## NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

**Student Planner:** We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner. As part of the provincial student learning grant, the student planner has been reduced to \$2 for the 2017-18 school year. The remaining funds from this learning grant have been used to provide learning resources to schools. Included in the planner is our school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills.

**Field Studies and Field Trips:** Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

**Musical Instruments:** Often times Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for approximately \$6.50 or receiving one on loan from the school. This will be determined in the new school year. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for/take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

**School Supplies:** Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start Supplies. Payment is made directly to School Start online or you may submit payment through the school. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Kindergarten supplies will be bulk ordered this year for all students for a cost of \$40 per student, that is payable to the school in September.

We thank you for your on-going support and commitment of our school and your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Tammy Stubbings Principal