



# Ridgeway Elementary School

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**At Ridgeway we encourage a co-operative link between home, school and community**

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

## Newsletter #6 – February 2011

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**Ridgeway's Book Fair and Family Night Event (sponsored by Ridgeway's PAC)** Ridgeway will be having its Annual Book Fair from Monday, February 7 to Thursday, February 10. The Book Fair provides an opportunity for students and their families to purchase great books and support this fundraiser for the school library. The Book Fair will be displayed in the Library and open each day as follows:

Monday, February 7 – Thursday, February 10  
8:30 – 8:50 am, 12:00 – 12:25 pm, 2:50 – 4:00 pm

Our **Family Night Event** will be held on **Wednesday, February 9 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. Please see below for details: We look forward to seeing you there!

**WHO?** Ridgeway Students, Family and Friends

**WHAT?** Hockey, Cakewalk, Crafts, and more!  
A Great Selection at the Book Fair!

**WHERE?** Gym and Other Stations  
Ridgeway's Library – Demountable

Please come and support our Book Fair and Olympic Family Night!

*Parents needed to volunteer for the Book Fair! If you are able to volunteer, please see Mrs. Tatham in the library.*

### Farewell to Ridgeway Annex



February 8<sup>th</sup> a committee will meet at 7 pm in the Annex library to begin planning a farewell celebration. Please feel free to join us as we start organizing this community event. If you are unable to come, but would like to share some ideas, please contact Mrs. Ehling or Mrs. Burlone and they will bring them to the committee. Once we have established a date and a plan for this event, we will have a call out for individuals to volunteer in various capacities. As you may have noticed, the Annex mural has already been removed, in order for it to be restored and hung at the new school. We are excited about the changes and look forward to your input.

## Satisfaction Survey 2010/2011

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2011 the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The e-survey site is open until April 15, 2011.

If you have not received your logon number by February 11, 2011, please contact the school at 604-903-3740.



**Volleyball** – Our volleyball season has officially started. The girls play every Tuesday until March 1 and the boys play every Monday until February 28.

For more information and the schedule, please go to our website at [www.ridgewayschool.ca](http://www.ridgewayschool.ca) and click on Volleyball.

**Plan Ahead for the 2011/2012 School Year – Important Dates** – Although the start of the 2011/2012 school year is over 6 months away, there are some very important dates for parents to make note of:

- Children born in 2006 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2011. The deadline for registering Kindergarten students for priority placement is March 11<sup>th</sup>. Applications received following the deadline will be placed according to space and facilities availability and the legislated placement priorities. It will be necessary to present a birth certificate as proof of age and a BC Hydro or Terasen bill as proof of residence when registration takes place. Please pass this message on to any neighbours who have kindergarten aged children.
- Students who do not want to return to Ridgeway in September and would like to attend a different North Vancouver public elementary school, must complete a **transfer form by April 1, 2011** (accompanied by BC Hydro or Terasen bill). Please note that if you are applying for a school outside of your neighbourhood, there are no guarantees that you will be able to get into the requested school.
- Students who will be attending a private school or a public elementary school outside of North Vancouver in September, must complete a **withdrawal form**.
- Grade 7 students from Ridgeway normally proceed to Grade 8 at Sutherland Secondary School. However, if a student resides in another secondary school's catchment area, she/he can request to attend his/her neighbourhood secondary school. A **transfer form** must be filled out by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 so the secondary school can be advised.
- Grade 7 students who will be attending school outside of North Vancouver, must complete a **withdrawal form**. All registration and transfers forms are available on the district website: [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca). Withdrawal forms are available from the school office. Completed forms must be turned in with the correct documentation to: Central Registration, William Lucas Centre, Room 102 – 2132 Hamilton St. Please call 604-903-3368 should be you more information.

**Vancouver Coastal Health – 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.

- Health Matters February 2011
- Healthier rewards, Footbagging
- Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness week February 2011



***Hot Lunch Envelopes for April*** are due back on **Friday, February 18, 2011**. 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.

### **"Great Shot!" photo contest for staff and students**

The North Vancouver School District has an ongoing need for high-quality, original and engaging photographs that depict "the natural place to learn". To help gather these, the School District will be hosting a students and staff photo contest between January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. Prizes and recognition will be awarded by jury, and by an online "voter's choice" poll. As well, everyone who enters will receive a chance in the participation draw for a Kidsbooks gift certificate.

You'll find more information, a detailed prize list, and the entry form at:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/sitecore/content/SchoolStories/PhotoContest2011.aspx>



### **Artists for Kids Trust**

For over 20 years, AFK has been providing a rich visual arts program for thousands of students of all ages in schools, after school and each summer with the popular Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art. Its mission, through the sale of original prints created by its artist patrons, is to build an art education legacy for the children of British Columbia. When you buy a print, you own an excellent piece of Canadian Fine Art, support great art programs and inspire the next generation of Canadian artists. Please visit [www.artists4kids.com](http://www.artists4kids.com).

## **Spring Break**

Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 25  
School Re-Opens Monday, March 28

## ***PAC News***

**Next PAC meeting – Monday, February 21, 7:00 in the Music Room**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

I would like to extend a big thank-you to all who participated in the Christmas fundraisers. **Magazine Sales** were up this year and many gift cards were purchased. Please remember that magazines can be ordered throughout the year at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca), Ridgeway code is 3111.

We are looking for feedback regarding **Gift Cards** – it was popular but as a “one time” fundraiser, it isn’t the most profitable. Some people have asked if we can hold this fundraiser a few times during the year – example: Ridgeway can profit from families buying their groceries with gift cards for Superstore or Thriftys, families can buy gift cards for birthday presents, etc. We are also looking at different gift card companies – some have different cards, card denominations and profit margins. If you have any thoughts on this, let us know.

**“Recess Snack Sales”**      February 9th – cinnamon bagels  
February 23rd – cookies  
**Cookies and Bagels are now \$1.00**

### **“Valentines Day Family Social”**



**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00**  
**Win a cake at the cake walk, play sports in the gym, a quick game of Bingo, create a Valentines craft and buy books at the Scholastic Book Fair!!**

Dates to remember:

***Ridgeway Spring Fair – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>***

Games, Silent Auction, Raffle Draw, and more!!

We are presently looking for Raffle prizes and Silent Auction items. If you have access to items that can be donated, please let us know.

**If you have questions or ideas, please contact me.**

Christie Sacré, PAC President, ([clsacre@gmail.com](mailto:clsacre@gmail.com))

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Booster Juice	<b>5</b>
	<b>7</b> Book Fair Feb 7-10	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bagel Sales	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Subway	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Sushi Hot Lunch Env due to school	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Cookie Sales	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>NVTA District Conference NO CLASSES</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Conference Schedules Posted in Main Hallway Newsletter Home					

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