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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

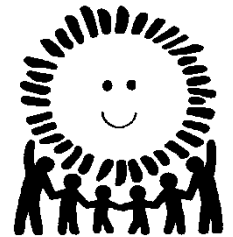
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Our Northridge values: Safety, Kindness and Respect

December 21, 2017

Principal's Message...

It has been an exciting and busy time at Northridge as we enter the festive season. Our Hampers for Families "13 Divisions of Christmas" campaign has been well supported by our community again this year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards our Northridge families. We would like to acknowledge our PAC, Northridge students and families, St. Michaels All Angels church and our staff. We were able to give hampers to 18 of our families as a result of our community's generosity.



On Wednesday Dec 20th, we celebrated an evening of performing arts with our students displaying their talents in strings, choir and dance. Thank you to Mrs. Karley Alleyn, Mrs. Karen Whyte, Mrs. Korry Elliott and Mrs. Leslie Hall for their dedication to our students and the performing arts at Northridge!

Tomorrow we will enjoy a sticky afternoon building gingerbread houses! Please join us with your child for this special Northridge tradition.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and students to wish you and your family a restful holiday season and best wishes for good health and prosperity in the new year.

Warmly,
Nadine

Mrs. N. Naughton, Principal



WINTER VACATION
December 23 to January 7, 2018

(Students return to school on Monday, January 8, 2018)

We are now approaching the season when **inclement weather** may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

Current information will be updated continuously on the GVSD 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m. if there is a concern.

Local media outlets have indicated that they will provide constant information.



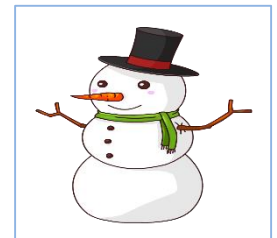
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Northridge School would like to thank everyone that helped support our "13 Days of Christmas" campaign - Northridge PAC, Northridge students and their families, St. Michaels & All Angels Church, the Naughton family and Northridge staff. We were able to give hampers to 18 Northridge families, including 44 children this Christmas season. Thank you, again!!!



Dates to Remember:

Fri. Dec. 22	Gingerbread House building - 12:45pm Last Day of School
Mon. Jan. 8	First Day back after winter break
Fri. Jan. 12	Hot Lunch forms go home
Wed. Jan. 17	PAC meeting 6:30pm
Thurs. Jan. 18	Hot lunch forms due
Fri. Jan. 19	School Assembly 12:45pm
Mon. Jan. 22	Northridge Pro D Day - No school for students
Tues. Jan. 23	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Kiwi fruit delivered Glanford Middle School music visit 11:15am
Thurs. Jan. 25	Newsletter day
Fri. Jan. 26	Hot Lunch Day. Spirit Day - Book character
Jan. 29-Feb 2	Kindergarten Registration week
Tues. Feb. 6	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Spartan apples delivered
Mon. Feb. 12	Family Day Holiday - No school for students
Wed. Feb. 14	Red & White Day
Wed. Feb. 21	PAC meeting 6:30pm
Thurs. Feb. 22	Hot lunch day
Fri. Feb. 23	Pro D Day - no school for students



January 2018

Every Friday is Car Free Friday - try to bike, walk or scoot to school!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jan. 8 First day back from Winter break	9	10	11	12 Hot lunch forms go home
15	16	17 PAC meeting 6:30pm	18 Hot lunch forms due	19 Assembly 12:45
22 Northridge Pro D Day	23 Kiwi fruit delivered Glanford music visit 11:15am	24	25 Newsletter Day Home Alone Prg Gr 4s	26 Book Character Day Hot lunch day
29	30	31	Feb. 1	2
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK				

Grade 4/5 Beginner Strings - Wednesday and Friday mornings 7:55-8:35. Intermediate Strings - Thursdays 7:55-8:45am

THANK YOU! Luv-A-Rug!!!

Thanks to Luv-A-Rug - our Northridge carpets are being cleaned for free and we will be getting the clean rugs back in the New Year..

Luv-A-Rug Helping School Teachers To Keep Kids Healthy

Luv-A-Rug will clean class area rugs for FREE to help Teachers fight the school districts decision over carpet cleaning cutbacks

TEACHERS!

Bring your class area rugs to Luv-A-Rug and we will clean & sanitize it for FREE!

Just bring it to us anytime before Dec 31-2017

Luv-A-Rug
445 Beta St

Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm Saturday: 8am-3:30pm
PHONE: (250) 590-6210
www.Luvarug.com

Kindergarten Registration (2018-19)

January 29 to February 2, 2018 - 8am to 3pm

Registration for students who will turn five before December 31, 2018 (born in 2013) will take place from January 29 to February 2 at all School District #61 schools. Parents are asked to register their child at the **catchment school** during this week. To determine your catchment, either go to the school locator on the district website at www.sd61.bc.ca/schoolLocator.aspx or call the district board office at 250-475-3212. To request an out-of-catchment school within the District, register at your catchment school and complete a Kindergarten Transfer Application form. Please see new School District guidelines for registering on the District website.

