



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

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RIDGEWAY CHANGES:

The move is on for a September opening at the new renovated and restored Ridgeway School. Both Ridgeway at Cloverley and Ridgeway Annex students will be housed in the same building. Both staffs will also be consolidated into the new building with the following few changes:

Congratulations to Mrs. Orr who will be moving on to a Vice-Principalship at Cleveland Elementary school. Mrs. Orr has been at Ridgeway for the last six and half years and her dedication to and caring for students have been exceptional. We will truly miss Mrs. Orr but wish her all the best in her new assignment.

Ms. Baxter, who has been the school's Administrative Assistant for the past year will also be moving on to a new position in the school district and we wish her well in her new assignment.

Mrs. Gallilee will be on a year's leave of absence for the 2011-2012 school year but will be returning in September of 2012. The next few months hold many exciting adventures for her and her family and we are looking forward to hearing about these next year.

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!

Welcome to the Annex staff that will be joining the Ridgeway/Cloverley staff in September: Ms. Borden, Mrs Allarie, Mrs. Moberg, Mrs. Keenleyside, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Chen and Mrs. Ehling who will take on the role of Vice Principal at the new school.

As the renovation continues – the most up-to-date photographs will be posted on the Ridgeway web site at <http://ridgewayschool.ca> click on the word “more” below the title Ridgeway Restoration Project on the right hand side of the page or click on the link below

<http://nvstd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Ridgeway/News/Ridgeway%20Restoration%20Project.aspx>

YEAR END REVIEW AND PLANNING:

Here are a few reminders regarding year end planning and review:

- It would assist us greatly if you would notify the school if you child will not be returning to Ridgeway in September. **Withdrawal forms must be completed for students who will be attending an elementary or secondary school outside the North Vancouver School District or a private school.** Withdrawal forms may be picked up in the school office.
- If you know of someone new to the Ridgeway community, please inform them of the need to register at the Lucas Centre, 2132 Hamilton Avenue, North Vancouver at their earliest convenience.
- **Please refer to the May 2011 newsletter for the process involved in setting tentative class assignments in June.**
- If you have specific information and/or concerns based on clear educational needs, please put these in writing and forward to Mrs. Burlone by June 3, 2011. The written information that you provide will be given to the team of professionals for consideration as one of the criteria in the placement of your child. Please note that letters including names of staff members will not be forwarded to the team for placement consideration.

MONTH OF JUNE AT RIDGEWAY:

With one more month of school before the summer holidays, our June calendar is packed with many school wide events and individual class activities. Please refer to the calendar at the end of the newsletter for more information.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:

In support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, this year's *Jump Rope for Heart* was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and your efforts in this fundraiser. Everyone had fun with their friends and classmates while exercising.



REPORT CARDS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6:

Report cards will be going home on Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, June 29th will be 10:30 a.m. for Summer Holidays!

INFORMATION ABOUT SEPTEMBER 2011:

The Ridgeway/Cloverley and Ridgeway Annex School Communities will be relocated at the Ridgeway site as of September 6, 2011.

On Tuesday, September 6, 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 a classroom. These classrooms will be posted on our website as well as around the school on the first day. 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 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 6 regarding the procedures beyond the first day. Wednesday, September 7 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 12. Kindergarten students will begin their full day classes on Wednesday, September 14th.

LIBRARY NEWS:

All library books will be due back the week of June 6th. Students should have all their books returned by June 10th. Student overdue lists will be sent home during the week of the 6th. Please check at home for any library books that need to be returned.



In order to prepare for our move back to Ridgeway we will begin packing books the week of June 6th. We will need volunteers to help during the weeks of June 13th and 20th. If you are available for a few hours please see Mrs. Tatham in the library.



Volunteer Appreciation:

Invitations to the *Volunteer Appreciation* will be sent home shortly. This event is to honour and show our appreciation to the many volunteers we have at Ridgeway.

Volunteers play an important role in our school, ranging from transporting our students on field studies, organizing and actively participating in school events, to providing valuable opportunities for our students to read with an adult. In whatever capacity you contribute to the school, we sincerely thank you for your time and generosity, and hope that you are able to join us on Wednesday, June 8th at 8:00-8:45 am. Reminder to parents that there is plenty of parking on Cloveley and Shavington.

Hot Lunch Envelopes for September are due back on **Wednesday, June 22nd.**

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.



Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art:

Artists for Kids is now taking registrations for its summer camp at the North Vancouver Outdoor School featuring internationally recognized artist Patricia Johnston. If you love drawing, painting, sculpting and having loads of fun, then this is the summer camp for you!

- Any questions from parents or teachers regarding registration should be directed to Mavis in the Artists for Kids office at 604-903-3798.
- 50% bursaries are available to families in extreme financial need

Pick up a registration form in the office today.

