

N O R T H R I D G E

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message...

It is with mixed emotion that I announce that I will be retiring in July, after 30 years with the District and 20 of those years in Administration. I have especially enjoyed meeting and getting to know the Northridge community and will carry memories from this school with me. I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Nadine Naughton will be the new principal of Northridge starting in July. Mrs. Naughton comes to us from Shoreline Middle School where she has been principal for 3 years. Prior to that, she was vice principal at Gordon Head Middle School and at Macaulay Elementary. Mrs. Naughton is a trained Kindergarten teacher and is looking forward to returning to her roots at Northridge. Miss Simmonds and Mrs. Naughton will make an exceptional administration team and they anticipating a great year!

We had a busy but rainy Grandfriends picnic on May 12th. Thank you to all the families that braved the rain and joined us on the field. On May 12th, we also celebrated Parent appreciation day by giving out coffee and muffins. We really appreciate all that you do in our school. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to provide some of the activities that make Northridge so special.

The grade 5's spent the afternoon of May 18th visiting Glanford Middle school. They toured around their new school and were introduced to the teachers and students. They are all looking forward with excitement (and a few nerves) to starting grade 6 at middle school.

The students in grades 3 to 5 have been diligently practicing track 3 times a week in anticipation of the Zone track meeting which will be held on May 29th at UVic stadium. The City finals are on June 1st.



As always, my door is always open and I am only a phone call away.

Mrs. Whittam, Principal



Safety on Wheels - Bicycle Rodeo - Constable Sidoroff and her team were here bright and early yesterday morning to lead Northridge students during our annual bike event. Students were encouraged to ride their bikes or scooters to the school and test their skills through the course. Thank you for helping your child get his/her bike (scooter) and helmet to school and parking your bike neatly in the undercover area underneath each teacher's sign. Thank you for bringing a lock and remembering to take your bike home after school.

Tennis BC



We have acquired Tennis BC to provide an in-school tennis program for all students in Grades 1 to 5. The program will be taught for two weeks (June 5-16). Each child will receive four hours of instruction, all equipment is supplied for the lessons. We are asking for \$10 from each child to offset the cost of the program. An information letter was sent out; please return the consent form and money to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday, June 1st.

May's Virtue is Citizenship

For the month of May, we focused on the Virtue of Citizenship. We learned that Citizenship means looking for ways to be helpful rather than waiting to be asked. We show that we are a good citizen when we want to make a difference in the lives of others, not because we hope that they will pay us or reward us, but because we truly care. We can practice Citizenship by watching over people to see what we can do to make life easier or happier for them. We can be good citizens by being thoughtful and by looking for ways to serve our family, school and community. People will depend on us to be responsible when something needs to be taken care of. When we are good citizens, others feel cared for and we create love and happiness.

Grade 3-5 Track Program

Our Zone track meet will be held at UVIC's Centennial Stadium on Monday, May 29th. Grade 3 to 5 students will compete in the 800 m, 100 m, and 4 x 100 m relay events. The City Finals will be held on Thursday night.



Strings Program - Mrs. Whyte

In early May, students going into Grade 5 for next year were invited to participate in the Strings program for 2017/18. Classes will occur 2 mornings a week before the start of school.

If your child is interested in playing a violin, viola or cello, extra forms and information are available in the Office.

Northridge PAC Fundraiser - Pre-packaged school supplies for Grades 1 - 5 for 2017/18

Next week, the Northridge PAC will be sending out a school supply order list for 2017/18 to those students currently in Grades K-4 and information regarding their online fundraiser.

If you choose to do the PAC online fundraiser, please visit: bts.monk.ca and use PAC code 3C1286 on the SHOP page.

If you choose not to order your child's supplies online, please keep the supply list for your reference.



**Reminder..... Family Hot Lunch Day is Friday, June 23rd --
- Order forms go home on Friday, June 9. Last one of the year!!**



Dates to Remember:

Fri. May 26	Subway Hot Lunch Day. Car Free Friday.
Mon. May 29	Zone D Track Meet
Tues. May 30	Fruit & Vegetable program -Marzano tomatoes delivered
June 5-16	Tennis BC lessons
Fri. June 9	Family Hot Lunch forms go home (due Thursday, June15)
Thurs. June 15	School Assembly 12:45pm
Wed. June 21	PAC meeting - 6:30pm
Fri. June 22	Family Hot Lunch Day. Car Free Friday. Fun Day (pm).
Mon. June 26	Divisions 4-12 to Esquimalt Lagoon
Tues. June 27	Gr. 5 Assembly
Thurs. June 29	Last day of school. Year end assembly. Report cards sent home. Dismissed at regular time.



