Newsletter \# 4,

November 7, 2019

## Vice Principal's message

It is hard to believe that we are almost mid-way through November. Each class that I visit, I see students very engaged and actively participating in their learning environments with topics ranging from Shakespeare, to simple machines, how to prepare for the changing weather and what peace means to them. Our whole school community will join together for our Remembrance Day assembly this Friday, November $8^{\text {th }}$ at 10:30. Divisions one and three will be reciting In Flanders Field poem, the choir will be performing a rendition of In Flanders Field, and a number of students have shared their thoughts and artwork in a school video talking about Peace. All parents and families are welcome to join us for this assembly.

Miss Simmonds

## Dates to remember

Nov. 7 Math Mania Evening 6:30-8pm
Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30am
Nov. 11 Remembrance Day - No school
Nov. 20 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 22 Pro D Day - No school for students
Nov. 29 Subway Hot Lunch

## Student Drop Off - It's 'Drop and Go'

We have a great student drop off area and it only works if everyone helps out. The rule is 'Drop and Go' and please do not leave your car. One empty car can easily disrupt the 'Drop and Go' and make it unsafe for kids as well.

## Math Night

You don't know how much fun math can be if you have not attended Math Mania. Great for young and old, Math Mania will involve children and parents in an evening of fun activities. One of the difficulties in achieving success with numbers is that students (and parents) claim that they are 'not good at math'. Math Mania will help you discover how much fun Math can be. Please RSVP Linsay Kellow I.szteina@gmail.com so she can confirm numbers. Thank you.

## Dress for the weather

The weather is changing; it's cold and wet. Please make sure that your child is dressed to be outdoors for both morning recess and lunch recess. You can set up a routine in the morning to check the weather and make a smart decision on outerwear.

## Soccer Team

A big shout out to our soccer team that finished their season at the Jamboree today. It was a great showing and the team played their hearts out. An extra special thank you goes to Coach German and Coach Chessa for their extra time and effort they put in to make this happen.

## Northridge Grade 5 Class of 2019 Hoodie Orders



Forms were sent home with your child on Monday. Samples are available in the Office if you are unsure of the size. Order forms need to be returned by Tuesday, November $19^{\text {th }}$. If you do not wish to purchase a hoodie, please mark the box on the form and return it to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you!

## Country Grocer (Royal Oak) - Save a Tape Program

Save your grocery receipts and drop them off at the school. Country Grocer will
 donate $3 \%$ of the total sales of the receipts collected. That's $\$ 3$ to our school for every $\$ 100$ spent at Country Grocer. You can ask family and friends to save their receipts for you as well. There is a drop off box located inside the Northridge Office. This is a great fundraiser!

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## island health

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

## Re: Requirements Under BC's New Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation

BC's new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation came into effect on July 1, 2019. It supports the gathering of immunization records by local Public Health units. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

In the coming months our staff will check the immunization records we have on file for school age children. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted. They will be asked to provide us with the immunization information required under the regulation. We will also let families know where children can receive immunizations.

Health authority public health units already have complete immunization information on file for most children. For this reason, most families will not be contacted or need to take any further action. If you are contacted, it may only mean that we need to update some information in our files. It may not mean that your child is missing immunizations.

You can use the online Vaccination Status Indicator tool (www.immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator) to check if your child's immunization record is missing or incomplete. It tells you if your child's immunization record is on file with public health but does not provide any details about their immunization status or history.

Collecting immunization information allows us to connect with families about the importance of disease prevention. It also helps us respond quickly to outbreaks and helps everyone get back to school as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reportingregulation.

Thank you for helping to keep BC children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,


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Thursday November 7, 2019
Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year, Northridge School is organizing The Thirteen "Divs" of Christmas.
Each division is responsible for a non-perishable food item/necessity and will build a hamper from the various contributions within their classroom over the next month.

Below is a division chart:

| Division | Teacher | Food item/necessity | Ideas |
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| 1 | Mr. Johnston | Pasta / Rice | Macaroni, rice, boxed potatoes, spaghetti |
| 2 | Ms. Escher | Canned Fruit \& veggies | Apple sauce, beans, corn, fruit cocktail |
| 3 | Mr. Richardson | Sauces \& Condiments | Pasta sauce, tomato sauce, ketchup, , mayonnaise, pickles, relish |
| 4 | Mrs. Chessa | Small treats \& snacks | Candy, chocolate, cookies, cake mixes, cookie mixes |
| 5 | Mrs. Hall | Christmas Basket | Mrs. Hall will send a letter home to parents regarding this. |
| 6 | Mrs. Kupiak/ Miss Harris | Christmas Baske $\dagger$ | Mrs. Kupiak/Miss Harris will send a letter home to parents regarding this. |
| 7 | Mrs. Lunt | Household \& hygiene supplies | Tooth paste, soap, toiletries, cleaners, sponges, laundry detergent |
| 8 | Mrs. Tebo | Soups | Canned soup, dry soup, chili, stew |
| 9 | Mrs. Sarton | Pasta/Rice | Macaroni, rice, boxed potatoes, spaghetti |
| 10 | Mrs. Elliott | Snacks and Treats | Granola Bars, pudding cups, raisins, crackers, candy, chocolate |
| 11 | Miss Kelly | Soups | Canned soup, dry soup, chili, stew |
| 12 | Miss Simmonds | Breakfast Items | Cereal, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Jam |
| 13. | Mrs. McKeachie | Breakfast Items | Cereal, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Jam |
|  | Staff | Juice and Extra's | Orange juice, Apple juice, tea, coffee, Hot cocoa |

We are hoping that each student will be able to contribute an item to their division's Christmas hamper.

Please have your child bring in his or her item no later than Friday, December 14th. There will also be a donation box in the front foyer and you can contribute any item that you like. All contributions will be donated to our Northridge community families. Thank you in advance!

