

N O R T H R I D G E

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Northridge values: Safety, Kindness and Respect

January 25, 2018

Principal's Message...

Happy New Year Northridge families,

I always look forward to the new year in a *new school* as I finally feel like I am "home." I thank you as a parent community for welcoming me in so very many ways. Your pop ins, phone calls, words of gratitude and even those difficult conversations make my job fulfilling. My motto remains, "we can work through any challenge with trust, respect and true collaboration."

I would like to specifically acknowledge the incredible commitment of our Northridge PAC. I have worked in four separate school settings in my years as an administrator and our Northridge PAC most certainly is "top notch" in all that they do. We met last Wednesday to have a very productive conversation that included school based celebrations and concerns as well as focus on parent education. I am very impressed by the Northridge PAC's genuine commitment to parent education.

January through March is a short and "action-packed" term. Basketball is in full swing with fifty-two players this season (52!!). I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. J and Mr. R for the many hours they offer to coaching and getting our students excited about basketball as a sport. I have been very impressed with the skills and attitudes that I have observed in our students. There is no doubt- Northridge will be second to none when it comes to our Jamboree Feb. 28th- mark your calendars!

January 29th is a big day as we prepare to welcome our new Kindergarten families through the registration process which runs until February 2nd. Although the new district guidelines with respect to registration and transfers will present us some challenges as we adjust, we expect to be able to navigate this process, with your support.



On the other end of the scale, the first of many transitions to middle school starts for our grade five students and their families soon. Parents and students are invited to an open house at Glanford Middle School on Tuesday, January 30 from 7-8:30pm. These opportunities provide great insights to the world of middle school. I highly recommend you attend them.

I would like to remind parents of the importance of on-time arrival each day for your child. When students arrive to school late, it impacts their ability to engage with their peers and their teachers and ground themselves in a relaxed, calm and unhurried way to begin their day. Research into self-regulation supports this.

Please click the link for further information on Self-Regulation and its role in learning.

<http://www.self-regulation.ca/>

I am grateful to be your principal and appreciate the time and efforts you give every day to support your children, our staff and our community.

Warmly,
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Mrs. N. Naughton, Principal

FOR THOSE PARENTS THAT PROVIDE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICES –

During Kindergarten registration, there were a number of parents asking for names of before and after school care providers. We welcome anyone to post their information on our Community Board (located by the Computer Lab) or you can call the Office and give us details. Thank you!

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. Below is the required documentation to register:

School Age Eligibility and Citizenship

A child must reach five years of age by December 31st of the school year to be eligible for enrolment.

Documentation can include:

- ✓ Child's original Birth Certificate
- ✓ Canadian Passport
- ✓ Landed Immigrant authorization
- ✓ Indigenous and Northern Affairs Status Card

Parents of children who are not Canadian Citizens, Landed Immigrants, or do not have a birth certificate for their child must contact the International Student Program by calling 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 Tool** at www.sd61.bc.ca. Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on their residential address.

For Home Owners

Two current copies of the following documents are required:

- ✓ Purchase agreement of home
- ✓ 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 can only produce one of the above, they must also produce two of the following:

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

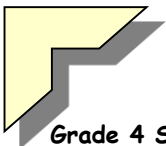
For Renters

To provide proof of home address the following is required:

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

In addition, two of the following are required:

- ✓ Canadian bank or credit card statement
- ✓ BC vehicle registration
- ✓ Income tax statement
- ✓ Renters Insurance documents

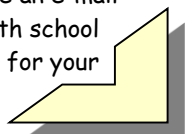


Grade 4 Students - Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Grade 4 students were involved in the annual provincial FSA assessments that provide a snapshot of how well students are doing in the basic skills of Reading Comprehension, Writing and Numeracy. The assessment was conducted both on-line and in written formats in the Fall. For more updated information, go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/.

Grade 4 Satisfaction Surveys

The 2018 Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey will be sent out at a later date. Grade 4 parents will receive an e-mail with a special link to complete the survey electronically. Grade 4 students will participate in the survey along with school staff personnel. Information from the survey helps shape the school's direction in setting future goals. Thanks for your participation!



GRADE 5 PARENTS:

Middle School Parent Information Nights

Northridge Elementary School is part of the Spectrum Family of Schools. Northridge catchment students will move through the following pathway schools - Glanford Middle School (Gr. 6-8) and Spectrum Community School (Gr. 9-12). Middle School parent information nights are on the following evenings:

Glanford: Tuesday, January 30 7:00-8:30p.m. (pathway school for Northridge catchment students)

Colquitz: Wednesday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit the District website at www.sd61.bc.ca/schools

For students wishing to attend a school other than their catchment school, a student transfer application form will need to be filled out during the student transfer process week (February 15-23).

Student Transfer Process for K-12

The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 to transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment. To apply for a transfer request you must provide all required documentation and complete a form at the student's current school in the week of February 15-23, 2018.

