



Ridgeway Elementary School

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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 #4 - December, 2009

New On-Line Newsletter Format – We are working on Ridgeway’s new on-line newsletter format and hope to be up and running by the time our January issue is ready for publication. We urge all parents with access to a computer to subscribe to the monthly newsletter to receive the latest news and calendar updates. The website will have a “To Subscribe” area that allows parents to receive the newsletter each month directly to the e-mail address they provide. For families without access to a computer, a small number of printed copies will be available in the notice rack outside the school office. We hope all families embrace the new system as we try to reduce paper costs.

Stay tuned for more information. For up-to-date school information, please log on to our website at www.ridgewayschool.ca

Contacting Parents – The school district has recently provided a new program to schools called “Synrevoice”. The district and the school will be able to either telephone or e-mail updates on emergent issues such as weather or information of an urgent nature. If you receive a phone call that has a slight delay, please stay on the line to receive information from the district and/or school. The system uses the home telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses provided to the school. We are currently updating our e-mail listings. If you have a new e-mail address, please let the school office know at 903-3740.

School Planning Council – Parent representatives on the SPC this year are Aimee Lesage and Kim Ohashi. The SPC meets 4 to 5 times a year during the school year to review and revise our current school goals and objectives to address the needs of Ridgeway students.



So Long, Good Luck and Thank You Mrs. Kristensen!

Mrs. Kristensen will be going on maternity leave on December 18. We will all miss her and wish her all the best as she prepares for the birth of her first child (due in January).

Lisa Madill will be replacing Mrs. Kristensen in January and will be here until Ms. Fairbairn returns from her educational leave in April. Lisa has been teaching in the district for many years and we look forward to having her join our team.

Lunch Time Floor Hockey Intramurals –At press time it is too difficult to say which of the six Grade 6/7 soccer teams is favoured to capture and hoist the coveted Ridgeway Intramural Trophy. When this newsletter goes home today, one of the teams will be the champions as the final is set for noon today.

Thank you to the athletes from the following teams for their excellent sportsmanship and leadership: *Amethyst Armadillos, Epic Emeralds, Topaz Tigers, Sapphire Sloths, Diamond Dingoes and Titanium Titans.*

Come January, students from Grades 5/6/7 will have an opportunity to participate in our noon hour volleyball league. Don’t forget to sign up in the new year!

**Monday, January 25, 2010
School Based Professional Day**

**NO CLASSES
Please mark on your calendars!**

Walking School Bus – We are happy to announce that the Walking School Bus headed by Mrs. Fazio will continue until June 2010. Mrs. Fazio meets students and parents at the corner of Moody and 8th every morning at 8:10 am and leaves for the Cloverley site at 8:15 a.m.



If you have any questions about the Walking School Bus, please call us at 604-903-3740.



Primary Concert and Band/Choir Concert– *Ridgeway Welcomes the World* concert held on December 9th was a huge success! A round of applause to Mr. Voth for his hard work creating an imaginative, entertaining concert. Thank you to Mrs. Fazio (we didn't know you were so talented on the accordion!) and to all staff and students who helped organize this event.

On December 16, the Junior and Senior Choir and the School Band entertained everyone with festive music and songs. These two events were very well attended and we were thrilled to see the talents that our Ridgeway students shared with us. We would like to extend a big thank you to Mr. Voth and Mrs. Hollett for their hard work in making these concerts such a success!

Artists for Kids After School Art Classes Winter Session

Register Now! Register Early!

NVSD Artist for Kids offer After-School Art courses taught by art specialist teachers and are designed to extend and enrich school art experiences. All courses provide learners with an opportunity to further develop their individual abilities and skills and are specially designed to foster positive attitudes to the visual arts. A student exhibition is held in the Artists for Kids Gallery after each session. All art supplies and materials are included in the course fee. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 16 and go until March 16, 2010.

For more information, please go to our school website at www.ridgewayschool.ca and click on the following links: Parent Information; Program Information; Artist for Kids Gallery



Hot Lunch Envelopes for February are due back on Wednesday, January 20
If you would like your child to go on Hot Lunch, extra envelopes are provided at the main entrance to the school for your use.

Winter Weather Ahead!! – As we are in a new site with different possible traffic and safety issues, please consider the following when it is snowing:

- The walking school bus led by Mrs. Fazio is in operation Monday to Friday in the morning. Students and parents meet with her at 8:10 am and by 8:15 am everyone walks to Cloverley together
- If you need to drive – please consider parking on one of the side streets, i.e. 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th and walking the remainder of the distance to the school thus avoiding traffic congestion around the school and the hill on Hendry.
- If you absolutely need to drive to the school, please follow the traffic pattern illustrated below. Using the clock wise route will help keep everyone safe, especially when roads are narrow because of snow.
- Traffic flow around the school should move in a clock-wise rotation, i.e. eastbound on Cloverley from Hendry, westbound on Shavington from Kennard.
- Please **DO NOT USE THE STAFF PARKING LOT FOR DROP OFF.**

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain open if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 am at the latest and will be announced via radio and television stations.

Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g. power outages) will be announced as early as possible in the same manner. No announcement will be made saying that schools are open. **ONLY CLOSURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED.**

P A C N E W S

Next Meeting – Monday, January 18th
7:00 in the Music Room



Thank you to all families who supported PAC initiatives through our Christmas fundraisers; Purdy's, Poinsettias, and magazine sales. You provided funds for the school and hopefully brought a little festive cheer to your homes.

PAC Fun Lunch order forms were distributed this week via e-mail and hard copies (for those not on our e-mail tree) are located in the notice rack at the entrance to the school. The order forms are due back **to the classroom teacher by Friday, December 18.**

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 18. Everyone is welcome- we are always looking for new ideas and support.

On behalf of your Ridgeway PAC, we wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday Break!

Your Ridgeway PAC



January

SAFETY

Volleyball

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Senior Band – Every Monday 8:00 to 8:45 am Mon</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Tuesday 8:00 to 8:45 am Tue</i>	<i>Senior Band – Every Wednesday 8:00 to 8:45 am Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Friday 8:00 to 8:45 am Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 A Happy New Year!	2
3	4 School reopens	5	6 Cookie Sale 	7 Gr 6 HPV #2 (Girls Only) (changed from Dec 14)	8	9
10	11 Assembly – 9:45 am	12	13	14	15 Subway Day 	16
17	18 PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	19	20 Bagel Sale 	21	22	23
24	25 SCHOOL BASED PRO-D NO CLASSES	26	27	28 Newsletter Home	29 Earthquake Drill- a.m. Pizza Day 	30 
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February

RESPECT/RESPONSIBILITY

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	1 Assembly – 9:45 am Book Fair	2	3 Cookie Sale 	4	5	6
7 Olympics Feb 12 to 28	8	9	10	11	12  Olympics – Opening Ceremonies	13
14 	15 PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	16	17 Bagel Sale 	18	19	20
21	22 DISTRICT WIDE PRO-D NO CLASSES	23	24 Sutherland Zone Concert – 7:00 pm	25 Newsletter Home  p.m.	26 Pizza Day 	27
28  Olympics – Closing Ceremonies 						

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