

North Ridge Elementary

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Fall is definitely upon us... cooler mornings, rainy days, falling leaves and of course pumpkins.

Our students have been working very hard this term. I am enjoying visiting classrooms and seeing the many activities and projects that our students are working on. We have a wonderful display of artwork and writing projects throughout the school hallways. It has been a wonderful start to our school year and we are looking forward to the upcoming months.

This Friday is a Provincial Professional Day for Staff and Students. While our students are off for the day, our staff are all off at workshops throughout the province. Our school will not be open.

Please remember to stay connected with North Ridge by signing up for our newsletters on-line and as well, check our school website often for updated calendar of events and other school information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stubbings



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.

Hello's and Good-Bye's

As many of you know we had to say good-bye to our Music and Band Teacher, Ms. Hutchinson at the end of September. Ms. Hutchinson was offered a position as a High School Band Teacher in our district and could not pass up the amazing opportunity. She enjoyed her time with us at North Ridge and will miss the students. We wish Ms. Hutchinson all the best at her new assignment and we will miss her.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Ryeo to North Ridge as our new Music and Band Teacher. Mr. Ryeo joins us from Prince George and is looking forward to working with the students and families at our school.

Announcements

Mrs. Leung welcomed a beautiful baby girl into her family at the beginning of this month. We congratulate Mrs. Leung and look forward to her and baby coming in for a visit.

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. Some children may wish to keep a change of clothes or socks at school. This will ensure that you are not called during the day to bring dry clothes.

Pokémon Cards

Recently many students have been coming to school with their Pokémon cards. While this is a game that many students enjoy playing, we have noticed an increase in incidents occurring during recess and lunch due to the cards. We have had cards being stolen, bad trades occurring, some older students taking advantage of our younger students in these trades, leading up to fights over cards and trades. After a long discussion as a staff, we have decided that Pokémon cards are not to be brought to school. Staff will be taking cards away from students until the end of the day if they are coming to school. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Upcoming Events

October 18th

Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm
Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 19th

Early Dismissal – 1:25 pm
Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 20th

Professional Development Day –
Students not to attend

October 23rd

Happy Diwali

October 31st

Halloween Theme Day
(Students can wear costumes)

November 2nd

Photo Retakes

November 3rd

Non-Instructional Day
Students not to attend

November 9th

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10th

Non-Instructional Day
Students not to attend

November 13th

Statutory Holiday
School Closed

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, remind your child to not share or trade snacks and do not use these products in any treats that you may send into the classroom throughout the year. 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****



Halloween at North Ridge

We will be having our Halloween Integrated Day on Tuesday, October 31st. The teachers have planned a great day for the students with fun activities, a costume parade, as well as a Halloween Assembly. Students are invited to wear their costumes to school on Halloween. A reminder from our Safe Schools Department regarding Halloween costumes: "It is expected that students will not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon, on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school." Please remind your children that replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school even if they are part of their Halloween costume.

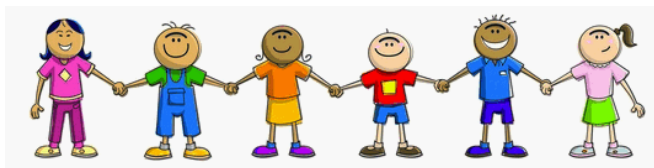
Halloween in the Community

We are asking that all students be aware and practice all safety rules on Halloween. These safety rules will be discussed with students both in class as well as during our Halloween assembly. Every Halloween children and adults are seriously injured and sometimes killed by fireworks. According to Surrey and White Rock bylaws, it is illegal for any person to be in the possession of fireworks of any kind. The only exception is for persons who have a valid federal supervisor's certificate from the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada. However, city permits must be obtained and other restrictions still apply. The penalty for violating the bylaw is a fine of up to \$5,000 and seizure of the fireworks. Any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved face suspension. Please report any suspicious activity around the school grounds after school hours and especially throughout the week up to and including Halloween. We will have Security on site at North Ridge during Halloween so that our school is monitored that night.

Have a Safe and Fun Halloween!

Parking Reminders

Please help us keep our student's safe. **Our Parking lot is for Staff only.** We ask that families not use the lot as the spots are for Staff, as we often have Staff coming and going throughout the day. Students are not to be in the parking lot during the day. Students and families are asked to access the school using the stairs or the ramp. Please do not walk up the parking lot entrance. As many of you may remember, we had the City of Surrey come out last year to do a review of the parking around our school. They have made some changes to parking around the schools. The area on 134th Street in front of the school is now designated as a 15-minute parking zone before and after school. The area in front of the school along 62nd Avenue is for drop off and pick-up only. There is no parking along this area and vehicles should keep moving to help with the congestion in the neighbourhood. Please note that we also have students who arrive to North Ridge by school bus. Our bus must pull up along the curb, please keep the traffic moving along 62nd Avenue to allow for the bus to drop off and pick up our students safely. The bus may honk if it cannot stop safely to allow our students to exit or enter the bus. We encourage our students and families to walk or bike to school. We thank you for your support in this matter to ensure the safety of our students and families. Please see the attached map from the city of Surrey with designated parking and drop-off/pick-up areas.



