

# N O R T H R I D G E

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### *Principal's Message...*

*It is hard to believe that another year has flown by. Where does the time go? It doesn't seem possible that we are here at the end of June. But here we are!*

*It has been a fantastic year filled with events, activities and a lot of hard work! I am exceptionally proud of all the students' achievements.*

*I would be amiss if I didn't take this time to thank the staff at Northridge. They are the most dedicated and committed staff that I have had the pleasure of working with. The relationships formed between staff and students and parents and staff is vital to student success. We are very fortunate indeed.*

*Although we are sad to see our grade 5's move on to Middle School, we are excited for them and all that lies ahead. We hope that they take a little of Northridge school with them to their next school!*

*As you know, this will be my final newsletter as Principal of Northridge School. Again, I thank you for your loyal support and encouragement over the past years. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer break. I will miss you all!*

*Mrs. L. Whittam, Principal*

#### **Staff Farewells - Mrs. Whittam**

We have a number of staff members who will be leaving the school due to retirement, district transfers and reassignments. On behalf of the staff and students, we would like to express our gratitude to the following staff members for their commitment and dedication to the students of Northridge Elementary School.

Mrs. Whittam - retirement Ms. Lister - TBA Mrs. Saunders - TBA  
Ms. Holman - TBA Mrs. Penner - retirement Mrs. Madison - resigned  
Miss Wong - TBA Mrs. Inouye - TBA  
Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Kellow (temp contracts ended)  
Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Martiniuk (temp contract ended)  
Mrs. Stepaniuk - retirement



**REPORT CARD PICK UP** - For students who are absent the last day of school (June 29th) -- Report Cards can be picked up at the school office until June 30<sup>th</sup>. If not picked up, they will be mailed home in early July or you can make arrangements with the Office.

**Classroom Supplies Pick-Up** - For those who ordered classroom supplies for Grades 1 to 5 from Northridge Elementary School PAC in June, they can be picked up in the Office during the first week of school in September. The Office will e-mail parents when the supplies have arrived. Please label all items (use a pencil to label exercise books). You can still order supplies using the online method. The instructions are: **STEP 1:** Go to: <https://bts.monk.ca> and enter PAC code **3C1286** on the shop page **STEP 2:** Add your child's kit (and optional items, if desired) to your cart **STEP 3:** During checkout, pay with Mastercard or Visa and choose free school delivery.



**Year End Assembly - Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

Important  
DATE!

## **GRADES 1 to 5**

**September Start-Up -First Day of School for Grades 1-5 - Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

On Tuesday, September 5th, our students will return to last year's classrooms. For the first day, school will be in session from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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## **Kindergarten Hours for first week of school**

Kindergarten children have been divided into smaller groups for the first week of September. Kindergarten students will have their first partial day starting on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents have been notified as to which Group sessions that their child will attend.

### **Group A:**

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 8:45 - 2:36 p.m.

No school for Group A on Monday

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> regular full day

*On Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, regular Full Day Kindergarten hours begin (8:45-2:38 p.m.)*

### **Group B:**

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30-2:30 p.m.

No school for Group B on Friday

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 8:45 - 2:38 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> regular full day

## **MEDICATIONS GO HOME FOR THE SUMMER!**

Just a reminder that emergency medications held in the Office will be sent home at the end of the day on June 29th. Medications should be returned again in September. New consent forms are also required for September.



## **Lost and Found**

-----Missing your favourite hoodie and thought it was in the wash?-----

Northridge is displaying all Lost & Found items just outside the Library. Please check the lost and found before the last day of school. Clothing left at the school after June 29th will be donated to Charity....



## **June's Virtue is Loyalty**

For the month of June, we focused on the virtue of Loyalty. We learned that loyalty means being strong in what we believe and care about. When we are loyal, we build strong bonds with family and friends and always keep our commitments and promises.

Loyal people believe in working together. They are honourable and give support during good times and bad. When we practice loyalty, we show others that they can depend on us, trust us, and count on us for support, no matter what. Loyal people build friendships that last forever!



## **A PAC Thank you!!**

The PAC would like to say Thank you to all the parents and staff that have volunteered this year at the many events that were held. We couldn't have made them a success without you.



# 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**

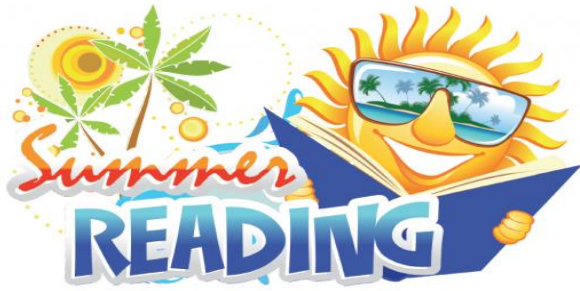
Friday, May 18      Non-instructional Professional Development Day (whole District)  
Monday, May 21      Victoria Day

## **June 2018**

Thursday, June 28      Last Day of school for students  
Friday, June 29      Administrative Day

## **SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2017/18**

<b>8:30am</b>	Supervision begins outside
8:45am	Classes begin
<b>10:27am bell</b>	Recess begins
<b>10:42am bell</b>	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
<b>2:53pm</b>	Playground supervision ends



Summer Reading Bingo - Mrs. Buckham



To help your child maintain the reading gains made over the school year, please take a few minutes each day to have him/her read to you. Research shows that all it takes is six appropriately leveled books and he or she is likely to fend off summer reading loss and maintain the reading gains made during the previous school year. If the child reads even more books, eight or ten or twenty, he or she may even gain grounds, and return to school in September a more confident reader. To help you with this endeavor, your child will be bringing home a summer reading Bingo sheet in their report card envelope. This sheet is full of literary activities for your child to work on over the summer months. Thank you for supporting your child's reading over the summer! Have a great holiday and happy reading!



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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

**We need books for summer!!**

**133,000 books** in six years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! But our supply is very low and many agencies are clamoring for summer books to send home.

Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books for babies to five year olds to the pink bin just outside the Northridge library.

