

N O R T H R I D G E

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents of Northridge Students:

Welcome Back!

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to introduce myself to you and welcome you, or welcome you back, to the Northridge community. For those of you new to Northridge, we will have much in common as this is my first year at Northridge too. I am honoured and excited to be a part of this community as your principal and to inherit this role from my dear friend and mentor Lynda Whittam. I am also very fortunate to work alongside my partner, our Vice Principal, Katie Simmonds. Katie has been a teacher and administrator at Northridge for three years now. We are excited to work together to continue to support this vibrant learning environment.

The Northridge staff is a committed and collaborative team and I feel very fortunate to work alongside them. We will do our absolute best to work together in partnership with you to create the conditions for your child to flourish socially, emotionally, behaviourally and academically.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the Northridge PAC and volunteers that help make our school a warm, welcoming place to grow and learn.

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

2017/18 Northridge Staff

Mrs. N. Naughton, Principal
Mr. P. Johnston, Div. 1 (Gr. 4/5)
Mr. R. Crawford, Div. 2 (Gr. 4/5)
Mr. A. Richardson, Div. 3 (Gr. 4/5)
Mrs. J. Chessa, Div. 4 (Gr. 4/5)
Mr. S. Gorman, Div. 5 (Gr. 3/4)
Ms. C. Escher/Mrs. D. Saunders Div. 6 (Gr. 3)
Mrs. L. Hall, Div. 7 (Gr. 2/3)
Mrs. K. Elliott, Div. 8 (Gr. 2)
Mrs. F. Lunt, Div. 9 (Gr. 2)
Mr. J. Finlayson, Div. 10 (Gr. 1)
Mrs. K. Sarton/Ms. E. Houldsworth, Div. 11 (Gr. 1)
Miss K. Simmonds (VP), Div. 12 (Kindergarten)
Ms. J. Sugrue/ Ms. C. Moen, Div. 13 (Kindergarten)
Mrs. K. Alleyn, Music/Dance
Ms. L. Marczyk, Student Support
Mrs. T. Buckham, Librarian
Ms. N. Lidkea, LA/ESL/Gifted
Ms. J. Moore, Student Support

Mrs. K. Whyte, Strings Teacher
Mrs. L. Bayly, School Counsellor
Ms. C. Walton, Psychologist
Ms. S. Taylor, Occupational Therapist
Mrs. J. Ripley, Speech Specialist
Ms. V. Macaulay, Physiotherapist

Support Staff:

Mrs. C. Barton, Admin. Assistant
Mrs. S. Schumann, Office Assistant/Library
Educational Assistants/Supervisors:
Mr. J. Kurisummoottil, Mrs. A. Jack, Mrs. H. Howitt
Mrs. D. Jang, Mrs. K. Mitchell, Ms. K. Casselman
Mr. D. Wardle, School Technology Assistant
Mr. D. Elliott, Mr. G. Cameron, Custodians
Cst. L. Sidoroff- Saanich Police School Liaison Officer

Mrs. N. Naughton, Principal



Looking forward to seeing you at the
Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 27
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 20th at 6:30 pm.

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 22nd 1:30-2:15

We are inviting all families members to join the staff and students at Northridge for a very special Terry Fox Assembly and Run. Northridge School has been participating in the Terry Fox School Run for over 15 years, supporting Terry's dream of fundraising for cancer research. Terry hoped that if each Canadian could donate \$1, the money raised would help in the fight against cancer. In the tradition of continuing this dream, we are asking students to bring a donation of a "loonie" or "toonie". All donations will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations are voluntary. Thank you and see you at the run !

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-18

In the 2017/18 school year, there are seven non-instructional days and one administrative day (Friday, June 29)

Professional Development Days:

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, District Wide
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, Province Wide
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, District Wide
- MONDAY, JANUARY 22, Northridge
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 District Wide
- FRIDAY, APRIL 20, Curriculum Implementation Day
- FRIDAY, MAY 18, District Wide

Mark These Important Days on Your Calendar

- Tuesday, September 5. School opens 9:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.
- Monday, October 9. Thanksgiving Holiday - no school
- Monday, November 13. Remembrance Day Holiday - no school
- Friday, December 22. Last day of school before winter vacation. Dismissal: 2:38 p.m.
- Monday, January 8. School re-opens 8:45 a.m.
- Monday, February 12. Family Day Holiday - no school
- Friday, March 16. Last day of school before spring vacation. Dismissal: 2:38 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4. First day back after spring vacation/Easter at 8:45 a.m.
- Monday, May 21. Victoria Day Holiday - no school
- Thursday, June 28. Last day of school for students. Dismissal 2:38 p.m.

Northridge Bell Schedule for 2017/18

8:30 a.m.	Supervision begins outside	12:35 p.m. bell	End of lunch period - students move to classes
8:45 a.m.	Classes begin		
10:27 a.m. bell	Recess begins	12:35 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
10:42 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**

...**EARLY WARNING PHONE NUMBER: [250-479-4639](tel: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 or phone the Early Warning line at (250) 479-4639 or just let us know in the Office. Thank you!

Agenda Planners

The students in Grades 1 through 5 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 19). **These forms help to keep your child safe.** Thank you!!

Dates to Remember in September

Friday, September 15	School Assembly 12:45pm
Friday, September 15	Hot Lunch order forms go home
Monday, September 18	Pro D Day - no school for students
Tuesday, September 19	Individual Photo Day - bring your smiles!
Wednesday, September 20	PAC meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, September 21	Hot lunch forms due
Friday, September 22	Terry Fox Run @ 1:30 pm
Wednesday, September 27	Welcome Back PAC BBQ 5:00-7:00 pm and classroom visits 5:00-6:00pm
Thursday, September 28	Newsletter Day
Friday, September 29	Hot Lunch Pizza Day. Orange Shirt Day.

Car Free Friday is every Friday. Northridge Elementary encourages families to walk or bike to school!



Scholastic Book Fair - Mrs. Buckham

Our Scholastic book fair fundraiser is just around the corner and is scheduled to take place during the parent-teacher conferences on October 4 and 5 from 11:50am to 6:00 pm. Please come and visit us in the library and help support our school as every \$10 purchase returns up to \$6 in book profit to our library and classroom libraries. Please refer to the book fair letter or the Scholastic flyer that will come home with your child next week for more details about our literacy fundraiser. If anyone is interested in volunteering to work at the book fair, please contact Mrs. Buckham in the library. Thank you in advance for your support.



Cross Country Running Club - Ms. Escher & Mr. Crawford - teacher sponsors

It's Cross Country Running season! Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to join the club. Practices will be Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:15 am sharp, starting September 13th. The focus of the club is fitness and fun. Children will have the opportunity to participate in four after school races. We look forward to seeing lots of kids participate.



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Calling all soccer players... Prospect Lake Soccer Club wants to remind you that the season is starting for boys and girls of all ages. Little Kicker Program for U5/U6 runs Saturdays at Glanford Field 11-12pm. Boys U7-U10 practice Tuesday or Thursday and Girls U7-U10 practice Wednesdays, both with games on Saturday mornings. Visit the website to register www.plsc.org or email: housecoordinator@plsc.org
Be active and have FUN!!