

N O R T H R I D G E
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Northridge values: Safety, Kindness and Respect

June 28, 2018

Principal's Message...

As the year comes to a close I want to begin by expressing my gratitude. I am thankful to you, our parents and families, for the support and partnership you have offered me in my first year at Northridge.



I also want to acknowledge our committed and caring staff who give their hearts every day to create the conditions for powerful learning in an environment that is safe, kind and respectful.

We always feel a sense of sadness as we bid farewell to our grade fives who are moving onto middle school, but we are excited for them as they make this important life transition. We know that they will take the lessons learned at Northridge with them.

I wish each of you a summer filled with laughter and play as well as rest and peace.

See you in September!

Farewell to the following staff members who will be leaving us in June. We have appreciated your energy, contributions and dedication to our school.



Staff Member	Moving to...
Mr. Rob Crawford	View Royal Elementary
Mr. Sean Gorman	TBD
Ms. Kenzie Houston	TBD
Ms. Erin Houldsworth	South Park School
Ms. Laurie Bayly	James Bay Elementary
Ms. Nina Lidkea	Lakehill Elementary
Ms. Rachel Ottenbreit	TBD
Mrs. Karen Whyte	On leave
Ms. France Fortin	TBD
Mrs. Linsay Kellow	TBD



We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who will be joining us in September:

Ms. Ashley Sherrington- Kindergarten/Grade1

Ms. Caitlin McKeachie - Kindergarten

Ms. Jennifer Fisher- Strings

Ms. Dianne Gorter- Counselling

Ms. Nicole Harris - Grade 3 (with Ms. Escher)

Combined Grade Classes at Elementary

Next year at Northridge our classes are generally combined classes across the school (with the exception of grade 3)

Please see the attached document that was created to explain the merits of combined classes for student learning and school culture.



REPORT CARD PICK UP - For students who are absent the last day of school (June 28th) -- Report Cards can be picked up at the school office until June 29th. 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).



Year End Assembly - Thursday, June 28th at 10:30am

Important
DATE!

GRADES 1 to 5

September Start-Up -First Day of School for Grades 1-5 - Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, September 4th, 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.

Important
DATE!

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 6th. Parents have been notified as to which Group sessions that their child will attend.

Group A:

Thursday, September 6th 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 7th 8:45 - 2:38 p.m.

No school for Group A on Monday

Tuesday, September 11th regular full day

On Tuesday, September 11th, regular Full Day Kindergarten hours begin (8:45-2:38 p.m.)

Group B:

Thursday, September 6th 12:38-2:38 p.m.

No school for Group B on Friday

Monday, September 10th 8:45 - 2:38 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11th 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 28th. 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 28th will be donated to Charity.....



Grade 3-5 Track Program

Our Zone track meet was held at UVIC's Centennial Stadium on Tuesday, May 29th. Grade 3 to 5 students competed in the 800 m, 100 m, and 4 x 100 m relay events. The City Finals were held on Thursday, May 31.

Congratulations to the following:

Matteo, Brendan, Tyson, Aesal who came in 1st in the Grade 5 Boys B Flight 4x100

Taylor A., Ashley, Berlin, Kimberley who came in 2nd in the Grade 5 Girls B Flight 4x100

Harlow, Jacqueline, Alanna, Leah who came in 3rd in the Grade 3 B Flight 4x100

Shaye who came in 3rd in the Girls Grade 3 100m

Tyler F. who came in 3rd in the Boys Grade 5 100m

And Bella, Alanna and Ben M. who qualified for the 800m and Cohen, Nate, Ethan & Brody who qualified for the 100m.

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.



Roots of Empathy - Mrs. Jack and baby Alec. Thank you for teaching us about baby Alec!



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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

We need books for summer!!

157,000 books in seven 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.



NORTHRIDGE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Please Keep This for Future Reference



The standard School Calendar for 2018/19 school year is as follows:

Number of non-instructional days: 7 One administrative day (Friday, June 28, 2019)

September 2018

Tuesday, September 4 School opens 9:00am. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am.
Monday, September 17 Non-instructional day (whole District)

October 2018

Monday, October 8 Thanksgiving Day
Friday, October 19 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (Province Wide)

November 2018

Monday, November 12 Remembrance Day
Friday, November 23 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (whole District)

December 2018

Friday, December 21 Last day of school before winter break

January 2019

Monday, January 7 School re-opens
Friday, January 18 Non-Instructional Professional Development Day (Northridge)

February 2019

Friday, February 15 Non-Instructional Professional Development Day Monday,
February 18 Family Day Holiday

March 2019

Friday, March 15 Last day of school before spring break

April 2019

Monday, April 1 School re-opens
Friday, April 12 Non-Instructional Curriculum Implementation Day
Friday, April 19 Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 22 Easter Monday Holiday

May 2019

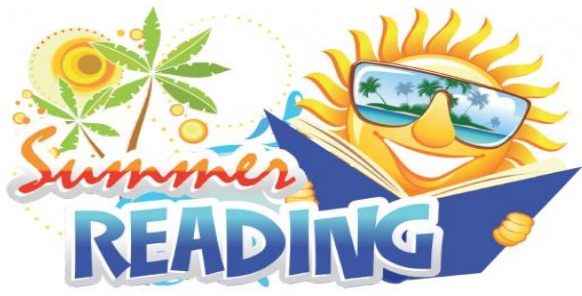
Friday, May 17 Non-instructional Professional Development Day (whole District)
Monday, May 20 Victoria Day

June 2019

Thursday, June 27 Last Day of school for students - full day
Friday, June 28 Administrative Day

SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2018/19

8:30am	Supervision begins outside
8:45am	Classes begin
10:05am bell	Recess begins
10:20am bell	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
2:53pm	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!



Enjoy some Motion Commotion with the Greater Victoria Public Library's BC Summer Reading Club. In this free, self-paced reading program, your child will track their weekly reading and earn prizes along the way, including stickers, a pizza coupon and a recreation pass. To register, pick up a free reading record from any public library branch starting June 28. The library also offers more than 300 free programs for kids throughout the summer. Go to gvpl.ca for more information.



**MOTION
COMMOTION**

BC Summer Reading Club 2018



**GREATER VICTORIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

PLSC Summer Soccer Camps

First week: **July 23rd-July 27th** Layritz Turf

Second Week: **August 13th-17th** Layritz Turf

Half Day Camp: Ages 5-11 is from 9 a.m.-12 a.m. at Layritz Turf with a cost of **\$99**
(includes: PLSC tee-shirt)

Full Day Camp: Ages 6-11 is from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Layritz Turf with a cost of **\$200**
(Includes: PLSC -Tee shirt, bus fare, swimming fee.)

The PLSC Summer Camp is focused on the FUNdamentals of soccer. Each day will focus on a specific skill, whether it be passing, dribbling, shooting, ball control, player movement off the ball. There will be technical skill drills based on these areas as well as small sided games that are focused on fine tuning these specific skill sets.

If you choose the full day option, the players will be going for a swim at commonwealth Pool every afternoon and will leave the field around 2:00 p.m. and parents will be picking up at 4pm at Commonwealth Pool. We will be getting the BC Transit bus outside the VI Technology centre and will get off at Royal Oak Exchange (Bus#39), and then walk up to the pool.

Register at www.plsc.org



*Have a safe and
happy summer holiday!!*