

# Northridge Newshawk



Newsletter #10,

March 6, 2020

## Principal's message

As Spring Break approaches, it is once again report cards time. You should be receiving your student's report card this Wednesday. We have seen some tremendous progress during our second term and are excited to share their learning journeys with you at home. Here are a few things to think about as you read through, reports are a snapshot in time showing your child's progress and we still have 3 more months of school before the end of the year; read the report carefully as teachers spend a great deal of time preparing each report and there is a lot of information to distill; and please remember it's not all about the grade and progress takes on many forms. The comment sections are rich with information about your child that gives you insight into your child's achievement or performance in areas such as Social Responsibility or Work Habits. You will see one additional portion on the reports cards to give you some reference points to compare your child's attendance and number of late arrivals. If you have any questions about these reports, you are always welcome to contact to the school to speak to the teacher or talk to me or our Vice-Principal, Katie Simmonds. But first, Take a look at the report card, celebrate the wonderful learning that has taken place this term, pin it to the fridge for future reference, and have a great March Break!

## Dates to remember

March 10 <sup>th</sup>	White Hatter Presentation Gr 4/5
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards go home
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Art Starts Performance 1:30pm
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly/Strings Spring Performance @ 10:30am
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break (March 13 <sup>th</sup> – March 29 <sup>th</sup> )
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens after Spring Break

## Phone Number, Address and Emergency Contact Information

Please advise the Office if you have recently moved or changed your phone number. Also, please advise us if you have new emergency contact information. This information is helpful in the event that your child is injured or sick at school and needs to be picked up. Besides family members, if possible, place a few trusted neighbors or family friends on the list. This way, there is someone to pick up your child even if there is a family emergency. Always make children aware of who is on the emergency contact list and who has permission to pick them up.

## **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!

## **Student Placement for September 2020**

Typically in the spring, our staff begins to think about positive learning environments, needs and best placements for students. We take a lot of time and follow a careful process to make best efforts to set up all students for another successful year ahead of them here at Northridge. If you have an specific educational needs that you would like to the school and administration to be aware of as we head into planning for next year, please make an appointment with the office for a meeting with administration. As in previous years, we will not be accepting requests for specific teachers. We are happy to hear about learning practices that have worked for your student and friendships that support learning. Thank you for trusting our professional opinions and the learning of our students as we carefully begin this process.

## **Basketball Program**



The Gr.4/5 Basketball Program is winding down. It's been a success and a busy 4 months on the court for the 37 students involved. The Tornadoes, Devils, Hawks and Raptors displayed excellent sportsmanship and played hard. Two grade 5 teams (17 students total) from Northridge represented the school admirably at the Spectrum Jamboree (and won all their games!). Next Tuesday march 10<sup>th</sup> afterschool will be the basketball finals between The Tornadoes and the Hawks. Come on out and cheer on your friends! All Grade 4 participants will play in a staff vs student game over the lunch break on March 13<sup>th</sup> to wrap the Northridge basketball program up.

## **The White Hatter Internet Safety/Social Media and Digital Literacy Workshops for Gr 4/5 Students & Parents - Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Is internet safety a topic that is on your mind? Do you know how to make sure your children are safe while on the internet? Northridge is bringing an expert on the topic to speak to all grade 4 & 5 students and their parents for two separate workshops. "The White Hatter" is a local family run company operating since 1993 in Victoria. They have established a reputation for providing internet and social media safety, digital literacy to schools all over Victoria and Internationally.

**The Grade 4/5 student workshop will take place during their school day.**

The focus will be helping students to understand the power of digital technology and mobile communications and to be aware of the unintended consequences of high risk online behaviour. Please go to [www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-elementary-school](http://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-elementary-school) for more details.

The **parent workshop** will be held in the evening from 6:30-8:30 pm.

This workshop will provide information needed to help keep students safer, increase their privacy and protect their online digital footprint.

Please go to [www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-parents](http://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-parents) for more details.

**REGISTER for this FREE! parent workshop at:**<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-white-hatter-internet-safetysocial-media-and-digital-literacy-tickets-93578735517>

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Our **2020 Fun Fair** is getting closer...roughly 3 months away...mark your calendars for **Friday June 5th** from 5:00-8:00pm!!

The Fun Fair Committee is actively requesting the following:

1. **GAME SPONSORS** (a game sponsor involves a minimum donation of \$100 cash which will cover the cost of the prizes for one game). As a game sponsor your company name (or your name) will be placed on a sign beside the game/room advertising your sponsorship. If you would like to be a game sponsor please email Melanie Heidorn at [mdheidorn@gmail.com](mailto:mdheidorn@gmail.com).
2. **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** (items, gift certificates and/or services). If you (or anyone you know) can provide a silent auction item please email Melanie at [mdheidorn@gmail.com](mailto:mdheidorn@gmail.com) or Cheryl at [cherylee76@gmail.com](mailto:cherylee76@gmail.com).
3. Please place **CANADIAN TIRE MONEY**, along with your **COUNTRY GROCER RECEIPTS** inside the red box which is in the front foyer. The money will be used to buy items for the Fun Fair.

In early April, each class will be collecting items for our **Silent Auction Baskets**. Each teacher has chosen a theme and parents will have approximately two weeks to bring in their items. Please watch for the **RAFFLE BASKET NEWSLETTER** which will be going out after Spring Break! Thank you, again, for your support!

# **Northridge Spring Cleaning**

Calling all Parents, Students & Teachers!

It's clean up time in our front garden and inner courtyard

Let's Spruce It Up!



**Saturday April 4**

**9:30-1:30**

Come for a much or as little time as you can manage.

Let me know you're coming.

Contact Carol Tickner  
[ctickner@shaw.ca](mailto:ctickner@shaw.ca)  
250-514-9810

## My Sport Female Soccer Day @ Layritz turf field March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Save the date** and head to the Prospect Lake Soccer Club website [www.plsc.org](http://www.plsc.org) to register for this free and fun event for girls and women. We partner with high performance female athletes in our community to offer skills sessions, a coaching course, and scrimmage opportunities for female soccer enthusiasts of all ages. Not to mention there will be free t-shirts, a BBQ lunch and additional give aways for all participants! For those 16 – adult, have you ever considered coaching, or are you looking for an opportunity to build your skill set and resume? Sign up for the free Active Start coaching course that we are hosting at our My Sport Female Soccer Day as well! Find all the details on the PLSC website or email [girlscoordinator@plsc.org](mailto:girlscoordinator@plsc.org) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

# SPRING & SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS



### SPRING SKILLZ N' SOCCER FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - U5 TO U9

**April 23-June 11 ( 8 sessions) - \$95**

**Thursday evenings on the Layritz turf from 6-7pm**

Skillz N' Soccer program is open to players of all levels of ability and will teach your keen soccer child more about the tactical side of the game through instructional small-sided games in combination with free-play games. The focus is on FUN and encouraging players to get touches on the ball out of the regular season of soccer.

- Each player receives a Spring League t-shirt
- Players will be placed on balanced teams in their age groups each week and play round robin games

### SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

**First week: July 13-July 17 • Second Week: August 10-14**

**Half Day Camp (\$115): For boys and girls aged 5-11 • 9am-12pm (Includes PLSC t-shirt)**

**Full Day Camp (\$225): For boys and girls aged 6-11 • 9am-4pm (Includes PLSC t-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.

**For more information & to register, visit [PLSC.ORG](http://PLSC.ORG)**