

Northridge NewsHawk



Newsletter # 2, October 3, 2019

Principal's Address

Thank you for attending the PAC BBQ on Wednesday, Sept. 25th. It was a pleasure to meet many of you and the event was well attended. As a matter of note, I had my first Gaga Ball experience that evening and, you guessed it, the results were not spectacular. I think I will leave Gaga Ball to the kids.

Last Spring the PAC approached me about changing our lunch format. The proposal was to have the students play first and then eat. After a thorough consultation with the PAC and the staff, we have joined several other schools in this new lunch format. Notable differences are that students are able to hit the playground right at 11:50am when the need to burn some energy is the greatest. Eating time, back in the classroom, seems to be calmer as students are not as distracted, or in a rush, to eat. We will use the new lunch format until the Winter Break and then review the decision with the PAC.

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct . 9 Parent Teacher Conferences School Dismissed at 11:50am
- Oct. 10 Parent Teacher Conferences School Dismissed at 11:50am
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Oct 17 Earthquake drill Time: TBA
- Oct. 22 Photo Retakes

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 24 Pizza Hot Lunch
- Oct. 25 Pro D day. No school for students
- Nov. 1 PAC Halloween Dance
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day school holiday

Scholastic Book Fair – Mrs. Buckham

Our Scholastic book fair fundraiser is just around the corner and is scheduled to take place during the parent-teacher conferences on October 9th and 10th from 11:50am to 6:00 pm. Please come and visit us in the library and help support our school as every \$10 in sales returns \$6 in book profit to our library and classroom libraries. Please refer to the Scholastic book fair flyer that will come home with your child next week for more details about our literacy fundraiser. If anyone is interested in volunteering to work at the book fair, please contact Mrs. Buckham in the library. Thank you in advance for your support!

Northridge School Garden Workshops

Many of the Grade 1-5 classes had an opportunity over the past 2 weeks to take part in a garden workshop put on by Lifecycles and sponsored by PAC funds. Please see the attached document for more information about what they learned and suggestions about how to engage with them about their experience.

Watch for more workshops in the spring!

School Garden Clean Up – Friday, Oct. 25, 10:00am -12:00pm

Also please join the effort to keep the inner court yard looking nice and a pleasant space for our children to learn. Join in on garden clean - up day and bring the whole family. Friday, Oct. 25 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Northridge Health Fair

Our first ever Northridge Health Fair was a great success! The fair was visited by well over 100 families. Brought to you by the Northridge Healthy Schools Committee. During the health fair students and parents created the most amazing list of non-screen time ideas. Way better than any list you would find on Pinterest! Please see the attached document for this amazing list.



Ms. Harris and Mrs. Kupiak's class learning computer coding

Several classes took part in Mobile Coding last week. Thank you to Ms. Harris for arranging this for our school

