



# 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 #10 – June 2010

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**Year End Changes At Ridgeway** - As this year draws to a close, and all families look forward to a well deserved rest, the staff at Ridgeway would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and happy summer. It has been an amazing year and we could not have done it without all of you who volunteer to help in so many ways. A special thank you to the Ridgeway PAC for all that you have done throughout the school year. Your enthusiasm and caring spirit have benefited the whole school community in so many ways – PAC lunches and healthy snacks, Special Olympic evening, Spring Fair, various fundraising events, milk sales and Grade 7 year end activities to name a few.

To all our families who will not be returning to Ridgeway next year we wish you well. To our Grade 7 students moving on to high school – continued success in all your endeavours.

Congratulations to Mr. Van Driel who is retiring after a highly successful teaching career in the North Vancouver School District. His expertise and caring for all students will be missed and we wish him all the best as he embarks on a new journey in his life.

Ms Munro will be taking a personal leave for the 2010/2011 year, but will be returning in September 2011. We are sad to say goodbye to our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Reid who has been invaluable in the everyday running of the school office. Ms. Reid will be going to a new assignment in September.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to these dedicated and caring colleagues, but we also wish them well in all their new endeavours and adventures. Thank you for sharing your expertise and being such great members of the Ridgeway team!

**The Last Week Of June** - The last day of school is Tuesday, June 29, when all students from grade 1 to 6 come to school for a Farewell Assembly lasting about an hour. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly as we recognize student leadership and involvement as well as present a short year end video. Following the assembly, students return to their classrooms to collect their report cards and say goodbye to friends and staff.

The school office will remain open until July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will re-open on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Report Cards for Students in Grade 1 to 6** will be coming home on Thursday, June 29. A self-addressed stamped envelope (8½ x 11) may be left at the office if you are not here to pick up the Report Card

***Dismissal time on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> will be 10:00 a.m. for Summer Holidays!***

### FRIDAY, JUNE 25

- Last Day of School for Grade 7's – Report Cards Home
- Grade 7 Students' Leaving Ceremony – 1:00 pm
- Monday, June 28 - Grade 7 Dance – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm



**Information About September 2010-** On Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, students will come to school briefly for an hour to enable us to take attendance and share their summer adventures. Returning students will be reporting back to their last year's classroom. New students to our school community will be asked to report to the gym or library. Please look at our school website - [www.ridgewayschool.ca](http://www.ridgewayschool.ca) after the middle of August. Any changes or updates to the beginning of the school year will be posted there.

New classes will be set later that week and information will be sent home on September 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the procedures beyond the first day. Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be a full day with a 2:50 dismissal. **Please make sure your child brings lunch the first week of school as the Lunch Program does not begin until Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.** Kindergarten students will begin their full day classes on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Walking School Bus** – We can confirm that the Walking School Bus will be in effect from the first day of school until at least Christmas. If you would like your child to participate in the walking school bus, please meet by Ridgeway School at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Moody at 8:10 am Monday to Friday. Led by Mrs. Fazio and volunteer parents, the walking bus leaves promptly at 8:15 and arrives at Cloverley by 8:30 am.



At the **District Track and Field Meet** at Swangard Stadium on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Ridgeway's Junior and Senior Band members had the honour of being a part of the procession that kicked off the annual event. Congratulations to all our qualified athletes who represented our school on that day.

Our **Activity Day** on June 11<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by all. The Grade 6 student leaders did a fantastic job of organizing the stations and leading the younger students through the activities. Staff and parents also provided guidance, cheers, and treats to make this a fun-filled day for everyone. Thank you to all who performed the "Sun Dance" the day before.

**Jump Rope for Heart** - - On May 28<sup>th</sup> Ridgeway participated in its 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Jump Rope for Heart**. Through the generosity of the Ridgeway community we raised \$2,878.42!!!! Thank you for supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



This year was also exciting as the Annex students joined us for the event. Thank you to those students for joining us.

Thank you also to Mr. Wiet and his Grade 5 students for organizing and running the different stations. Their energy and enthusiasm kept everyone 'jumping'. Well done!!

**Free the Children Bake Sale** – Our thanks to the students who organized and worked so hard to make the bake sale a huge success! There was no shortage of goodies and the total raised for "Free the Children" was \$128.00. Thank you to everyone who participated in this.



***The Hot Lunch Program in September*** begins on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child(ren) have their lunch the first week of school.

**Summer Programs 2010** - Locations for this year are at:

- Sutherland Secondary (*Full Credit Site*)
- Lucas Centre (*Secondary Remedial Site*)
- Boundary Elementary (*Elementary Site*)

Registration began on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will be available on line. You will need the student's number, which is available at the school office. For the Language Arts and Math courses teachers will connect and extend learning experiences that will prepare the students for next year. Within 3 days of registration, students must present to the Lucas Centre a written recommendation from their teacher. Elementary programs will run from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please call Continuing Education at 604-903-3333 or visit [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) Summer Learning.

**2010/2011 Student Fees** - The North Vancouver School District is dedicated to providing a wide range of education opportunities for each student, including as many enriching activities as possible. In accordance with the School Act and with the School Board Fees Ministerial Order, we would like to advise all Ridgeway families of the possible school fees that could be charged for the 2010/2011 school year. A fee may be charged to recover some or all of the costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities. In all cases, fees are kept to a minimum. The Board may charge a fee at cost for: transportation, entrance fees and equipment rental associated with field trips or special events. The fees for 2010/2011 school year at Ridgeway are as follows:

**Agendas for Grades 1 to 7** – as a service, we offer a school specific student planner for **\$7.00**. The option remains, however, for students to provide their own generic planner.

