the Terry Fox Foundation!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



We had two very special and reflective Remembrance Ceremonies on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The primary assembly was at 8:45 am and the intermediate ceremony was at 9:30 am. We met as a school to honour and pay respect to Canadian war veterans and world peacekeepers. We had several class and student presenters and performers including Divisions 10 and 12 performing a song called Remember Flanders Fields. Students waved red scarves in timing to the music and held up lights to honour our veterans. We also had our 3 kindergarten classes beautifully sing A Peace Song. Grade 6/7s Puneet, Jasmeet and Mehtab did a powerful guided reading of In Flanders Fields and Arvin interviewed Mr.

Mujcin about his history of volunteering for the Canadian Military. Hopefully, next year we can invite parents to attend!

## READING LINK CHALLENGE

North Ridge Elementary Grade 4 and 5 students are once again invited to participate in the exciting Reading Link Challenge. Ms. Elfstrom will help the contestants form teams and then undertake the task of reading up to 6 books. Later in the school year they will be quizzed by our Surrey Public Librarian as they compete to reach the Surrey finals. A Reading Link Challenge meeting will be coming up soon!



## WEATHER UPDATE



It looks like our beautiful sunny and dry weather has come to an end. This is a reminder that all students will be expected to go outside at recess and lunch each day. Students will only be kept in during extremely poor weather. Children should be dressed to go outside with appropriate clothing and footwear. Waterproof coats, rubber boots and umbrellas are recommended for our rainy climate. It is recommended that your children keep a change of clothes or socks at school. This will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes. Please know we will call inside days for extreme weather, especially high winds.

## STUDENT DROP OFF SAFETY

### Best Options

- Walk to school with your child
- Park one to two blocks away and walk the rest of the way

### OK Option

- Come early and find a parking spot in a designated parking area on the street

### Worst/Unsafe Options

- Drive in Staff parking lot
- Double park
- Park in no parking zones or on the south side of 62<sup>nd</sup> avenue where there is no sidewalk
- Drop off your child by stopping in the flow of traffic

\*\* The Police and bylaw officers have also expressed concern about the unsafe options and told us they will be coming by more frequently.



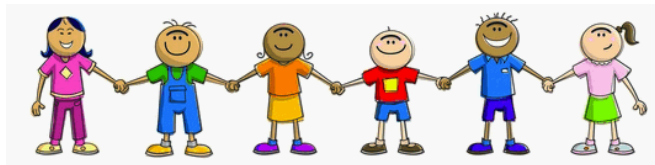
**Please do not choose from the bottom category.** We want you to help keep your child safe. This can be the most dangerous part of the school day for them. Please help your child stay safe at drop off and pick up times by choosing the Best or OK options. Thank you!

These November days are dark, rainy and gloomy. Students, remember to stop, look both ways and if a car is coming, wait until the vehicle is fully stopped before you cross the street. Please make sure you walk to school with a sibling, friend or an adult as traffic is busy around the school and travelling in groups is safer than being alone.

## ALLERGY-AWARE SCHOOL

Several of our students at North Ridge have severe life-threatening allergies/allergic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products, as well as other food products. Please help us in doing everything possible to protect these students. Some ways you can help include not sending food to school that contain peanuts/nuts. Remind your child to wash their hands carefully after eating and to not share or trade snacks. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to make our school a safe environment for all of our students.

**\*\*Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life-threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place\*\***



## CSL

### Communicating Student Learning at North Ridge

This year your child may receive one of two different reporting formats to communicate your child's learning.

**Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Template:** This reporting format will be a written document received three times per year. It will include both teacher and student assessment and reflection on your child's learning goals. The CSL reports will be issued December 3, March 10 and June 23.

**Digital Electronic Portfolios (FreshGrade):** Some teachers may choose to use FreshGrade, which is an electronic, on-line portfolio that is updated in an ongoing manner throughout the year. FreshGrade students will also receive a paper summative document in June. If your child's teacher is using this format, you will have received a FreshGrade parental consent letter.

## PARENTS AS PARTNERS

### Finding the Joy

When you talk to your child about their school day or about their learning, remember to always seek out the positives. This will help frame your child's school experience in an optimistic, motivating light. Too often we focus on what our kids are not doing correctly or what they need to improve upon. It is important to chat about their successes and other positive school experiences. This will help bolster their self-esteem and confidence.

Some conversation starters could be:

- What did you do at recess today?
- What was the most fun thing you learned today?
- Tell me one thing you learned today.
- Did anything different happen at school today?
- What are you looking forward to next at school?

## PAC NEWS

### Our PAC Executive for 2021-2022 are:

Pam Koffas – President  
Suzanne Baker – Vice President  
Parvinder Manhas – Secretary  
Ravinder Bassi – Treasurer

Our PAC meets monthly to discuss school events, fundraising and other information for the school. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, even if you are not on the Executive. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Our first PAC Meeting was on Sept. at 9:00 am. Elections were held for the PAC's President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. We would love to see new faces and fresh ideas!