For students who are not in catchment and looking to follow their school pathway at the time of transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary (Grades 5 and 8), will now have to apply for a transfer request. Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow their current school pathway.

For more information on in catchment school pathways and transitions, please visit www.sd61.bc.ca - School Pathways & Transitions.

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, **there is no advantage of submitting your transfer request first. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.**

RED AND WHITE DAY - Join us!!

Wednesday, February 14th ~ will be Red and White Day at Northridge School. We're encouraging all students to participate in our special day by wearing red and white clothing to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Basketball Update - GAME(S) ON!

The New Year is here and so is our basketball team play schedule! Players who participated regularly in the skills program before the winter break are now on a team. There are five teams and the schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the gym. If your child is unable to attend a game, please let us know. Teammates are counting on them but understand when scheduling conflicts or illness arise; communication is important. Games are from 3:00 to 3:30pm. The Grade 5's will be participating in a mini tournament at Spectrum High School gymnasium on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 28. A letter will be going home closer to the date of the Jamboree (at Spectrum) with more information. We're impressed at the steadily growing skills and confidence. Come and watch the action!.... Mr. J & Mr. R.



Basketball Schedule - January - March 2018 -All games begin at 3:00pm - 3:30pm

<u>Teams</u>	
Thursday, January 25	2 - 3
Monday, January 29	4 - 5
Thursday, February 1	1 - 3
Monday, February 5	2 - 4
Thursday, February 8	5 - 3
Thursday, February 15	1 - 4
Monday, February 19	2 - 5

<u>Team Names</u>	
1.	The Sabertooths
2.	The Warriors
3.	The Ferocious Hamsters
4.	The Hawks
5.	Savages



Playoff Games (Once teams have been placed first, second, third, fourth & fifth)

Thursday, Feb. 22- Game 1

Monday, Feb. 26- Game 2

Wednesday, February 28th - Grade 5 Mini Basketball Tournament @ Spectrum High School 12:15pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, Mar. 1 - Game 3

Monday, Mar. 5 - Game 4

Thurs, Mar. 8- Game 5

Monday, Mar. 12 - Game 6

Thursday, Mar. 15 - Game 7

Friday, Mar. 16- Final Game at 12:00pm



Inclement weather and soggy playground conditions...

The Office has limited amount of extra clothes when a student clothes gets wet. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring an extra change of clothes to school.

Below is Northridge PAC's new executive voted in at January 17th's meeting:

2018 PAC Executive and Committee Coordinators

Chair	Linsay Kellow
Co-Vice Chairs	Jen Majorki and Melody Olsen
Secretary	Kristina Felt
Treasurer	Melanie Heidorn
Education Coordinators	Carol Tickner and Alissa La Faver
VCPAC Representative	Carol Tickner
Parent Partner	Linsay Kellow
Fundraising Coordinators	Cheryl Paton, Nicky Reid, Jen Young and Melanie Heidorn
Hot Lunch Coordinators	Melanie Heidorn and Jen Young
Country Grocer GCs	Chandell Martens
Emergency Preparedness Committee	Patrick Fisher
Safe & Active Routes Committee	Linsay Kellow, Carol Tickner, Chandell Martens
Healthy Eating Committee	Carol Tickner, Carol Pesce, Jen Young, Alissa La Faver
Grade 5 hoodie Coordinator	Melody Olsen

Country Grocer Save a Tape Program



Thank you to families that have been dropping their Country Grocer receipts in the box in the Office. Country Grocer donates 3% of the total sales of the receipts collected and with these monies Northridge PAC is able to support student programs and families.

This is a great and easy fundraiser! Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to save their receipts and help support Northridge. Thank you!



Wednesday, February 28, 2018 is Pink T-Shirt Day!

Please join the Northridge Staff and students on February 28 by wearing pink to support kindness and acceptance of differences. We encourage everyone to openly express that "Kindness is one size fits all". We all have the capacity to spread kindness and that is the underlying philosophy behind a movement that we hope lives year round beyond Pink Shirt Day. After all, kindness never goes out of style.

Be kind and gentle with your words - both to yourself and to other people. Mahatma Ghandi said, "Advice is like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."

Dates to Remember:

Fri. Jan. 26	Hot Lunch Pizza Day. Spirit Day - Dress as your favourite book character.
Jan. 29-Feb. 2	Full Day Kindergarten Registration (8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.)
Tues. Jan. 30	Grade 5 Information Night/Open House - 7 p.m. at Glanford Middle School gym
Tues. Feb. 6	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Spartan apples delivered
Thurs.. Feb. 8	Subway Hot lunch forms go home (due Feb 15).
Mon. Feb. 12	Family Day Holiday ~ no school
Wed. Feb. 14	Red & White Day. Jump Rope for Heart.
Thurs. Feb. 15	Hot lunch forms due (no late orders).
Fri. Feb. 16	School Assembly at 12:45pm
Wed. Feb. 21	PAC meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 22	Subway Hot lunch Day. Newsletter Day
Fri. Feb. 23	Pro D Day (whole District) ~ no school for students
Wed. Feb. 28	Pink T-Shirt (Kindness) Day
	Grade 5 Basketball students to Spectrum Jamboree (afternoon)
Fri. March 16	Last day of school before Spring break. Report cards go home.
March 17-Apr 3	Spring Break/Easter
Wed. Apr. 4	First day back after Spring break



