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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Northridge values: Safety, Kindness and Respect

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Principal's Message...

Dear Northridge Families,

Life at Northridge~ The past few months...

It sure has been a a fun and festive term! From the Winter Olympics celebrations to our first YCI (Youth Creating Inclusion) Pink Shirt Day assembly, to our annual basketball jamboree and recently our staff versus student basketball game ~spirit and community culture are alive and well at Northridge.



I continue to feel proud and honoured to be your principal. Thank you to our staff, parents and students for you *joie de vivre*; I love arriving to Northridge every day! It fills my bucket!

Communicating Student Learning~ Friday March 16th

Effectively communicating student learning continues to be a central goal for us a educators. Our relatively new reporting tool (Communicating Student Learning - CSL) is a district/provincially adopted tool that we hope will enhance your understanding of your child's learning and progress.

Please take time, with your child, to read the written comments from your teacher. Teachers spend considerable time to craft "a snapshot" of your child's learning to help you get a picture of your child's learning at this time of year.

- Please focus on the ***strength- based language*** in the report card that allows you to encourage your child and build a **growth mindset** (how they can build on their strengths versus focus on their stretches (areas of need)).
- Please do not **spend too much time celebrating grades** as they tend to decrease motivation and encourage a fixed mindset. Instead, focus on work ethic, commitment and perseverance in their learning.

If you have further questions after you read your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher or see me.

For further information on Growth Versus Fixed Mindsets and additional ways to support strength- based learning strategies, I have attached a link for your own information.

<https://www.youcubed.org/resources/four-boosting-messages-jo-students/>

Warmly,
Nadine

Student Placement for September 2018

A Student Placement form was sent home last week. This is an opportunity for parents to provide educational information about their child. This information will be considered when classes are built in June for the next school year. Forms are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher and are due back on Friday, March 16th. Thank you in advance for your input; it will be considered carefully.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - Wednesday, April 25th - EARLY DISMISSAL

On Wednesday, April 25th, students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. in order to accommodate student-led conferences. Their conferences will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run through until 5:30 p.m.

Student-led conferences provide an opportunity for students to assume a leadership role in their own learning. At these conferences, it is necessary for the students to be accountable for the work produced, to communicate with parents and to demonstrate some organizational skills as they lead their parents through this process. These conferences will also allow parents to gain a good understanding of the program in their child's classroom, how the child is progressing and how the child interacts in this environment. We hope that every parent will be able to attend this important time.

These conferences will be 30 minutes in length and there could be two or three other conferences in the classroom at the same time. Teachers will arrange the conference schedule. Student-Led forms will be sent home on Monday, April 9th and are due back on April 13th. Confirmation of conference times will be sent home on Thursday, April 19th.

Potcake Place Fundraiser - Mrs. Ashbee

Friday is the last day for students to bring in donations for Potcake Place, a K9 Rescue organization in the Turks & Caicos Islands. All money goes directly to help dogs and puppies who need vet care, food and foster homes until forever homes can be found.

Ask your child if they remember from Friday's assembly why the pups are called Potcakes!



Every Friday is Car Free Friday - Bike, Walk or scoot to school!

*Important
DATE!*

Dates to Remember

Friday, March 16	Last day before Spring break. Report cards home. Student Placement forms due.
March 17-April 3	Spring/Easter Break
<u>Wednesday</u> , April 4	School re-opens
Monday, April 9	Student-Led conference forms go home
Tuesday, April 10	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Grape tomatoes delivered
Friday, April 13	Student-Led conference forms due. School Assembly 12:45pm. Hot lunch forms go home.
Wednesday, April 18	PAC meeting 6:30pm
Thursday, April 19	Hot lunch forms due. Student-Led conference times go home to parents
Friday, April 20	Curriculum Implementation Day - no school for students
Tuesday, April 24	Fruit & Vegetable Program - Mini peppers delivered
Wednesday, April 25	Early Dismissal at 11:50am for Student-Led Conferences.
Thursday, April 26	Newsletter Day
Friday, April 27	Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, May 15	New Kindergarten Orientation morning
Friday, May 18	Pro D Day - no school for students
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 29	Whole school and class photo day - Bring your smiles!

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 inside the office. Northridge will get 3% of the pre-tax value back.



Canadian Tire Money

We continually collect Canadian Tire Money.

Submit CT money in the Country Grocer box inside the office.

Monies are used to purchase items such as game supplies, sporting equipment, prizes and auction items.



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.