Northridge Family Update for…

November 1 – December 4, 2026

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Dear Northridge Families,

A reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow because it is a professional development day, focused on Indigenous Education, for staff.

Your child will be bringing home a paper notice today with information about upcoming events and activities at Northridge (a copy is also attached to this message). Please take time to read it and return the portion of the notice about making Candy Houses to your child's teacher. Some of the same information (but not all of it) is highlighted below.

Student Leadership Update & Thank You

We have a wonderful group of Grade 5 Student Leaders at Northridge. They are involved around the school in many ways – reading the morning announcements, setting up for events, helping as lunch buddies for younger students, and organizing fun activities for the school community.

Our student leaders would like to thank everyone who supported their glow stick fundraiser in October. They met as a group and decided to use the money they raised to purchase two Lego sets for children in the community through the Santas Anonymous Virtual Tree of Wishes Thank you for helping them share their kindness and generosity in our community.

Winter Concert

Mr. Greig has organized a winter concert for our school with two identical performances of *The Greatest Snowman* – one at 1:00 PM and one at 5:00 PM. Due to fire regulations and the capacity of the gym we are asking that each family send a maximum of two audience members to each performance. We will not be giving out tickets this year, so we are trusting families to send no more than two people to the afternoon performance and two people to the early evening performance. Thank you for your cooperation.

We will be selling tickets to raffle off comfy seating at both the afternoon and evening concerts so please bring some cash with you if you would like to be entered in the draw. All proceeds will be used to support our Holiday Hampers. You can also bring non-perishable items to the concert to donate to our Holiday Hampers.

Holiday Hampers

Northridge School is organizing 'holiday hampers' to support families in our community over the winter break. Each class is asked to bring in items to help create the hampers. We will begin collecting items next week and the last day to bring in items will be Friday, December 11. All donations are welcome and we are asking each class to focus on a particular area to ensure a diversity of items. Gift cards can also be donated (no amounts greater than $50 per card please).

Please refer to the attached notice (or find it in your child's backpack) to see what each class is collecting.

Communicating Student Learning (Report Cards)

Your child's first term learning update will be available in Parent Connect at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 16. Please log in (or sign up) at https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/ to make sure your contact information is correct as you should receive a notification to the email address listed in your Parent Connect profile when the Learning Update is available.

The Week Ahead

Monday	• Kindergarten Hearing Screening with Island Health • Grade 4/5 Basketball Skills after school until 3:30
Tuesday	• 'Wear a fun hat' day, organized by the student leadership team
Wednesday	• PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Thursday	• PAC Board Game Café Event, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Friday	• **PAC Hot Lunch (pizza) (deadline to order is Nov. 27)** • PAC Wreath Making Event, 6:00-8:00 PM

Looking Further Ahead

- Tuesday, December 8 – Dress Rehearsal for our Winter Concert at 10:45 for the whole school to watch the performances
- Wednesday, December 9 – Winter Concert at 1:00 & 5:00 PM
- Thursday, December 10 Purdy Chocolate Pick up
- Friday, December 11 – Indigenous Students' Lunch (more info to come)
- Wednesday, December 16 – First Term Learning Updates available in Parent Connect
- Friday, December 18 – Candy House Building/Decorating in classes at 1:00

Messages from the PAC Executive

LAST DAY TO ORDER PURDYS!

The final day to order Purdys is tomorrow, Nov 27th! You can order your Christmas chocolates HERE, and pick up them up at school on Dec 10th A portion of each sale is given back to the PAC to support the school!

BOARD GAME NIGHT DEC 3

Board Game Night is happening Dec 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm, and is a FREE, fun, family evening sponsored by the Board Game Cafe in the school gym. Lots of games will be available, and Board Game Cafe staff will be on hand to help if you don't know how to play! Pizza and other concession items will be available for sale.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP DEC 4

Lead by a professional florist (thank you Northridge parent, Sarah for volunteering your time!), you'll learn how to make a beautiful wreath to take home. This fundraiser for the PAC will be open both to school families and to the public. Tickets can be purchased HERE.

BOTTLE DRIVE

It's never too early to start saving bottles! Our first bottle drive for 2027 will be on Feb 6th! If you don't want to store your holiday empties for that long, stay tuned, as we will offer an early pick up date in January!