NORTHRIDGE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018



Please Keep This for Future Reference

The standard School Calendar for 2017/18 school year is as follows:

Number of non-instructional days: 7 One administrative day (Friday, June 29, 2018)

September 2017

Tuesday, September 5 School opens 9:00am. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am.

Monday, September 18 Non-instructional day (whole District)

October 2017

Monday, October 9 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, October 20 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (Province Wide)

November 2017

Monday, November 13 Remembrance Day

Friday, November 24 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (whole District)

December 2017

Friday, December 22 Last day of school before winter break

January 2018

Monday, January 8 School re-opens

Monday, January 22 Non-Instructional Professional Development Day (Northridge)

February 2018

Monday, February 12 Family Day Holiday

Friday, February 23 Non-Instructional Professional Development Day

March 2018

Friday, March 16 Last day of school before spring break

Friday, March 30 Good Friday Holiday

April 2018

Monday, April 2 Easter Monday Holiday

Wednesday, April 4 School re-opens

Friday, April 20 Non-Instructional Curriculum Implementation Day

May 2018

Friday, May 18 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (whole District)

Monday, May 21 Victoria Day

June 2018

Thursday, June 28 Last Day of school for students

Friday, June 29 Administrative Day

SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2017/18

8:30am	Supervision begins outside
8:45am	Classes begin
10:27am bell	Recess begins
10:42am bell	Recess ends - classes resume
11:50am bell	Morning classes end - Lunch begins
12:10pm bell	Supervised lunch period in classrooms end
	Students may move outside for recreation
12:35pm bell	End of lunch period - students move to classes
12:35pm	Afternoon classes begin
2:38pm bell	Classes end
2:53pm	Playground supervision ends

Greater Victoria School District Student Enrolment Priorities

Enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. When space is limited in a school, student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school.

Thank you to the nearly 4,000 parents and students who responded to the recent student enrolment survey.

Recommendations have now been developed by a Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents and Trustees. The recommendations will be discussed in May and June and formally considered by the Board of Education in June 2017.

The recommendations propose the following changes for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Change to the order of registration priorities, placing higher priority on catchment students for both French and English programs
- Non-catchment students will need to apply for transfer at middle school and high school transitions. Recommendations also include:
- Review of registration process to improve information, explore online registration options and identification requirements
- A cap on the total number of International Students in the district, and equitable distribution across district schools.

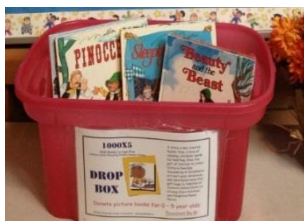
The detailed recommendations is available on website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/recommendations-for-student-enrolment-priorities/>

Community info:

1000X5

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

We need your books for babies and preschoolers!



Have you found the pink bin just outside library?

Every Wednesday 1000X5 sort over 500 books donated by you - the wonderful families at over 35 Greater Victoria public and independent schools. Thanks to you we have sent over 130,000 books into homes. Currently we are running a bit short - can you take a look and fill that bin?



Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge, Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Legislature Buildings, part of the Robert Cameron Law Cycling Series p/b PISE- kids ages 3-10 get to race and also rub elbows with local Olympians and champions during the Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge. Kids get a T-Shirt, a medal, water bottle, and a box of Timbits! **Registration is free, but must register** via www.victoriabikerace.com as the field is limited to 150. Because of popular demand, the event has expanded to include 3- and 4-year olds (on a shorter course). There will also be bouncy castles and other games on the lawns.



Walk on the wild side with the Greater Victoria Public Library's Summer Reading Club. In this free, self-paced reading program, your child will earn prizes for weekly reading, including stickers, a pizza coupon and a swim pass. To register, pick up a free reading record from any public library branch starting June 29. The library also offers more than 300 free programs for kids throughout the summer. Go to gvpl.ca for more information.





Attention Northridge Parents!!

How can you, as a parent and a PAC member, contribute to the health and wellbeing of all students and school staff?

Enhance your understanding and be inspired to take action

Support children's physical and mental health at school

Support healthy school environments

Meet P. J. Naylor

P. J. is a Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. She focuses on how to promote physical activity and healthy eating where children live, learn and play. Join her to share and learn!

Changing for Good: Parent Choices for Creating a Healthy School

We know that you as parents are intimately involved in supporting your children's health and wellbeing. Be change-makers in your child's school!

Parent Education Night

When: Monday May 29th

Time: 6:30-7:45

Where: Northridge Library

RSVP by May 26th to

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