To register a student, a parent or legal guardian must provide **school-age eligibility, proof of citizenship and proof of residential address.**

Documentation for **School-age eligibility** can include:

- Child's original Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- Landed Immigrant authorization
- INAC Status Card

Parents of children who are not Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants or do not have a birth certificate for their child are required to contact the International Student Program at 250.592.6871 prior to registration.

Proof of Residential Address

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. Students must register at their catchment school.

To determine which schools are associated with a home address, visit the School Locator Map. Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on their living address.

For Home Owners - Current copies of the following documents are required:

Two of the following:

- Purchase agreement of home
- Recent Property Tax statement
- Home owner's insurance
- Notice of Assessment

A purchase agreement (with subject removal and a deposit receipt if a recent purchase)

If a homeowner is able to only produce one of the above, they will be required to also produce two of the following:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Insurance documents

Note: Personal information other than address and full name can be redacted for privacy purposes.

For Renters - The following documents are required:

- A rental agreement signed by landlord with landlords contact phone number

In addition to the above, two of the following is required:

- Canadian bank or credit card statement
- BC Vehicle registration
- Income tax statement
- Renter Insurance documents

GVSD #61 Media Release - Monday, November 20, 2017

New student enrolment priorities and proof of residency requirements in effect for 2018-2019 school year

VICTORIA, BC - With the annual registration and transfer request process set to begin in January, schools are preparing for changes to student enrolment priorities and proof of residency requirements. After extensive consultation, new student enrolment priorities were approved in June 2017, to come into effect for the 2018-2019 school year. New proof of residency requirements are also being introduced.

The new priorities place greater emphasis on catchment students attending their neighbourhood school, while including priority for siblings attending a school together.

New student enrolment priorities now in effect for the 2018/2019 school year:

1. re-enrolling students
2. a catchment area sibling
3. a catchment area child
4. a non-catchment sibling
5. a non-catchment child
6. a non-school district child

The new enrolment priorities apply to new registrations, transfer requests and student transitions between elementary and middle, and middle and secondary school for English and French programs. The proposed changes differ from the previous priorities in that non-catchment siblings will no longer have priority over new catchment students, and out-of-catchment students transitioning out of elementary and middle school will no longer follow a school pathway giving them priority over catchment students.

In the new year, letters will be sent home from schools to parents of all grade five and eight students. Non-catchment Grade 5s and Grade 8s will have to apply for a transfer during the K-12 Student Transfer Process if they wish to continue on a catchment school pathway that does not align with their current home address.

Every home address in the Greater Victoria School District is connected to a catchment school. New students register at their catchment school and current students wishing to transfer to a different school must apply at their current school. In addition to proof of school age eligibility and citizenship, new requirements are in place for proof of residential address.

New proof of residency requirements

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Important Upcoming Dates in 2018:

January 8 - 12	Registration for schools of choice (South Park Elementary and Cloverdale Traditional)
January 15 - 19	Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Registration Week
January 29 - February 2	Kindergarten Registration and Kindergarten Transfer Week
February 15 - 23	Late French Immersion (Grade Six) Registration Week Kindergarten to Grade 12 Transfer Process
February 23 by 3 p.m.	Registration open for new Grade One-Grade 12 students for 2018-2019 school year Deadline to submit transfer requests. Must be submitted to catchment school
March 31	Deadline to inform parents of all transfer decisions

Parent Information Nights:

For new registrants to the District, Parent Information nights will occur at S.J. Willis, 923 Topaz Avenue.

November 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade One) Information night
January 17, 2018 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Welcome to Kindergarten Information night
January 24, 2018 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Late French Immersion (Grade Six) Information night

Each middle school and high school will also host an information/transition night in the new year. Visit school websites for dates. For more information about student registration and transfer process, please visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/>

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WELCOME TO SCHOOL
An information evening for
new Kindergarten parents
(Children born in 2013)
Wednesday, January 17 6:30-8:30pm
SJ Willis Auditorium - 923 Topaz Ave.

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School District

Other Dates to Remember
Kindergarten Registration & Transfers: Jan 29-Feb 2
Early French Immersion Registration: Jan 15-19

For more information visit:
SD61.BC.CA

LATE ARRIVALS



School begins at 8:45 a.m. We would like to decrease the number of late arrivals as this is very disruptive to classroom instruction.

Let's start the New Year right! Lose 5 minutes of sleep and set your alarm clocks back 5 minutes or set your clock 5 minutes fast so that you can arrive on time and not during announcements!

If you arrive just after the morning bell, please proceed to your class and your teacher will mark you as late. For students that arrive after morning announcements - please check in at the Office so that we know that you are here and are not marked as absent all day!

The following reasons outline why punctuality is an important skill to foster:

- ⊗ your child will be part of opening activities in the classroom and will not miss information that gets their day off to a good start
- ⊗ teachers will not use instructional time to be entering in late students
- ⊗ your child will develop a life skill that gives them a feeling of self-confidence and one that employers see as a sign of competence




WE
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YOU A
Merry
CHRISTMAS


Best Wishes for a safe and happy
holiday season
From the Staff at Northridge