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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message...

From looking at all the faces of parents, children and staff, I can tell that everyone is ready for Spring Break. It is hard to believe that Spring has arrived and we are entering our final term of this school year. Students will be engaging in many exciting activities over the next three months.

Report cards are being distributed for Term Two tomorrow. Please take this opportunity to review the report with your child and reflect on areas of strengths and ways to improve their achievement. Please keep the actual report and attachments but return the signed report card envelope to your child's classroom teacher.

Student-Led Conferences are being held on Thursday, April 20th (Early dismissal at 11:50am). This is an excellent opportunity for students to show their parents all the amazing things they are doing at school.

Thank you for completing and returning the student placement forms for next year. It is important to know if you are returning to Northridge and/or your student placement requests.

As always, if you have issues or concerns, or you just want to chat, my door is open and I'm only an email away.

*Sincerely yours,
L. Whittam, Principal*

Student Placement for September 2017

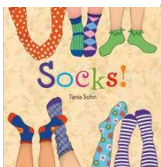
A Student Placement form was sent home last week. This is an opportunity for parents to provide educational information about their child. This information will be considered when classes are built in June for the next school year. Forms are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher and are due back on Friday, March 17th. Thank you in advance for your input; it will be considered carefully.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - Thursday, April 20th - EARLY DISMISSAL

On Thursday, April 20th, students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. in order to accommodate student-led conferences. Their conferences will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run through until 5:30 p.m.

Student-led conferences provide an opportunity for students to assume a leadership role in their own learning. At these conferences, it is necessary for the students to be accountable for the work produced, to communicate with parents and to demonstrate some organizational skills as they lead their parents through this process. These conferences will also allow parents to gain a good understanding of the program in their child's classroom, how the child is progressing and how the child interacts in this environment. We hope that every parent will be able to attend this important time.

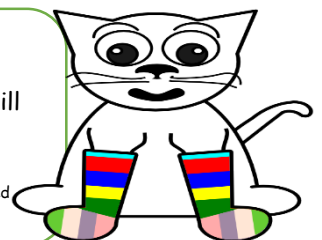
These conferences will be 30 minutes in length and there could be two or three other conferences in the classroom at the same time. Teachers will arrange the conference schedule. Student-Led forms will be sent home on Wednesday, April 5th and are due back on April 10th. Confirmation of conference times will be sent home on Thursday, April 13th.



Sock Toss - Friday, March 17th

Bring in clean pairs of socks to donate to "Our Place" on March 17th and you will get a chance to throw them at Mrs. Whittam, Miss Simmonds and "guests"!!!

"Our Place" is an inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria's most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted and the homeless.



March's Virtue is *AMBITION*

We learned that the Virtue of Ambition means an eager or strong desire to accomplish something. When we have ambition, we always want to learn and plan for the future. Being ambitious gives us a sense of hope, teaches us responsibility and helps us believe in who we are and what we can accomplish. When we are ambitious, we make a plan and set goals. To achieve our goals, we learned that we always need to believe in ourselves, stay positive and work hard. Knowing that we can make changes, gives us confidence and motivates us so we can continue to be ambitious and do great things for ourselves, our community and our world.



The virtue for the month of April is *RESPECT*

Respect is about appreciating the people and things in your life. A good way to practice being respectful is to think about how you would like to be treated and then treat others that way.

When we are respectful we use good manners like *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me*. We are kind, thoughtful and courteous with one another and honour the rules of our families, school and community. We behave in a way that makes life happy and peaceful.



Dates to Remember

Friday, March 17	Last day before Spring break. Report cards home. Sock Toss. Student Placement forms due.
March 18-April 2	Spring Break
Monday, April 3	School re-opens
Tuesday, April 4	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Mini Peppers delivered
Wednesday, April 5	Student-Led conference forms go home
Friday, April 7	Car Free Friday
Thursday, April 13	Student-Led conference times go home to parents School Assembly 12:45pm. Pizza hot lunch forms go home.
Friday, April 14	Good Friday - holiday
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday - holiday
Wednesday, April 19	PAC meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, April 20	Early Dismissal at 11:50am for Student-Led Conferences. Hot lunch forms due.
Friday, April 21	Car Free Friday
Tuesday, April 25	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Grape tomatoes delivered
Thursday, April 27	Newsletter Day
Friday, April 28	Pizza Hot Lunch Day. PAC Friendship Dance
Tuesday, May 2	Whole school and class photo day - Bring your smiles!

Parent survey on student enrollment priorities - HAVE YOUR SAY: Student Enrolment Priorities

Student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school when space is limited. The Greater Victoria School District is seeking public input through an online survey about what is important to parents and what is most important when prioritizing how students are accepted when space is limited. The survey is available at www.sd61.bc.ca until Monday, April 10, 2017 at 4 pm.

Long term enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. Although it is anticipated that Greater Victoria's 47 schools can accommodate the projected increase of overall students, some schools will be challenged to accommodate the demand for catchment students, as well as choice. As certain neighbourhoods grow and demographics change, some schools are experiencing pressures already.

Under the School Act, the School District is required to articulate student enrolment priorities in a policy approved by the Board of Education. A Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents, and Trustees has been established to review the current priorities, seek public input and make recommendations to the Board in May 2017. The student enrolment priorities determined in this process will apply to kindergarten registration, French Immersion and requests for transfer to a non-catchment school.

The Greater Victoria School District is seeking input from parents as part of a review of the current priorities and the overall registration and transfer process. This does not apply to Programs of Choice at higher grade levels (eg. Flex, Challenge, and sports academies)

It's important the School District hears from you. Thank you in advance for sharing your views!



1000X5 1000 Books by Age Five Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Take Spring Break to Round Up Extra Books

A community that values and shares literacy is a community that prospers. Every young child who is read to before starting school is more likely to see reading and learning as pleasant and achievable. And we are succeeding! In just over six years, you have been part of sending over 127,000 books into homes with few books and in helping over 1000 children per month join that invaluable literacy club.

Please take spring break to check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin just outside the Northridge Library.

Northridge Elementary School Ongoing PAC Fundraisers



Did you know there are many local businesses that support our school?
You can help!



Country Grocer - Save a Tape Program

Submit all your Royal Oak Country Grocery receipts to the box outside the office. Northridge will get 3% of the pre-tax value back.



Canadian Tire Money

We continually collect Canadian Tire Money.

This year the money will be used for our upcoming Spring Fun Fair. Game supplies, sporting equipment, prizes and auction items will be purchased.



COBS BREAD

Do you shop at the Royal Oak COBS? If so, Mention that you are with Northridge Elementary every time you make a purchase and COBS will donate 5% back.



Peninsula Co-op

When your family shops for gas or groceries please give the membership number **69206** and Northridge will receive a membership cash payout!



The Bottle Depot

Take your empty bottles and cans to any of these 3 Bottle Depots and tell them you are donating the empties to Northridge Elementary.

Community info:

COME PLAY BALL




Currently looking for boys and girls ages
5 to 10 years old



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Saturday
March 18 2pm

Dave Dunnet Community Theatre (Oak Bay High School)

Yariv Aloni, *Guest Conductor*

Programme:
Mendelssohn
Symphony No. 5 (Reformation)
Gade
In the Highlands, Op. 7 (Scottish Overture)
Butterworth
A Shropshire Lad
Coates
London Suite

TICKETS: \$22 general / \$18 seniors / \$10 students
/ free* children 12 and under *with adult paying for ticket

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