

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. EPPELE AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

We hope you and your family are feeling healthy and strong through these rainy November days. We are having a busy fall with student learning flowing well and our safety protocols being followed daily. Our eating time has been calm and safe as our teachers are supervising our students during this time. This also means that our students get 45 minutes outside for playtime at lunch. Thanks for helping your child(ren) dress for the weather so they are warm and comfortable outside. Also having an extra pair of clothes at school is helpful if your child slips in the mud or falls in a puddle!

We apologize again for having to keep parents outside during the day by locking our front door. We appreciate your partnership and we feel sad that we have to have this Covid 19 protocol. We remain, however, highly committed to working together with you to help your child be the best they can be. Please don't hesitate to call or knock on our office window if you need to chat to Ms. Eppele or myself. We are always available for you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Eppele, Vice Principal
Mr. Redding, Principal

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, significant cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea. Although we have had 3 Covid exposure letters at our school this fall, we have not seen spreading of this disease inside the school. A big thanks goes to our wonderful staff and custodial department for working hard to keep us all safe!

BLENDED PROGRAM

As you may know, we have 6 Blended classes at North Ridge. They participate in on-line learning in the morning and attend up to 3 afternoons per week. We have sent out a survey to ask the Blended parents if they choose to continue this program or return to full time face-to-face instruction. Unfortunately, we are unable to give families of full time face-to-face instruction the option to switch to blended; this is a Surrey School District rule.

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.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Our primary students were treated to a North Ridge style pumpkin patch on Tuesday, October 20th! Ms. Mawhinney ordered 280 pumpkins from Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch and Division 2 helped spread all the pumpkins across our large front lawn. Thanks to Division 1 students who guarded our valuable vegetables so all primary students could select one pumpkin each. We had bright orange, dark green, white, smooth, warty and many other variations to choose from. 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!



VIRTUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

We recorded a 40-minute ceremony that all students and staff watched in their classrooms on the morning of November 10th. We are so proud of all the students and classes that contributed artwork, poems, songs, comments and perspectives for this important event. Thanks also to our two outstanding MCs Charlotte and Anureet and to our two readers Khushi and Japleen. A special feature this year was Ben talking about his relative and war hero veteran Tommy Prince. Ben shared with us why he is so proud of his relative and explained how Tommy served our country in two different wars. We hope that we helped students understand the meaning of Remembrance Day and why it is important to honor the hundreds of thousands of people who fought to help give us freedom in our beautiful country of Canada!



KNITTING CLUB

Ms. Elfstrom has started a knitting club twice a week for Divisions 4 and 5. The students are now slowly figuring out the intricate knitting steps though the patient and persistent instruction of Ms. Elfstrom. We are excited to see some colorful and cozy scarves in weeks to come!



GROWING NORTH RIDGE

We are now currently at 495 students! We have grown over 80 students in the past three years! We have received confirmation from the district that we will be receiving an additional portable over the winter break, which will be placed on our front lawn outside the kindergarten rooms. Ms. Ichiki's class will move from the gym to that portable in January. Also, Ms. Hua's portable will be moved at the same time from the parking lot to the front lawn next to the new portable. Ms. Hua's portable is being moved to free up parking spots for our staff, which now totals 66.

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL



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: refraining from sending food to school that contain peanuts/nuts, remind your child to wash their hands carefully after eating if there is an anaphylactic student in your child's classroom and remind your child 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 4, March 11 and June 24.

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.

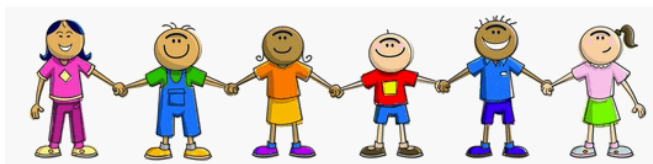
SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

We are accepting 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!

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Homework Hints

1. Provide a well-lit, quiet distraction-free area to do homework.
2. Put personal devices that have social media, game apps etc... away during homework time.
3. Set aside a homework time, ideally the same time every day. This will help create routine.
4. If your child has no homework, you can give additional activities such as writing letters, journal, online academic activities, reading...
5. Act as your child's advisor. You are there to help them when needed but you want to help build independence.
6. Homework in elementary should be relatively light in quantity. Students should understand the concepts assigned for homework and homework can also include daily reading.
7. Show interest in your child's homework, check it over and be positive and encouraging about their efforts!
8. Remember, you are helping build work ethic and positive habits your child can build on through their years.



NORTH RIDGE SUPER WRITERS

Peace Poem

Peace, no racism, no discrimination and no hate. A peaceful world with nothing to hate about. Everyone has their differences but are respected. Compassion and love spreads around. Everyone's opinions are respected not hate. Spread love, not hate.

By Arvin, Div. 4

Mr. Porkchop's Dream

Mr. Porkchop was sweating, having a headache and was slouched on his luxurious pig chair. His homework assignment was due tomorrow and he barely began. He was sweating very hard that his homework was as soggy as a paper drifting in sewer water. In fact, it was so soggy you couldn't see a question on it. He went to ask his older sister but all she said was, "I'm busy". Mr. Porkchop pounded the table then he yelled, "NO YOU'RE NOT"! He sounded like the Hulk. His sister got out of her chair then she clenched her fist and cracked her knuckles. She charged at him. After getting beaten up by his sister, he went to bed. He kept tossing, turning and sweating. When he woke up he realized it was all a dream. He ran as fast as a cheetah to check his homework. When he looked at his homework, it appeared to be done. He had a smirk on his face and walked down the stairs with his chest up. As Mr. Porkchop ate breakfast with his family, they looked at him in a strange way. When he went upstairs to go to his class meeting the teacher said, "Here's the new project about atoms and molecules". Mr. Porkchop froze. Then he fainted with his camera on.

By Mateo, Div. 7

Coast Salish Food

The Coast Salish people used Soapberries to make ice cream and drinks. Did you know that the Coast Salish people were the first people. Oolichan oil can be used to treat cuts, burns and bites. They also eat fish, deer, elk, moose and bear. Coast Salish people eat a lot of salmon and shellfish. They also eat roots, herbs and berries. Oolichan oil is a good waterproofing tool. Salmon is eaten right away or dried/saved for winter. Oolichan oil is used to flavor food. Soapberries are a common treat.

By Nathaniel, Div. 12

Halloween

Last year's Halloween was the best! I got so much candy that my Dad's trunk was filled up. I saw so many decorations like ghosts, fake heads, and so much more. I smelled smoke from fireworks and I smelled make up. I touched candy wrappers, doorbells, pumpkin seeds and a basket. I went with my sister and my Dad drove the car while my Mom supervised us. It was the best Halloween ever!

By Karmanpal, Div. 12

PAC NEWS

Our PAC Executive for 2020-2021 are:

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

PURDY'S FUNDRAISER ORDER

The deadline for the PAC sponsored Purdy's Chocolates order is Wednesday, November 25th. We have included the link and information to order below!

Upcoming Events

Dec 4
Report Card 1
Goes Home

Dec 21 – Jan 3
Winter Break

Jan 4
School Reopens



CHOCOLATIER

CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?



We get 25% back in fundraising profits from every sale—
and you get chocolates crafted in Canada with
premium-quality ingredients and 100% sustainable cocoa.



Thank you for your support!

WHO WE ARE

The 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 <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx>
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 25 - No Late Orders

DATE

PICK UP ORDERS ON:

December 11 between 1:30-3:00

DATE

AT:

North Ridge Elementary

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact our coordinator.

Suzanne

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