

North Ridge Elementary

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Ms. Epele Moving to Cambridge

Our outstanding Vice Principal, Ms. Epele, has been transferred to Cambridge Elementary. The administrative move happened at the end of August due to Cambridge not having a current Vice Principal. We are so sad to see Ms. Epele leave as she made so many strong connections with our students and staff. Her student-centred, caring ways with all people was a wonderful gift to our school. The district thinks very highly of Ms. Epele and we know this next step is a short one on her way to becoming a Surrey principal.

New Acting Vice Principal

We are so lucky to announce that our fantastic Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Elfstrom, will be our Acting Vice principal this school year. She will continue in her library role and have some additional Vice Principal time placed into her schedule. Ms. Elfstrom is such a tremendous positive influence on our students in so many ways especially inspiring them to develop a love of reading! We are very lucky to have such a dynamic and well-respected teacher at North Ridge take on this important role for our North Ridge community.

MS. ELFSTROM 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 2021-22 school year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Elfstrom, Vice Principal
Mr. Redding, Principal

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.

NORTH RIDGE 2021-2022 STAFF

Mr. Pitre	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Robinson/Ms. Kurk	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Naidu	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Wong	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Han	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Sidhu	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Dockstader	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Godownwala	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Mujcin	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Hua	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. R. Campbell/Ms. Judge	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Johal	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Young/Mrs. Jawanda	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. E. Campbell	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Leung	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. McLeod	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Targerson	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Nomura	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Sahota	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Yargeau	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Krajnc	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. McCauley	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Feuring	Music Teacher
Mr. Penner	Band Teacher
Ms. Elfstrom	Librarian
Ms. Bakshi	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Fleming	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Frej (on leave)	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Sidhu	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Wells	Learning Support Teacher
Mrs. Cordukes	Integration Support Teacher
Ms. Peterson	Integration Support Teacher
Ms. Genschorek	Counsellor
Mr. Lee	Child Care Worker
Ms. Bajwa	EA
Ms. Boyd	EA
Ms. Connolly	EA
Ms. Fisher	EA2
Ms. Geetanjali	EA
Ms. Ghaffar	EA
Ms. Johal	EA
Ms. Nizar	EA
Ms. Ogilvy	EA
Ms. Paat	EA
Ms. Pashan	EA
Ms. Perpose	EA2
Ms. Preece	EA
Ms. Russell	EA
Ms. Sahota	EA
Ms. Sangha	EA
Ms. Sarte	ABA
Ms. Thind	EA2
Ms. Wilson	EA
Mrs. Grigoletto	Head Clerk
Ms. Favero	Office Clerk
Mr. Redding	Principal
Ms. Elfstrom	Acting Vice-Principal



CLASS ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Thanks for your patience as we rotate 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 is currently 494 students and we are awaiting confirmation that we can organize our students in 22 divisions. **Students will be placed into their classes early next week. Pre-ordered school supplies will be handed out after classes are formed.**

2021-2022 ** NEW ** BELL SCHEDULE

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
11:45 – 12:00	Eating Time
12:00 – 12:30	Outside play Time
12:30	Classes Begin
2:30	Students Dismissed



UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES AT NORTH RIDGE

Students:

- Grade 4-7 students must wear masks while inside except during intense physical activity in the gym.
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are highly encouraged to wear a mask.
- Masks are optional outside.
- Although the 2 metre distancing rule is no longer in effect, students are encouraged to maintain their personal space.
- Students will continue last year's increased handwashing routines: washing or sanitizing hands before and after going outside, going to another room in the school, before and after eating, after using the washroom.
- Students are not allowed to share food under any circumstance.
- Any student or staff experiencing Covid symptoms must stay home and are recommended to get a Covid test. If your child starts experiencing symptoms at school, we will call you to pick up your child.

Staff:

- All staff are always required to wear a mask while indoors except when eating, at their workstation or working alone.

Parents/Visitors:

- We welcome visitors into the building by appointment only as we must have strict sign-in procedures for Covid-19 tracking purposes.
- Please have your child bring their lunch in their backpack in the morning when coming to school. Due to Covid-19 safety precautions, **we ask that parents do not drop off lunches at the office mid-day** unless your child has forgotten their lunch.
- Parents are not allowed to bring food to school for other children. Hot Lunch days may happen this school year, but the items will be individually wrapped and provided by a food-safe vendor.

Cleaning Procedures:

All high touch surfaces such as doorknobs, desks, washrooms, phones, etc. will be cleaned once a day. Each room in the school will be sprayed every evening with a Clorox 360 disinfectant.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Planners will be handed out by your child's teacher at some point in the next couple of weeks. The agendas cost \$5 each. Please bring the \$5 to your teacher.

RUNNING FOR TERRY

On Thursday, September 23rd, 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 from 9:00-9:45 am.**

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities, and MSP limits the amounts paid or does not cover some charges.

Parents have the option to purchase student accident insurance for injury-related costs not covered or limited under MSP or group insurance plans. These costs may include:

- Dental treatment
- Eyewear
- Rental of crutches or wheelchairs
- Splints and casts
- Physiotherapy
- Ambulance transportation
- Private tutoring and counselling

Optional student accident insurance is available through private companies and interested parents are encouraged to research which plan best suits their family's needs.

Surrey Schools has made available information on student accident insurance through Insure my kids and Study Insured Student Accident. This coverage is available for purchase online, families can voluntarily purchase accident insurance through the "[Insure my Kids](#)" and "[Study Insured Student Accident](#)" programs.

Yearly plans cost between \$13 (lite), \$17 (Silver), \$25 (Gold/Plus) and \$33 (Platinum/Premium), providing a full year of coverage 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home. A discounted premium is may be available for families with three or more children.

For more information, please go to the Parents tab on our website to view the printable Accident Insurance parent brochure (Also available in Punjabi).

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

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. 23
Terry Fox Run
9:00 a.m.

Sept. 27
Pro-D Day

Sept. 30
National Day for Truth &
Reconciliation

Oct. 8
Early Dismissal
(Teacher Planning)
1:30 pm