**Special Projects** for Students to take home or to be given as gifts: Kindergarten to Grade 7: maximum **\$20.00**.

**Field Trips** – cost recovery

In order for families to plan ahead, please note the cost of these activities:

- Grade 6 Outdoor School (5 days) \$250.00
- Grade 4 Bighouse (2 days) \$ 95.00
- Grade 2 Outdoor School (3 days) \$140.00
  
- Band Program - Grades 5 to 7 \$435.00

It is the school's policy to assist families, in a confidential manner, to ensure that no students are excluded from participation in an activity or program due to financial hardship.

Many parents preorder their school supplies through Teaching Things. This is not considered a student fee as the money does not go to the school. For those parents who choose not to purchase supplies in this manner, student supply lists for 2010/2011 will be available from the school office.

**Outdoor School Dates for 2010/2011**

**Grade 4 Big House (\$95.00)**  
October 25 – 26, 2010  
June 2 – 3, 2010

**Grade 6 Outdoor School (\$250.00)**  
November 1 – 5, 2010

**Grade 2 Primary Outdoor School (\$140.00)**  
January 24 – 26, 2011

## Ministry of Education Standard School Calendar for 2010/2011

At its May 25th public meeting, the North Vancouver Board of Education approved changes to the 2010/2011 school calendar. As a result, schools will be closed for six additional days in the upcoming school year.

In addition to annual statutory holiday and non-instructional days the Board approved for schools to be closed on Friday, November 12, 2010 and a two week Spring vacation March 14 - 25, 2011.

An additional 50 minutes will be added to the school week to make up the days. Individual schools will establish their own daily timetables to address how they will accommodate the 50 minutes. The complete school calendar is posted below.

DESIGNATION	2009/2010
Days in session	192
Minimum number of days of instruction	185
Adjusted School Calendar Number of Days of Instruction	179
Maximum number of non-instructional days	6
Schools open	September 7
School Based Professional Day	September 27
Thanksgiving Day	October 11
Province-Wide Professional Day	October 22
Remembrance Day	November 11
Local School Calendar Day Closure	November 12
Schools close for winter vacation	December 17
Schools reopen after winter vacation	January 4
School Based Professional Day	January 28
District Professional Day	February 25
Schools close for spring vacation (includes 5 local calendar days)	March 11
Spring Vacation Period	March 14-25
Schools reopen after spring vacation	March 28
Good Friday	April 22
Easter Monday	April 25
District Professional Day	May 6
Victoria Day	May 23
Curriculum Implementation Day	May 30
Administrative Day	June 30
Schools close for summer vacation	June 30

RIDGEWAY SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE	
Entrance Bell	8:45 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Instructional Period	8:50 to 10:20 am
Recess	10:20 to 10:40 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instructional Period	10:40 to 12:00 pm
Playtime	12:00 to 12:25 pm
Entrance Bell (End of Lunch)	12:25 to 12:45 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instructional Period	12:45 to 2:50 pm

# P A C   N E W S

As I think about the looming Summer holidays and spending more time outdoors, I think about plants and flowers and growing vegetables in the backyard or on my deck. For those families that remember the beloved Refuge from the “old school”, you will know that it was a unique, peaceful place that supported learning on many levels. It was a place where classes gathered for an art lesson, where they learned how to tend gardens, a pond and Koi fish, and where they not only learned how to grow vegetables but also the value of donating the bounty to the Harvest Project to feed those less fortunate. Many families have a garden, in which their children help, but many do not and the value of children working together with their peers to plant and create something that does not involve a computer or a television is immensely valuable.

As many learned at the Refuge fundraiser, “How Does Your Garden Grow?” promoted by the Refuge Committee and primary students a few weeks ago, monies are being raised to specifically support the growth of the new Refuge. The first challenge is to fill all the concrete beds that are being created for us with soil – this cost is approximately \$2,500.00 and over \$1,000.00 has already been raised to satisfy this necessity. The gardens are not something that will be re-created in one year but it will be our Ridgeway students who re-build and strengthen the Ridgeway Refuge – something that they can be proud of and leave as a Ridgeway legacy.

The PAC supports the Refuge and will continue to see the Refuge as an integral and special learning environment for our children.

## **A few thoughts to ponder over the summer .....**

1. Would you like to help hand out PAC lunches on a Friday? Or sell bagels or cookies on a Wednesday?
2. Is there a fundraiser or an idea that you think our PAC should investigate or move forward with?
3. Would you like to be a part of our monthly PAC meetings?
4. Would you like to show your support by volunteering to be Secretary, Treasurer or member at large?
5. We would like to know how families feel about the PAC lunches. Please copy the following URL into your browser and take the survey.  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AT3RMC55T>

## **PAC Annual General Meeting – Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Christie Sacre at [clsacre@sacre-davey.com](mailto:clsacre@sacre-davey.com).

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in September!!

Christie  
PAC President

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## RESPECT/RESPONSIBILITY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labour Day	<b>7</b>  School Opens Early Dismissal 10:00 am	<b>8</b> Kindergarten Gradual Entry (Full Day Begins September 15)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> First Day of Hot Lunch Program K Gradual Entry	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> K's – Full Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Open House – 6:30 – 8:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SCHOOL BASED PRO-D NO CLASSES	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Family Dance (Shakewood Annie) Newsletter Home		

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