



# NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Principal:

Mrs. Tammy Stubbings

## October Newsletter

Look for newsletter and other school information posted on our school web site:  
[www.surreyschools.ca/northridge](http://www.surreyschools.ca/northridge)

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Can you believe that October is almost done? Thankfully the sun and warmer weather has decided to stay with us for just a bit longer and the rain has been staying away.

I first off wanted to thank everyone for making me feel very welcomed at North Ridge. I am enjoying my time here and getting to know the students and families. Please stop me outside to introduce yourself during morning drop off and pick up, if you have not already done so.

We have had a busy two months with Our first Fire Drill, our Terry Fox Event, Meet the Teacher and Family Picnic, Zumba, Student Photos, Student Vote 2015, Interim Reports, Parent-Teacher Conferences, a Pro-D, Jumpstart has started for our intermediate students and our month will end with our Halloween Theme Day on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 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. Please check our school website often for updated calendar of events and other school information.

Sincerely,

Tammy Stubbings  
Principal

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Office Staff:

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto  
and  
Ms. Jennifer Pratap

### Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we would appreciate it if you would phone before school 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.**

### When to Keep Your Sick Child Home

It is that time of year again with the bugs hitting home and school. For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever
- are vomiting ☐
- is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease
- (ie strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash). Keep them home until they are no longer infectious.

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, October 28  
Friday, October 30  
Saturday, October 31  
Wednesday, November 4  
Thursday, November 5  
Tuesday, November 10  
Wednesday, November 11  
Thursday, November 12  
Friday, November 13  
November 17 - 20  
Friday, December 4

Grade 6 Immunization  
Halloween at School - Students can wear costumes  
Halloween  
Photo Retakes  
HOJA Presentation for all students - 1pm  
Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:30  
No School - Remembrance Day - STAT Holiday  
No School - Non-Instructional Day/students do not attend  
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Young Actors Project/Workshops  
Term 1 Report sent home



### 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 student 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 – October 30th**

We will be having our Halloween Integrated Day on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 Friday. 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 \$5000 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 and the weekend.

**Have a safe and fun Halloween!**



### **JUMPSTART ACADEMY**

Our Intermediate Jumpstart Academy Program started October 5 and runs until December 11. Our program runs Monday and Tuesday from 2:45 – 4:30. We still have spots available in our program for students in Grades 4 – 7. The goal of the Jumpstart program is to connect students to community and school based recreational opportunities and to pursue lifelong physical activity. If your child is interested in attending this FREE program, please contact the office.