



# Ridgeway Elementary School

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[www.ridgewayschool.ca](http://www.ridgewayschool.ca)

**At Ridgeway we encourage a cooperative link between home, school and community**

- To value social responsibility and cultural diversity
- To achieve our highest potential
- To promote life long learning

## Newsletter #8 – April 2011

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**Band Program** – Registration for the 2011/2012 Band & Strings program is currently taking place.

**Two special early bird rates have been made available for registrations (accompanied by all payments) received at the school prior to May 6, 2011.** The early bird registration has two payment options. Payment can be made in one installment of \$415.00 (by cheque or credit card) or a three installment plan totaling \$425.00. If you select the three installment payment plan, post-dated cheques or credit card information must be attached to the registration form. The first payment of **\$205.00** will be processed on Friday, May 6, 2011, the second payment of **\$110.00** by June 10, 2011 and the remainder of **\$110.00** by July 15, 2011. After July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the fee is \$460.00

***Hot Lunch Envelopes for May*** are due back on **Tuesday, April 19**. If you would like your child to participate in the Hot Lunch Program, extra envelopes are provided at the main entrance to the school for your use.

**Important Information** - If your child will be attending a school *outside* the district or going to *private school* in the 2011/2012 year, it is important to fill out a withdrawal form as we are unable to forward records or information to their new school until this is received. Withdrawal forms are obtained from the school office. Please call the office if you have any questions 604-903-3740.

**Health Matters** –The following articles from VCH have been posted on the Ridgeway website [www.ridgewayschool.ca](http://www.ridgewayschool.ca). Please click on Parent Information and then Health Information.

- Dental Month
- Shake the Salt Habit
- Immunization Update

**Outdoor School Open House** - Sunday, May 1 between 10:30 am to 3:30 pm - this gives parents of younger students a better opportunity to visit Outdoor School before their child's visit and gives high school volunteers a better chance to be involved with the event as it conflicts less with year end June responsibilities.



Ridgeway Annex had a committee meeting to discuss the year-end celebration. The Committee determined that the celebration would take place on **May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 pm**. Volunteers are required to help with scanning pictures for slide show. Please contact Mrs. Ehling if you are interested in assisting at [dehling@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:dehling@nvsd44.bc.ca).

### **Gymnastics Program**

Thank-you to the Ridgeway PAC for sponsoring *Gym Sense*. *Gym Sense* is a gymnastics program that will run from April 4 to April 28. Students will be taught by an experienced gymnastics coach during their regular gym time alongside their classroom teacher.

**Pick Up/Drop Off** - Thank you to all parents who are using the drop off and pick up zones on Cloverley and Shavington. Please note that these are clearly marked zones and are the only areas where you can wait in your car for your child(ren). The "no stopping zones" cannot be used as a drop off or pick up zone. Please do not use the laneway off Cloverley as a u-turn or waiting spot. This is very unsafe for all other drivers as well as students crossing the street to join their parents. **The staff parking lot is not a drop off and pick up zone as it is very narrow and once staff have parked it is difficult to turn around or back up safely. Please use the designated zones on the two streets.**



**Ready, Set, Learn - April 18 - 1:30 to 2:30 pm** - We are pleased to once again be participating in a Ready, Set, Learn event for 3 year olds. You are invited to bring your child to Ridgeway to explore early learning in your neighbourhood and receive a gift book and information package.

Please RSVP by phone 604-903-3740 if you would like to attend. If you know someone in your neighbourhood with a 3 year old child, please do not hesitate to pass this information along. Learn more about Ready, Set, Learn at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca).



**To Ridgeway Band parents:** On Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Ridgeway School bands will be performing. The audience will be able to sit at tables and the gym will look more like a coffee house. It would be appreciated if the students could bring some baking to share. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. I am also encouraging Ridgeway students to sign up to perform on their own solo pieces between band performances. Auditions for these performance times will be held during lunch hour the first two weeks after spring break. Instrument solos, songs, or even poetry readings would be acceptable. Please invite you family and friends to this relaxing and enjoyable event. Thank you for your support, Mr. Voth.

