

North Ridge Elementary

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

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MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to say how amazed I am with our North Ridge community. We are incredibly lucky to have a highly dedicated, skilled, student centered staff that work so hard every day to help our students become the best learners and citizens they can be. The collaborative, team-oriented environment here at our school helps ensure that student needs of all kinds are addressed in a caring and thorough manner. We are grateful for our enthusiastic students, caring families and for the wonderful staff that lead our school.

We also know that problems do happen at North Ridge. From student bullying to rumour spreading to disrespect, our staff diligently works through these issues with the students involved. The focus is on teaching more caring, respectful ways of communicating and helping students understand how to become better citizens. As always, we have a complete open door policy at North Ridge. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please come in and talk to our staff or myself. We value your opinion and input; we feel honoured to serve this great community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Redding, Principal

CRESCENT PARK MUD RUN



Ten intermediate runners took off to Crescent Park with Ms. Rasmussen on Tuesday to participate in a fun 2 km trail race in Crescent Park. Congratulations to Serit M., Inigo A., Jaskaran G., Owen X., Manmeet N., Shahaan K., Sanja N., Anjalie R., Abdulrahman A.N., David C. and Mishaal M. for completing the challenging and muddy race course!

SOCCER

Our short but intense soccer season is now complete. North Ridge had a Grade 7 team in the official league this year. Our soccer stars played magnificently and developed wonderful teamwork and passing skills as the season progressed. The team had a very competitive play day letting in only two goals the entire tournament. We ended up placing third and played a valiant second half of the final game for a comeback victory against Westerman. The Grade 6 team won 5-0 against the Strawberry Hill squad and the Grade 5 team will be playing at Strawberry Hill this Thursday!



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 LEADERSHIP



The North Ridge student leadership team is underway again this year. Ms. Gill and Ms. E. Campbell are the teacher leaders this year. The leadership team helped organize the Terry Fox Run and the fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation. As well, the student leaders are leading the way with technology setting up for assemblies, taking photos and making slide shows. Spirit Days have also been organized for the year and the first spirit day (Crazy Hair Day) was a great success!

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Thinking Games

Families spend lots of time together and are on the go. Whether walking to the mall or going to the park or doing errands, try these thinking games with your child to help sharpen their creativity and thinking skills.

Would You Rather. In this game each player takes turns offering two choices to decide upon. For example, would you rather live on a beach or in the mountains? The other players choose and give reasons for their choices. Then the next player gives two choices for another activity and the process continues again.

Three Favourites: This game requires players to choose a topic such as books, movies, action figures, cities and name their three favourites. After each rotation a new topic is chosen.

What Doesn't Belong: A player lists a group of items such as ostrich, canary, owl and asks, "Which one doesn't belong?" The other players have to guess which one and state why.

As kids practice these games, their creativity and thinking will definitely improve!

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 7, March 14 and June 27.

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We invite parents and guardians to attend this very special and solemn ceremony on Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 am. We meet as a school to honour and pay respect to Canadian War Veterans and world peacekeepers. At North Ridge we also take the opportunity to look for hope and peace in our world for all. Please join us!

TERRY FOX RUN

The Student Leadership Team challenged the school to raise \$800 for the Terry Fox Foundation this September. Fundraising picked up quickly when they announced that Mr. Redding would be duct taped to the gym wall during an assembly! In a week we raised \$840 dollars! The next step was to buy 10 rolls of duct tape and then.... Mr. Redding was indeed taped to the wall during our September 28 monthly assembly. He hung on the wall for about ten minutes before breaking out of the tape jail!

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.

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****



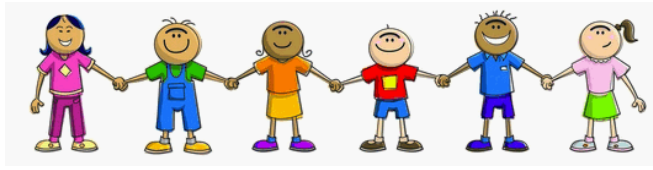
HALLOWEEN AT NORTH RIDGE

We will be having our Halloween Integrated Day on Wednesday, October 31st. The teachers have planned a great day for the students with fun activities. The Primary classes have planned a Halloween craft rotation amongst their grade groups and there will also be a primary costume parade through the classrooms in the afternoon. 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. Masks may be worn inside the school as long as they are not violent in nature.

HALLOWEEN IN THE COMMUNITY

We are asking that all students be aware and practice all safety rules on Halloween. 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!



PAC NEWS

Our PAC Executive for 2018~2019 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 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

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 are due on Friday, October 26th. 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 last Thursday of each month. Popcorn is \$1.00 per bag. Students do not need to pre-order, but must bring their money that day.