February 2018

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Jan. 29 Basketball – Teams 4&5 after school	Jan. 30 Glanford Info Night 7pm	Jan. 31	Feb. 1 Basketball – Teams 1 & 3 after school	2
Kindergarten Registration Week				
5 Basketball – Teams 2&4 after school	6 Spartan apples delivered	7	8 Subway Hot Lunch forms go home. Basketball – Teams 5&3 after school.	9
12 Family Day Holiday	13	14 Red & White Day Jump Rope for Heart	15 Basketball – Teams 1&4 after school. Hot lunch forms due.	16 Assembly 12:45pm
K-12 Transfer Week				
19 Basketball – Teams 2&5 after school	20	21 PAC meeting 6:30pm	22 Newsletter Day Subway Hot lunch Day Basketball after school	23 Pro D- No school for students
K-12 Transfer Week				
26 Basketball after school	27	28 Pink Shirt Day Gr 5 Basketball Jamboree at Spectrum	Mar. 1 Basketball after school	2

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

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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

January 27 - Family Literacy Day...Donate books to increase early literacy



Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box just outside the Northridge library. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 150,000 books donated over the last eight years.

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Child, Youth and Family Community Health provides immunization clinics throughout the year for Kindergarten aged children. The following are the most common vaccines given to children at this age. Some children may be missing some vaccines and have not completed their childhood immunizations. Public Health Nurses or Family Physicians can ensure that your child is fully immunized against the following vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccine	Vaccine Schedule
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (given in one shot)	Most children in kindergarten are due for this vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Most children in kindergarten are due for a <u>second</u> dose of this vaccine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children who have had chickenpox disease or shingles when they were <u>over</u> one year of age do not need this vaccine. Children who had chickenpox disease when they were <u>younger</u> than one year of age OR who have never had chickenpox disease should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine and now need a second dose.
Hepatitis B	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 3 doses of this vaccine.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (given in one shot)	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 2 doses of this vaccine.
Meningococcal C	Most children in kindergarten should have already been given 1 dose of this vaccine.
Hepatitis A	Aboriginal children can be given 2 doses of this vaccine.

All of these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your family doctor. To check your child's immunization status or to make an appointment, phone your local health unit. For more information contact:

- Your local Health Unit
- HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free 24 hour service) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
- HealthLink BC Files [/www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/healthlinkbcfiles/index.html](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/healthlinkbcfiles/index.html)
- Your family doctor
- www.immunizebc.ca

Health Units:

Esquimalt	250-519-5311	Sooke	250-642-5464
Peninsula	250-544-2400	Victoria	250-388-2200
Saanich	250-519-5100	West Shore	250-519-3490

CALLING ALL RUNNERS & WALKERS

What: Join the "Northridge Suns" for the TC10K - Island Farms School Team Challenge

Why: Get active, show your school and community spirit, and have fun with friends, classmates, and teachers.

When: Sunday, April 29th.

Participants can choose from the 1.5 Km Kids run at 11:00 am, or the 10 Km at 8:00 am. All kids, parents, family and friends are welcome!

Cost: Kids Run is only \$15 if you register by January 31. \$20 if you register after 10 Km is \$45 until January 31. \$55 if you register after. (students and teachers running this distance get a \$10 discount)

Cost includes a Northridge Sun team shirt, if you register by April 6th. Race shirts will be delivered to the school on Friday, April 27th.

How: Register online at <http://www.tc10k.ca/teams/>

*Team Category is "Island Farms School Team Challenge"

*Team Name is "Northridge Suns"



We are celebrating 3 years of Jr. Jazzercise at Northridge! Come see why the kids have had so much fun over the years! Jr. Jazzercise is a dance-based fitness program geared to the specific needs interests and abilities of children. It's a non-competitive program that teaches balance, coordination, core strength, team-building activities and dance technique. Jr. Jazzercise strives to help increase children's self-esteem and confidence. The program officially runs for 45 minutes but I am in the gym as soon as the bell goes to meet and supervise the children. We get started as soon as they have all arrived. We play games, do relay races, do some choreographed dance routines, and then finish with some stretching and a cool-down amidst the silliness and fun. Jr. Jazzercise is open to children from grades **K-5**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at luppal@telus.net. Receipts will be issued for tax purposes. Please register by returning the form to the school or e-mail it directly to me. **Forms are available at the Office**

Jr. Jazzercise **Session #3** Tuesdays, Starts January 30th ~ 2:45 - 3:30 - **Eight weeks \$80** (incl. GST). Please make all cheques payable to Laura Uppal. Or: Charge to credit card.

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 in the Northridge 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.