# April

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> PAC Subway lunch	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Gymnastics Apr 4-28	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Class & Panorama photos  Recess cookie sale	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PAC Sushi lunch	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> PAC Pizza lunch	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm  Ready, Set, Learn 1:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Gr. 6 HPV #3 (a.m.) (Girls Only) PAC Bagel sale  Sutherland Zone Concert 7p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY NO CLASSES</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY NO CLASSES</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Eco-Club recess bake sale Coffee House Evening 6:30-8:30p.m.	<b>28</b> Gymnastics End	<b>29</b> Newsletter Home  PAC Booster Juice	<b>30</b>

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## COME CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

Join us for this **FREE** celebration

**EXPLORE** History, Art, Music  
and Community

Over 80 history projects by local students will be presented along with a jam-packed schedule of great activities and performances.

**Saturday, May 7th 11am – 3pm**

North Vancouver Museum & Archives  
Community History Centre & Lynn Valley Elementary School  
at 3203 Institute Road, North Vancouver



For more information please visit  
[www.northvanmuseum.ca](http://www.northvanmuseum.ca)

SUTHERLAND'S PAC FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE  
is hosting its inaugural annual fundraising gala this spring!

*The Sutherland Family of Schools*  
**Starry Nights Black & White Gala**

will be a fabulous catered soiree with a black and white and  
all-things-sparkly theme, featuring great music to dance to!

To get tickets, please use the [ONLINE TICKET ORDER FORM](#) or email  
[StarryNights@SutherlandNetwork.org](mailto:StarryNights@SutherlandNetwork.org)

Sutherland's PAC will use the proceeds from this event to fund  
both educational and extracurricular activities to benefit current  
and future students. As the event grows, and becomes an  
annual celebration, proceeds will be distributed among all six  
schools in our community. We look forward to that!

We invite families to show their community support and join the  
celebration. Attend the event, or donate items for the Live and  
Silent Auctions, as Door Prizes or for Balloon Pop gifts.

Rather than soliciting merchants, families are encouraged to  
contribute a bottle of wine, gift cards, even a weekend at your  
vacation property?! If you are a business owner, perhaps you  
could contribute goods or services. We hope the whole  
community will find a way to get behind this event and make it a  
huge success!

Donations can be dropped off at any of the five elementary schools in  
our community: Ridgeway, Ridgeway Annex, Queensbury, Eastview and  
Brooksbank; or at Sutherland Secondary. Please enclose a completed  
form, available [here](#), with your donation or submit it directly using the  
[Online Donation Form](#). To have your donation picked up please call our  
Donations Coordinator at 604 988 7239.

For more information see the  
[Gala Website](#)  
or call Event Coordinator at 604 980 0857

We appreciate every bit of support you provide!  
Thank you!!

THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

# Starry Nights Black & White Gala

A Celebration of Community

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**  
**7 - 12 PM @ LE BISTRO CHEZ MICHEL**  
**224 West Esplanade, North Vancouver**

**Live Music With "Undercover"**

**Tickets \$40 Each**

Includes: Elegant Cocktail Menu, Dancing, Silent & Live Auction  
Games of Chance, Cash Bar

Order Tickets Via Email:  
[starrynights@sutherlandnetwork.org](mailto:starrynights@sutherlandnetwork.org)

Attire: Semi Formal, Black And White  
-- The More Sparkles, The Better!

For more information see:  
[www.starrynights.ca/brooksbank.html](http://www.starrynights.ca/brooksbank.html)

# Sutherland Community Fair

**When?** April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 1:00

**Where?** In front of Sutherland Secondary School

**What?** An event for children 8 and under in the Sutherland Community hosted by the Sutherland Cancer Awareness Club with all proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. The event will include games, food, and drinks.

Games will occur non-stop for the whole event and will include:

- Water balloon tosses
- Obstacle courses
- Potato spoon races
- Potato sack races
- 3 legged races
- Bean bag tosses
- Relay races

Each game will have a stamp associated with it and kids will have a stamp card. Prizes will be awarded to students who get stamps from playing at least 5 games.

Food and drink will include:

- Hotdogs (possibly)
- Fresh fruit
- Juice boxes
- Cheese strings
- Other snacks

\$1 per item

There will also be a bottle drive run by students in the Cancer Awareness Club.

**Why?** To bring Sutherland and its community closer and to have fun raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" 11 June, 2011.

**What else will there be?**

There will be a first aid tent with band aids, non-latex gloves, and disinfectant spray.

There will be a sun safety info tent with sunscreen being sold by donation.