

### North Ridge Elementary

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#### MS. EPPELE AND MR. REDDING'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the staff at North Ridge Elementary, we would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome back to our students and families. A special welcome goes out to students and families attending North Ridge for the first time. September is an exciting time of year full of new beginnings for us all. At North Ridge, we are committed to providing an excellent learning environment for your children and to fostering a strong pride in our school community. We are dedicated to supporting your children in their academic, social and physical development and we are thrilled to be embarking on a new year of fulfilling learning experiences!

We would like you to know that we have an open-door policy and we highly value your ongoing communication. We look forward to meeting you soon out front in the mornings and during after school times. Parents, staff and school administration are all part of the same team who work hard to support your child. Once again, welcome to North Ridge for the 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Eppele, Vice-Principal  
Mr. Redding, Principal

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#### THANK YOU FROM MS. EPPELE

What a wonderful start to the new school year! The North Ridge community has been so welcoming and friendly. Over the past two weeks what has stood out to me has been the kindness and helpfulness the students and staff have offered to everyone. I feel very lucky and privileged to be joining such an amazing and kind community. Thanks so much for the amazing welcome! I am looking forward to the upcoming school year!

Ms. Eppele

#### 2019-2020 \*\* NEW \*\* BELL SCHEDULE

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
10:20 – 10:35	Recess Begins
11:37 – 11:52	Eating Time
11:52 – 12:25	Outside Play Time
12:25	Classes Begin
2:25	Students Dismissed



#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

#### **Office Staff:**

Mrs. Pauline Grigoletto  
and  
Ms. Carly Favero

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#### 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.

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NORTH RIDGE 2019-2020 STAFF

Ms. Rasmussen	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Robinson/Ms. Van Berkel	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Pitre	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Dockstader	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Wong	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Han	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Dhaliwal	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Mujcin	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Targerson/Ms. Epele	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Campbell/Ms. Judge	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Hotti	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Johal	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. McLeod/Ms. Peterson	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Leung/Ms. Hua	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Nomura	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Gibson	Classroom Teacher
TBD	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. McCauley	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Krajnc	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Sahota	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Elfstrom	Library
Ms. Feuring	Music Teacher
Mr. Penner	Band Teacher
Ms. Epele	French Teacher
Ms. Campbell	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Fleming	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Jawanda	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Wells	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Young	Learning Support Teacher
Mrs. Cordukes	Integration Support Teacher
Mrs. Tumolva	Integration Support Teacher
Ms. Genschorek	Counsellor
Mr. Lee	Child Care Worker
Ms. Bains	EA
Ms. Boyd	EA
Ms. Brar	EA
Ms. Connolly	EA
Ms. Fisher	EA
Ms. Johal	EA
Ms. Kale	EA
Ms. Kelly	EA
Ms. Koffas	EA
Mr. Leek	EA
Ms. Ogilvy	EA
Ms. Parhar	EA
Ms. Pashan	EA
Ms. Perpose	EA
Ms. Russell	ABA
Ms. Tung	EA
Ms. Wilson	EA
Mrs. Grigoletto	Head Clerk
Ms. Favero	Office Clerk
Ms. Epele	Vice-Principal
Mr. Redding	Principal



## CLASS ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Thanks for your patience as we rotated grade groups of students. This start is consistent with all schools in the district as final student numbers need to be determined before classes can be firmly established. Our school population has grown and we have now been given one extra division teacher. We now have 20 divisions! **Students are now placed into their classes and are ready to embark on their school year!**

## NORTH RIDGE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

We are excited to announce the start of cross-country running season at North Ridge. Our Grades 3-7 students can join our team. We will participate in five races at Crescent Park to be held on Tuesdays starting Sept. 24th. Our training day will be Thursdays after school. Interested students will receive a permission form on Sept. 13th with all the details!



## STUDENT PLANNERS

Planners will be handed out by your child's teacher at some point this week or next week. The agenda cost is \$5 each. Please give this money to your teacher ASAP.

## HONOURING OUR STUDENTS

We are always looking for ways to honour and recognize the children throughout the year. Please join us at the school for assemblies and special events. These dates are noted on the calendar and on our school website.

## RUNNING FOR TERRY

**On Thursday, Sept. 26th, we will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run. This run is a wonderful community event that celebrates the life of one of Canada's greatest heroes and, more importantly, teaches students about courage, determination and respect.**

Our Terry Fox Run will take place on school grounds at 10:45 am. Parents, lace up your shoes and join us! This year we are being matched up with the Surrey Fire Fighters and they will match whatever we raise. We are hoping to raise at least \$1,000 this year.

## ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Surrey School District does not insure for expenses incurred if a student is injured on school grounds or during school activities, and the Medical Services Plan (MSP) is limited and does not cover all of the charges. However, families have the opportunity to purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

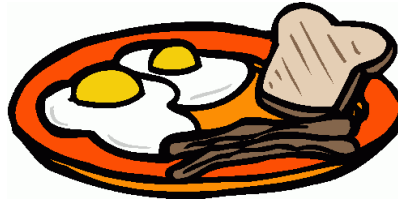
The plan's features include:

- Coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school
- Coverage of expenses that are limited, or not insured under private or group insurance plans or MSP, including private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling, rehabilitation and more
- Coverage of injury-related dental work, including future expenses
- Fully-transferable insurance from school-to-school anywhere in Canada
- Optional premium plans cover babysitting costs or a teen's wages from a part time job, should a student be homebound due to injuries

For more information and to apply, visit [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://www.iapkidsplus.com)

**PARENTS AS PARTNERS**

A well-balanced breakfast is always an excellent way to start the day. Breakfast gives children the energy their bodies need to help their brains function well at school. It has been proven that breakfast eaters learn more effectively than those who don't eat breakfast.



# SAFETY

**SCHOOL VISITORS**

In the interest of safety, everyone entering the school must check in at the office. We have a visitor protocol that involves signing in and wearing a badge. Classrooms are busy learning places and we try not to interrupt them during instructional time. If you need to see your child or leave him or her a message, our office staff will happily take care of that for you.

**PARKING & STUDENT DROP OFF**

Our staff parking lot is a “NO STUDENT DROP OFF” area. Please park in the designated areas on the surrounding streets. A healthy alternative is to walk to school with your child. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

# Welcome Back!

**Upcoming Events**

**Sept 24**  
Open House  
6:30 pm  
(more info to follow)

Sept 25  
PAC Mtg  
9 am

**Sept 26**  
Terry Fox Run  
10:45 a.m.

**Sept 27**  
Star Assembly  
9 – 10 am

Orange Shirt Day

**Sept 30**  
Non-Instructional Day