Brought to you by the North Ridge PAC

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

Please note: There will be **NO EXTRA** hot lunches for sale on the day of. You must preorder via Munchalunch and **order must be fully paid** (VISA/Mastercard) by midnight the Sunday before. No late orders/payments will be accepted. Check your email to confirm payment went through. If you are already registered for Munchalunch; please update your child's new division/class.

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

Upcoming Hot Lunches, Popcorn + Frozen Yogurt

Taco Del Mar	Wed, Oct 17 →	*Online Ordering closes midnight Oct 14
Popcorn	Thurs, Oct 25	**Please bring \$1.00 to school
Pizza	Wed, Oct 31 →	*Online Ordering closes midnight Oct 28
Frozen Yogurt	Wed, Nov 7 ->	*Online Ordering closes midnight Nov 4
Taco Del Mar	Wed, Nov 14 →	*Online Ordering closes midnight Nov 11
Popcorn	Thurs, Nov 22	**Please bring \$1.00 to school
Pizza	Wed, Nov 28 →	*Online Ordering closes midnight Nov 25
Frozen Yogurt	Wed, Dec 5 ->	*Online Ordering closes midnight Dec 2
Taco Del Mar	Wed, Dec 12 →	*Online Ordering closes midnight Dec 9
Pancake Breakfast	Friday, Dec 21	**More information to come* *

The PAC has a Facebook page! Keep up to date with lunches + fundraising!! Stay tuned for Hoodies/shirt sales!

Follow and Like the page: @SurreyNorthRidgePAC

<<Big Thank you to our Vendors>>

Fresh Slice Pizza (Newton), Taco Del Mar (Langley) and TCBY Yogurt (POCO)

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PALS

Parents as Literacy Supporters Program

At North Ridge Elementary School

2018/2019

Attention all 3-4 year olds. North Ridge will be hosting 5 PALS sessions this year and 1 Ready, Set, Learn session. PALS and Ready, Set, Learn are Surrey school district programs for parents and their 3 and 4 year old children. It is designed to build the connection between home and school and to get ready for kindergarten. Each session focuses on early literacy and numeracy skills through games, activities and songs. Families will take home a goodie bag, books, as well as ideas and strategies to support their children with literacy development. This is a parent participation program so all parents are required to stay throughout the sessions. Sessions will be from 8:35 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., in the school Library. **Please note that in prior years we have had the PALS sessions on a Friday but they will now be held on a Monday.**

The following is a list of the dates for both programs:

Session 1: Mon, Dec. 3

Session 2: Mon, Jan. 14

Session 3: Mon, Feb. 11

Session 4: Mon, Mar. 4

Session 5: Mon, April 15

Ready, Set, Learn: Fri, May 10* different time: 1-2 pm

Each session includes:

- Fun activities for parents/caregivers to do with their preschooler
- Snack time
- Time for parents to learn new ways to help their children learn
- Stories and songs
- A take home bag full of things to do and use at home such as a tool kit with scissors, pencils, glue, a book and materials related to the session activities (magnetic letters, markers, etc.)

PALS is a great way for young children to become more comfortable and confident at school and to get ready for Kindergarten. And PALS is completely **FREE!**

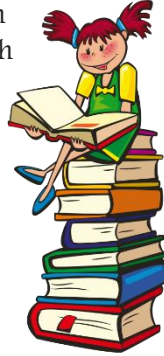
If you are interested in being a part of this program, please pre-register by calling the school office at 604-599-3900. You will be required to give your child's name and age, plus a phone number and e-mail address where you can be reached. Space is limited, so please register early and commit to all of the sessions.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Helpfulness is the virtue of the month of October. We are learning about this important virtue and how it is a key component in communities and families. We are looking forward to recognizing at our **Oct 26 Star Assembly** helpful students in each division.

NORTH RIDGE READING PROGRAM

North Ridge Elementary students are **Reading for Gold**. Each night in which students read, or, are read to, for a minimum of 15-20 minutes they fill in a line of their reading log. Students will earn 1 point for each night they read. In the spirit of the Olympics, when they reach Bronze, Silver, Gold levels, they will get a certificate, their name in the newsletter and their name displayed on the medal podium in the school.



Here are the levels:

50 nights of reading: Bronze

100 nights of reading: Silver

150 nights of reading: Gold

Furthermore, each month that students complete 20 nights of reading their name will go into a draw for prizes. Names will be drawn during the monthly assembly for prizes.

Good luck North Ridge Readers!

Upcoming Events

Oct 26
Star Assembly
9 – 10 am

Oct 31
Halloween
Pizza - PAC

Nov 1
Photo Retakes

Nov 7
Frozen Yogurt - PAC

Nov 8
Remembrance Day Assembly
9 – 10 am

Nov 9
Non-Instructional Day

Nov 12
Remembrance Day

Nov 14
Dress as a Book Character Day
Taco Del Mar - PAC

Nov 22
Popcorn – PAC

Nov 28
PJ Day
Pizza - PAC

Nov 30
Star Assembly
9 – 10 am