

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

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May 31, 2018



Principal's Message...

Dear Northridge Families,

As I re-read the newsletter message from this time last year, it struck me once again, how quickly one year passes. One year ago, Lynda Whittam announced her retirement from the Greater Victoria School District as your principal and announced my placement as your new principal. *Where does time go?* Reflection (metacognition) is one of the most important thought processes that we can teach learners of all ages. Learning research states that reflection is the single most powerful tool to move new learning into long term memory. As I reflect on this past year at Northridge, many things stand out for me from my first staff and PAC meetings, to fall cross country and soccer. In January, I was blown away by the incredible basketball spirit at Northridge: over 50 players strong! February was exciting as we spent two weeks celebrating the Winter Olympics including a full school opening ceremony and school- based sporting events. February saw Pink Shirt day hosted by YCI student leaders and a whole school dance party! Since Spring Break, we have been busy with staffing for next year, professional learning sessions, track season (Zone Meet May 29th and City Finals May 31st at UVic), Welcome to Kindergarten and middle school transition, emergency preparedness, and we are now *almost* ready for our whole school performance concert including dance, strings, choir, and music on May 30th and 31st (both 1:30 pm performances.)

Throughout the year, I have felt deeply grateful for the relationships that I have built with you~ the community. Getting to know and love your children, our dedicated staff and you, as strong and involved parent partners, has been the highlight for me. Deep learning only happens through strong and trusting relationships. Thank you for the many ways you have supported me as I have *grown into Northridge*. I am honoured to be your principal!



June will be busy with field trips, a trip to Western Speedway for our grade 4/5s and our goodbye assembly to honour our grade five students on June 26th at 10:30 am. The final day for students is Thursday, June 28th.

Nadine Naughton



Reminder..... Hot Lunch Day is Friday, June 22nd --- Order forms go home on Friday, June 8. Last one of the year!!

Tennis BC



We have acquired Tennis BC to provide an in-school tennis program for all students in Grades 1 to 5. The program will be taught for two weeks (June 4-14). Each child will receive three hours of instruction, all equipment is supplied for the lessons. We are asking for \$10 from each child to offset the cost of the program. An information letter was sent out; please return the consent form and money to your child's classroom teacher by today, Thursday, May 31st.

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 will be held tonight for those who placed 1st or 2nd.

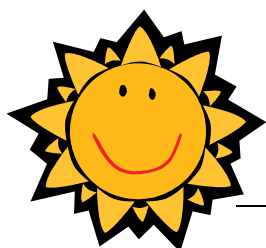


Northridge PAC Fundraiser - Pre-packaged school supplies for Grades 1 - 5 for 2018/19

The Northridge PAC sent out a school supply order list for 2018/19 to those students currently in Grades K-4 and information regarding their online fundraiser.

If you choose to do the PAC online fundraiser, please visit: bts.monk.ca and use PAC code 3C1286 on the SHOP page.

If you choose not to order your child's supplies online, please keep the supply list for your reference.



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

Dates to Remember:

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| Thurs. May 31 | City Finals Track Meet 6pm. Tennis BC forms due. Music & Dance performance 1:30pm (Odd divisions) |
| Fri. June 1 | Reunification drill 1pm. |
| June 4-14 | Tennis BC lessons in the gym |
| Fri. June 8 | Pizza Hot Lunch forms go home (due Thursday, June 14) |
| Wed. June 13 | PAC meeting - 6:30pm |
| Fri. June 15 | Fun Day (pm) |
| Fri. June 22 | Pizza Hot Lunch Day. PAC Fun Fair 5-8pm |
| Tues. June 26 | Divisions 5-13 to Island View Beach. Gr5 assembly 10:30am |
| Thurs. June 28 | Last day of school. Year end assembly 10:30am. Report cards sent home. Dismissed at regular time. |

We are pleased to announce that a member of the Northridge School Community has been awarded the 2018 VCPAC Award. Please join in congratulating Sean Gorman on his award for: **"New Teacher of Distinction"**
Well done, Mr. Gorman!