COBS Bread in Panorama Marketplace (near the Dollarama just off 152 St and Hwy 10) is currently giving a 10% donation back to the school on all sales! You just have to mention that you are *raising dough for North Ridge* at time of purchase. Thanks for supporting North Ridge!

### PAC HOT LUNCH AND FUNDRAISING

Hot Lunch is again being done using Munchalunch. Instead of filling out paper order forms, parents will place the hot lunch orders on-line using:

[www.MunchaLunch.com](http://www.MunchaLunch.com)

You can pay for your orders online using credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Payment is due immediately upon ordering. You will need to register and set up your account. Place your orders all at once or week-to-week, just be sure it is in before the deadline (Notice with dates below and on website).

Our North Ridge t-shirt, zipper hoodie, sweatpants and ball hat orders will be placed shortly. Thank you to all families who placed an order. We will be having spirit t-shirt days throughout the year for our students to show their North Ridge and wear their shirts.

### PURDY'S FUNDRAISER ORDER

The deadline for the PAC sponsored Purdy's Chocolates order is Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We have included the link and information to order below!

## Upcoming Events

**Nov 18**  
Pizza Hut – PAC

**Nov 25**  
Fresh Slice – PAC

**Nov 26**  
Star Assembly  
8:45 – 10 am

**Dec 1 - 15**  
Collection of toques,  
gloves, mitts  
(details coming soon)

**Dec 2**  
Pizza Hut – PAC

**Dec 3**  
Report Card 1  
Goes Home

Individual Photos

**Dec 6 – 10**  
Scholastic Book Fair  
in Library (details  
coming soon)

**Dec 9**  
Fresh Slice/Yogurt –  
PAC

**Dec 16**  
Pizza Hut

**Dec 17**  
Star Assembly  
8:45 – 10 am

**Dec 20 – Jan 2**  
Winter Break

**Jan 3**  
School Reopens



The PAC is happy to announce that Hot Lunches are back!! Please note for Covid Safety, there will be no food handling by parents/teachers. All food will be individually boxed and prepared by the vendors. Please be sure to get your orders in before you forget. The first order deadline is October 27! We will be using the Munchalunch System like we have in previous years to ensure accurate orders and no money handling.

**\*\*Important:** The order cut-off is a week in advance. Please keep this in mind if you are ordering weekly. **Food must be ordered and paid for by Midnight on the Wednesday (8 days before delivery date).** No late orders will be accepted.

**Pre-order Hot Lunches** at: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthRidge>

Please note: The **order must be fully paid** (VISA/MasterCard) by midnight 8 days before delivery. No late orders/payments will be accepted. **\*Important \*Check your email** to confirm payment went through – your child’s order is not complete until paid, and he/she will not receive their lunch.

**New to Munchalunch? HOW TO REGISTER:**

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/NorthRidge>
- 2) Click the **“Register Here”** button. The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green **“Order Lunch!”** button to order

Next time, just click the **“Login Here”** button to access your account

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### Upcoming Pizza + Frozen Yogurt

<b>Fresh Slice &amp; TCBY</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov 4</b> -> *Online order closes midnight Oct. 27
<b>Pizza Hut</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov 18</b> ->*Online order closes midnight Nov 10
<b>Fresh Slice</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov 25</b> ->*Online order closes midnight Nov 17
<b>Pizza Hut</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec 2</b> -> *Online order closes midnight Nov 24
<b>Fresh Slice &amp; TCBY</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec 9</b> -> *Online order closes midnight Dec 1
<b>Pizza Hut</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec 16</b> ->*Online order closes midnight Dec 8

**Please note: Dates and vendors for the Winter (January-March) will be given the last week before Christmas break.** We will be adding different Restaurants during this time. Questions or Suggestions?? Please e-mail: [surreynorthridgepac@gmail.com](mailto:surreynorthridgepac@gmail.com)



 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

## Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?



We get up to 25% back in fundraising profit, and you get chocolates made in Canada with premium quality ingredients, and sustainable cocoa.



**Thank you for your support!**

### WHO WE ARE

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

### WE'RE FUNDRAISING FOR

North Ridge Elementary

### ORDER ONLINE:

1. Sign in or create a new supporter account either by clicking the link sent to you by our coordinator or by visiting [fundraising.purdys.com](http://fundraising.purdys.com)
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number below on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter the number below into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on **JOIN CAMPAIGN**.

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CUSTOMER NUMBER

### PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

November 28

DATE

### PICK UP ORDERS ON:

December 10 - between 1:45-2:45

DATE

### AT:

Front of School - Outside of Office

ADDRESS

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:

North Ridge PAC

TELEPHONE OR NUMBER

PHONE

[surreynorthridgepac@gmail.com](mailto:surreynorthridgepac@gmail.com)

E-MAIL

**Thank You for Your Support !**

We are fundraising towards new iPads for the School

Top Fundraiser will receive a North Ridge Ball Hat!!  
\*size Youth or Adult