PAC News

Our PAC Executive for 2017-2018 are:

Pam Koffas – President
Suzanne Baker – Vice President
Eva Taylor – Secretary
Jaskirat Singhera – 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.

PAC Hot Lunch and Fundraising

Hot Lunch is going green! Instead of filling out paper order forms, parents will place the hot lunch orders on-line using:

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 available on website).

Our North Ridge t-shirt and sweatshirt orders were done on MunchaLunch and ended Friday, October 13th. 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 Pride and wear their shirts.

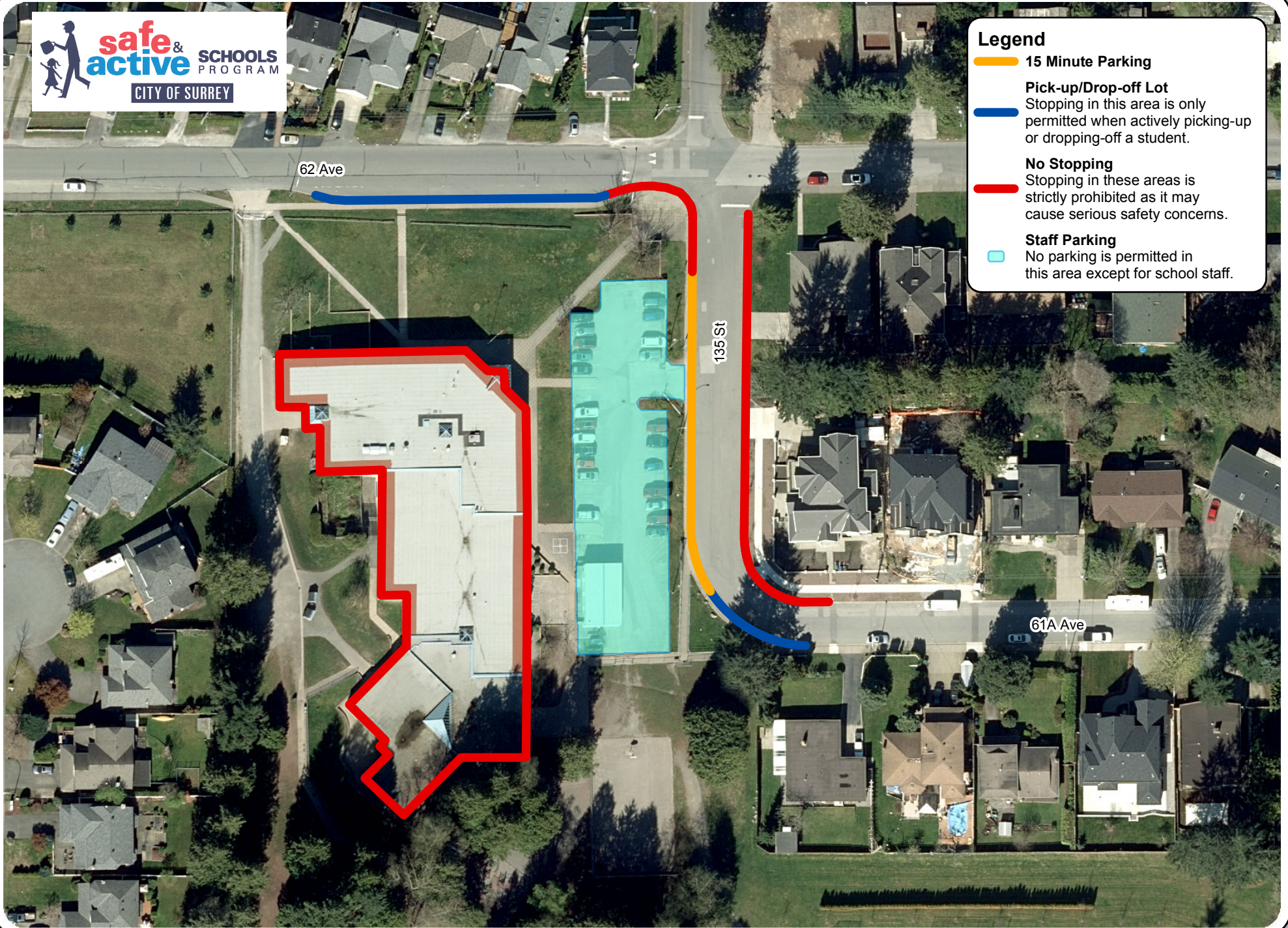
Popcorn sales are on the first and last Tuesday of each month. Popcorn is \$1.00 per bag. Students do not need to pre-order, but must bring their money that day.



Upcoming Fundraisers:

- World's Finest Chocolate Bars
- North Ridge Cookbook





Legend

- **15 Minute Parking**
- **Pick-up/Drop-off Lot**
Stopping in this area is only permitted when actively picking-up or dropping-off a student.
- **No Stopping**
Stopping in these areas is strictly prohibited as it may cause serious safety concerns.
- **Staff Parking**
No parking is permitted in this area except for school staff.

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