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

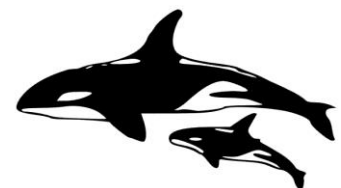
World Oceans Day Beach Clean!

Ms. Lidkea's ELL students would like to welcome Northridge families to come to the Surfrider Foundation's beach cleanup on Sunday, June 10th, 2018 from 11 am to 1 pm at Lime Bay (205 Kimta Rd, in Vic West).

Make a difference, make friends, and learn about the impact of garbage on our environment.

Surfrider provides supplies, but more buckets or cloth reusable bags, and reusable gloves (non-plastic) would be helpful. Snacks will be provided!

For more info, email Nina Lidkea at clidkea@sd61.bc.ca



Northridge PAC - **Alert First Aid order forms** are due in the Office on Friday, June 8th. Your order will be ready for pick-up in the Office on June 22nd. Order forms were e-mailed earlier as part of our school's first emergency reunification drill information. We are encouraging you to participate in this very important exercise which is being held at 1pm on Friday, June 1st.

The Northridge PAC Fun Fair is quickly approaching...FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Here is some important info regarding the highly anticipated, upcoming, Northridge Fun Fair...

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD BY SHARING THE ATTACHED POSTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THROUGH EMAIL, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER AND/OR WORD OF MOUTH

Wristbands are \$20 each (kids under 4 free)

One flat fee gives the students unlimited access to all activities... All students win a prize at every game. Wristbands will be available to purchase before and after school June 18th until the day of the day of the fair June 22nd.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d48aaae23a7ff2-northridge>

We are asking for a minimum of 8 parents for each classroom to help out!

Silent Auction Donations - GOES LIVE JUNE 1st

Our silent auction items have a combined value of over \$8,000!! Some of these items include: a car detailing package, remote garage opener; 2 night hotel stay, a variety of store, restaurant, spa, birthday party, fitness passes and so much more. Our NEW ONLINE SILENT AUCTION is going to be open for bidding starting tomorrow June 1st... bidding will close on June 18th. It is NOT to late...if you, or a company you know, would like to donate an item, please contact Kara at karalee@shaw.ca.

The ONLINE AUCTION link is:

www.32auctions.com/NorthridgeAuction2018

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets went home last week and are due in by Friday June 15th. It is our hope that each child in the school will sell at least one book of Raffle Tickets. Each book MUST BE accounted for and returned to the school, whether it has been sold or not... if you do not plan on selling the raffle tickets, please return them to the office.

We have three amazing prizes:

- 1) Apple iPad 9.7" 32GB with WiFi (valued at \$475)
- 2) \$300 Cash Package
- 3) \$150 Country Grocer Gift Cards

Classroom Silent Auction Baskets

A huge thank you goes out to each division for collecting items for their class basket. The baskets look amazing and are part of our auction **LIVE AT THE FUN FAIR**. Bidding will be open during the Fun Fair from 5pm-7:30pm just outside the gym.

Cake Walk

The prizes for our cake walk will be cakes made by...YOU!! Please consider baking or buying a cake (or two!) to bring to the school on the day of the fair. We are hoping to have at least 40 cakes for the cake walk... Each cake donated will have an entry for a draw to win a \$25 gift card. Don't forget to put your name on your cake! The more cakes you bring... the more chances you have to win!! Please sign up by emailing

NORTHRIDGE.PAC.FUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM or in the hallway at Northridge:

Games

We will be having a Lollipop Ring Toss, Ping Pong Ball Toss, Boat Race, Wheel of Fortune, Mini Golf Game, marble Maze, Water Boating, Shooting Duck, Face Painting, Strong Man, Cakewalk, Basketball Shoot, Dunk Tank and a variety of outdoor games from Games 2 U: Bouncy Castle, Obstacle Course, Hamster Balls, U-Launchers and Booger Wars... it promises to be an amazing night!!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to send us an email:

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