

Northridge Notepad

Our Northridge values: Safety, Kindness and Respect

December 4, 2020

Good afternoon Northridge Community,

The weather is getting colder, the days are getting shorter, and winter break is in sight. As we near the holiday break we wanted to give you an update on some of the festive things happening in the school as well as some of the related COVID restrictions. We are quite sad that we cannot welcome our Northridge community in the school this year to participate in the annual Gingerbread House making event. Instead, staff members are actively planning fun and festive events and activities to bring some holiday cheer into the classrooms. Each class will be creating a special ornament as well as some other special arts and craft projects. Our music teacher has been hard at work helping the students prepare some winter music selections that will be recorded and shared with our families. Watch your inbox in the next few weeks for that special link.

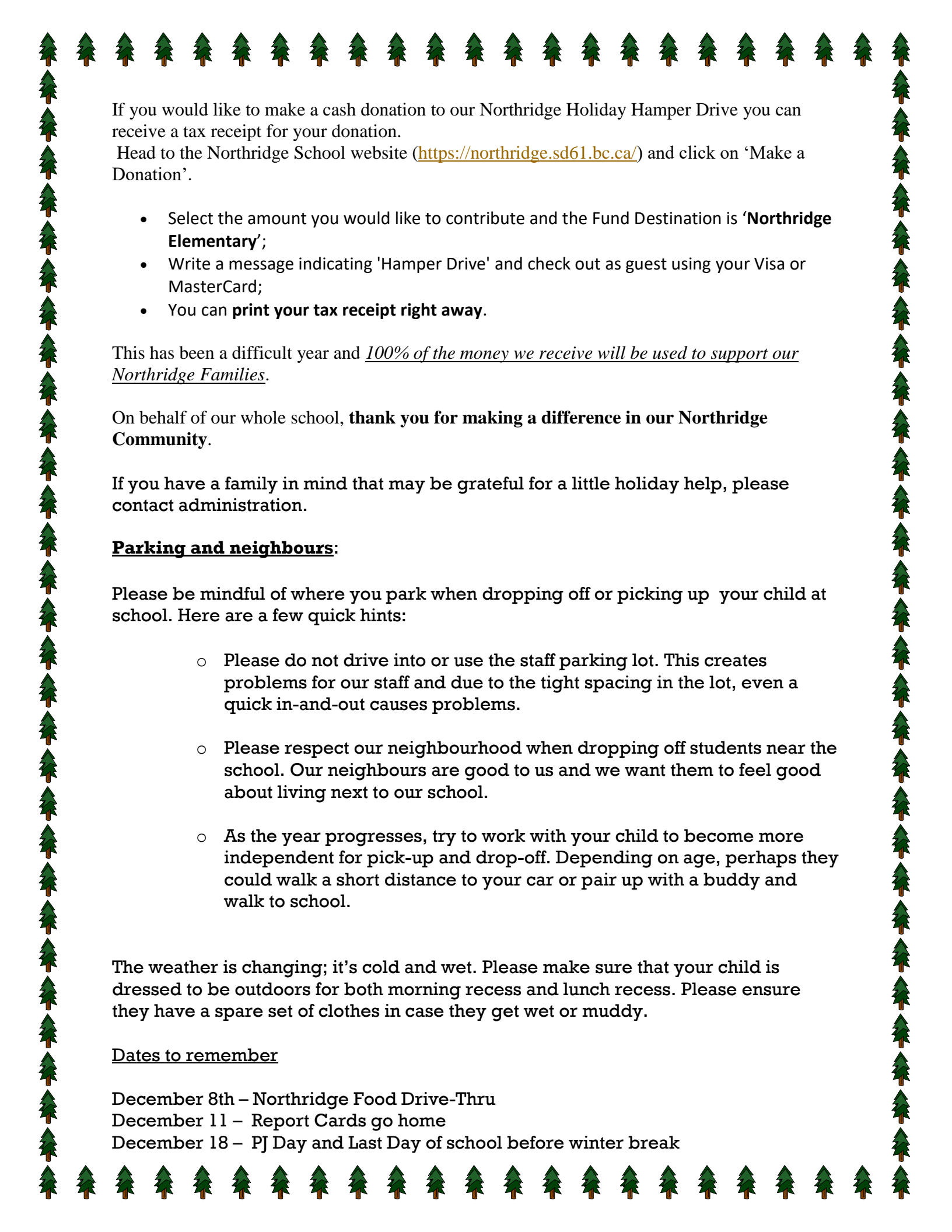
With our current health restrictions, we are asking that parents and students not bring any food, treats or drinks in to share. We want everyone to have a safe and healthy holiday break and we are working hard to maintain our protocol at school.

Read Jorgensen – Katie Simmonds



As mentioned previously, thank you all so much for the donations that have come in so far. We are very grateful for everyone's generosity.

Please be part of our next **DONATION DRIVE-THRU** next Tuesday December 8th from 8:40am until the bell and in the afternoon from 2:20pm to 2:45pm. We are collecting non-perishable items and holiday cheer items. As always we will continue to have our bin out front for donations through the week.



If you would like to make a cash donation to our Northridge Holiday Hamper Drive you can receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Head to the Northridge School website (<https://northridge.sd61.bc.ca/>) and click on 'Make a Donation'.

- Select the amount you would like to contribute and the Fund Destination is '**Northridge Elementary**';
- Write a message indicating 'Hamper Drive' and check out as guest using your Visa or MasterCard;
- You can **print your tax receipt right away**.

This has been a difficult year and 100% of the money we receive will be used to support our Northridge Families.

On behalf of our whole school, **thank you for making a difference in our Northridge Community**.

If you have a family in mind that may be grateful for a little holiday help, please contact administration.

Parking and neighbours:

Please be mindful of where you park when dropping off or picking up your child at school. Here are a few quick hints:

- Please do not drive into or use the staff parking lot. This creates problems for our staff and due to the tight spacing in the lot, even a quick in-and-out causes problems.
- Please respect our neighbourhood when dropping off students near the school. Our neighbours are good to us and we want them to feel good about living next to our school.
- As the year progresses, try to work with your child to become more independent for pick-up and drop-off. Depending on age, perhaps they could walk a short distance to your car or pair up with a buddy and walk to school.

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. Please ensure they have a spare set of clothes in case they get wet or muddy.

Dates to remember

December 8th – Northridge Food Drive-Thru

December 11 – Report Cards go home

December 18 – PJ Day and Last Day of school before winter break

Here are a few of the latest art displays in the Northridge hallways and some of our little Elves seen around the building.....



