

# N O R T H R I D G E

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sept 9, 2016

Dear Parents of Northridge Students:

### *Welcome Back!*

Welcome back to Northridge Elementary! We have enjoyed a wonderful summer and I am glad to see so many smiling faces in the school. We are looking forward to an exciting year full of learning and special activities.

We were able to move into our permanent classes first thing Thursday morning, and already it feels like students have been here for weeks! I hope to see you all at the Family BBQ on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great time to meet your child's teacher as well as grabbing a hot dog with your family.

As always, thank you for your support in getting your children to school on time and with their supplies. I am looking forward to a terrific school year. My door is always open and I am just a phone call or an email away if you have any issues or concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce this year's teaching and support staff.

### **2016/17 Northridge Staff**

Mrs. L. Whittam, Principal

Mr. P. Johnston, Div. 1 (Gr. 4/5)

Ms. J. Sugrue, Div. 2 (Gr. 4/5)

Mr. A. Richardson, Div. 3 (Gr. 4/5)

Ms. C. Escher, Div. 4 (Gr. 3/4)

Mrs. G. Penner, Div. 5 (Gr. 3)

Mrs. C. McKeachie Div. 6 (Gr. 2/3)

Mrs. F. Lunt, Div. 7 (Gr. 2)

Mrs. K. Elliott, Div. 8 (Gr. 1/2)

Mrs. K. Sarton, Div. 9 (Gr. 1)

Mr. Finlayson, Div. 10 (Gr. 1)

Mrs. C. Ashbee, Div. 11 (Kindergarten)

Miss K. Simmonds (TIC), Div. 12 (Kindergarten)

Mrs. L. Hall, Music

Ms. L. Marczyk, Student Support

Mrs. T. Buckham, Librarian

Mrs. L. Lilburn, LA/ESL/Gifted

Mrs. K. Whyte, Strings Teacher

Ms. A. Martiniuk, School Counsellor

Ms. C. Walton, Psychologist

Ms. S. Nitz, Occupational Therapist

Ms. S. Stepaniuk, Speech Specialist

Ms. V. Macaulay, Physiotherapist

#### Support Staff:

Mrs. C. Barton, Admin. Assistant

Mrs. S. Schumann, Office Assistant/Library

Educational Assistants/Supervisors:

Mr. S. Ferris, Mrs. Jack,

Mrs. D. Jang, Mrs. K. Mitchell, Ms. K. Casselman,

Miss C. Balcom, Ms. E. Urbaniak

Mr. D. Wardle, School Technology Assistant

Mrs. T. MacKinnon, Mr. G. Soon, Custodians

Cst. L. Sidoroff- Saanich Police School Liaison Officer

*Mrs. L. Whittam, Principal*



Looking forward to seeing you at the  
**Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 28**

5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Classroom visits from 5:00 to 6:00 pm**



***PAC Meeting - First PAC meeting will be held in the Staffroom on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.***

***Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30-2:15***

Once again we are inviting you to join the students and staff at Northridge and participate in the Terry Fox Run. This run is held to maintain Terry Fox's vision, principles and inspiration. With fierce determination, Terry started his fundraising journey on April 12, 1980, "The Marathon of Hope", raising \$24.17 million toward cancer research by Feb. 1981. Terry Fox died of cancer in June 1981 at the age of 22. We are asking students to bring in a "loonie" or "toonie" on the day of the run. All donations will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations are voluntary. Thank you!!

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-17**

In the 2016/17 school year, we have 187 days in session of which six of those will be non-instructional days and one will be an administrative day which will fall next year on June 30, 2017.

**Professional Development Days:**

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, District Wide
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, Province Wide
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, District Wide
- MONDAY, JANUARY 23, Northridge
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, Curriculum Implementation
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 District Wide
- FRIDAY, MAY 19, District Wide

**Mark These Important Days on Your Calendar**

- Tuesday, September 6. School opens 9:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.
- Monday, October 10. Thanksgiving Holiday - no school
- Friday, November 11. Remembrance Day Holiday - no school
- Friday, December 16. Last day of school before winter vacation. Dismissal: 2:38 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 3. School re-opens 8:45 a.m.
- Monday, February 13. Family Day Holiday - no school
- Friday, March 17. Last day of school before spring vacation. Dismissal: 2:38 p.m.
- Monday, April 3. First day back after spring vacation at 8:45 a.m.
- Friday, April 14. Good Friday - no school
- Monday, April 17. Easter Monday - no school
- Monday, May 22. Victoria Day Holiday - no school
- Thursday, June 29. Last day of school for students. Dismissal 2:38 p.m.

**Northridge Bell Schedule for 2016/17**

8:15 a.m.	Supervision begins outside	12:35 p.m. bell	End of lunch period - students move to classes
8:45 a.m.	Classes begin		
9:53 a.m. bell	Recess begins	12:35 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
10:08 a.m. bell	Recess ends - classes resume	2:38 p.m. bell	Classes end
11:50 a.m. bell	Morning classes end - Lunch begins	2:53 p.m.	Reminder bell. Playground Supervision ends
12:10 p.m. bell	Supervised lunch period in classroom ends - students may move outside for recreation		

***Please make every effort to have your child arrive by 8:45 am each day.***

### **Early Warning System**

This is a system for all Northridge children regarding their safe arrival at school. Should a child be unaccounted for, the parent or guardian would be notified by 9:30 am. Please establish routines to ensure that your child arrives at school before the 8:45 am bell.



...**EARLY WARNING E-MAIL: [earlywarning54@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:earlywarning54@sd61.bc.ca)**

...**EARLY WARNING PHONE NUMBER: 250-479-4639**

When you know your child will be absent or late, please e-mail or call the above.

Please clearly state the following information:

- Your child's name
- Your child's teacher
- The date(s) of absence
- Reason for absence (i.e. illness, vacation, appointment)

The answering machine is on 24 hours a day.

If you know that your child will be absent for a specific time, and have already informed your child's teacher, please also let the Office know. This will ensure that the absence is recorded and an Early Warning call is not made. You can e-mail the Office at [earlywarning54@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:earlywarning54@sd61.bc.ca) or phone the Early Warning line at (250) 479-4639 or just let us know in the Office. Thank you!

### **Agenda Planners**

The students have been issued their planners for the year. They will be used to establish yearly goals, organizational planning and home-school communications. It is your child's responsibility to carry these planners back and forth from school to home. I encourage you to establish this routine in your home. The cost of the planners has been covered by PAC this year! *Thank you PAC!!!*

### **Important Forms**

Each child will be taking home important forms this week that need to be completed and returned back to school as soon as possible (by Tuesday, September 20). **These forms help to keep your child safe.** Thank you!!

## **Dates to Remember in September**

Thursday, September 15  
Friday, September 16

Monday, September 19  
Tuesday, September 20  
Wednesday, September 21  
Thursday, September 22  
Friday, September 23  
Wednesday, September 28

Thursday, September 29  
Friday, September 30

School Assembly 12:45pm  
Hot Lunch order forms go home  
Car free Friday  
Pro D Day - no school for students  
Individual Photo Day - bring your smiles!  
PAC meeting 6:30pm  
Hot lunch forms due  
Terry Fox Run @ 1:30 pm. School Assembly  
Welcome Back PAC BBQ 5:00-7:00 pm and  
classroom visits 5:00-6:00pm  
Newsletter Day  
Hot Lunch Pizza Day. Car Free Friday.





Jr. Jazzercise is now being offered at Northridge School. Jr. Jazzercise is a dance-based fitness program geared to the specific needs interests and abilities of children. It's a non-competitive program that teaches balance, coordination, core strength, team-building activities and dance technique. Jr. Jazzercise strives to help increase children's self-esteem and confidence. The program officially runs for 45 minutes but I am in the gym as soon as the bell goes to meet and supervise the children. We get started as soon as they have all arrived. We play games, do relay races, perform some choreographed dance routines, and then finish with some stretching and a cool-down amidst the silliness and fun. For the last session of the year, Jr. Jazzercise is open to children from Kindergarten to grade 5. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [luppal@telus.net](mailto:luppal@telus.net). Receipts will be issued for tax purposes.

Jr. Jazzercise **Session #1** Tuesdays September 13 - November 29, 2016. **Twelve weeks:** \$120 (incl. GST). Please make all cheques payable to Laura Uppal.

Registration forms are available on the Community Board as well as in the Office.