Summer Programs 2011

Locations for this year are at:

Handsworth Secondary (*Full Credit Site*)
Sutherland Secondary (*Remedial Site*)
Carisbrooke Elementary (*Elementary Site*)

Elementary registration will began May 16th and will be available on line. You will need your child's student number, which is available at the school office. ***Language Arts and Math Courses: Within 3 days of registration, students must present to the Lucas Centre a written recommendation from their teacher.*** Elementary programs will run from July 5th to July 23rd.

For more information, please call Continuing Education at 604-903-3333 or visit www.nvsd44.bc.ca. Summer Program flyers are also available at Ridgeway in the notice rack by the front entrance.

Outdoor School Dates for 2011/2012

Grade 4 Big House (\$95.00)

June 13-14 2012 Group 1
June 14-15 2012 Group 2

Grade 6 Outdoor School (\$250.00)

January 9-13, 2012

Health Matters:

The following articles from VCH have been posted on the Ridgeway website www.ridgewayschool.ca. Please click on Parent Information and then Health Information.

- Hopscotch with a twist

Ministry of Education Standard School Calendar for 2011/2012

At its May 24th public meeting, the North Vancouver Board of Education approved changes to the 2011/2012 school calendar. As a result, schools will be closed for five 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 for a two week Spring vacation March 12-23, 2012.

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	2011/2012
Days in session	193
Minimum number of days of instruction	186
Maximum number of non-instructional days	6
Schools open	September 6
School Based Professional Day	September 26
Staff Training Child Abuse Protocols Early Dismissal at 1:45p.m.	October 4
Thanksgiving Day	October 10
Province-Wide Professional Day	October 21
Remembrance Day	November 11
School Based Professional Day	November 14
Schools close for winter vacation	December 16
Schools close for winter vacation	December 19, 2011 to January 2, 2012
Schools reopen after winter vacation	January 3
Curriculum Implementation Day	January 16
District Professional Day	February 24
Schools close for spring vacation (includes 5 local calendar days)	March 9
Spring Vacation Period	March 12-23
Schools reopen after spring vacation	March 26
Good Friday	April 6
Easter Monday	April 9
District Professional Day	May 4
Victoria Day	May 21
Administrative Day	June 29
Schools close for summer vacation	June 29

RIDGEWAY SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE	
Entrance Bell	8:45 am
1 st Instructional Period	8:50 to 10:20 am
Recess	10:20 to 10:40 am
2 nd 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 rd Instructional Period	12:45 to 2:50 pm

PAC News

Our Spring Fair was a great community event. Between the Raffle, Silent Auction and Fair activities, we raised approximately **\$ 8,000.00**. A big thank-you to all those families who joined us! Special thanks to Antje Wilson for organizing the event, Pam Roskell for organizing the Silent Auction and Aimee Lesage and Shelly Franklin and their Kids Club crew who oversaw the BBQ. Of course, thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the Fair Set-up/Clean-up and to everyone who donated to the class baskets.

The following businesses donated G/C's or items to our Silent Auction or Raffle:

Booster juice (Park & Tilford)	Sweet Treats Catering
ESC Bikes	Korno Natural Pet supplies
Storm Fitness	Pizza Hut
Starbucks (Park & Tilford)	Champions Martial Arts
Flying Wedge Pizza (Park & Tilford)	Pinnacle Hotel
4Cats Art Studio	Laser Dome Plus
Pure Nail Bar	Sushi Katsu
Sacré-Davey Group	Andrea Waines jewelry
Gambrinus Restaurant	Everything Wines
Grant and Jasmine Botto, Prudential Sussex	Hair by Melinda
Canadian Tire	BSP (Main street store)
Maplewood Farms	Price Smart Foods
MEC	Dirty Doggz
Wok Box (Marine Drive)	Rockford Restaurant
Louis Gervais Catering	Pilates from the Center

The following Businesses donated their time and/or product for our event:

Vrroom beverage	Whistles the Clown	Creativ Music
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The following families donated items:

Smalls (North Face Jacket)	Roskells (wine basket)	Williams (Whitecaps tickets)
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Raffle Tickets – Top Sellers

Intermediate Winner – **Cameron Franklin** – sold eight books of tickets, \$160

Primary Winner – **Madison Franklin** – sold eight books of tickets, \$160

Other Strong Sellers – **Taff Oliver** (\$100), **Nadia Cooper** (\$120), **Aidan Brown** (\$120), **Brianna Barnes-Lindner** (\$140)

Top Selling Classes – Mr. Sharps - \$672 and close behind Voth/Tsonis - \$655

Lucky Raffle Prize Winners

Ipod touch – Randall Winters

Night at the Pinnacle Hotel and breakfast at the District – B. Ward senior

“Everything Wine” gift basket – Dana Irving

June

Sun		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PAC Subway Lunch	4
5	6	7 Swangard	8 Volunteer Appreciation 8:00 – 9:00 am PAC Cookie Sale – recess	9 Swangard High Jump Rainout	10 PAC Sushi lunch	11
12	13	14	15	16 Grades 4 -7 Cultus Lake	17 Activity Day Dismissal 12:45 PAC Pizza Day	18
19	20 PAC Social – 6:30 pm Bighouse Grade 4's	21 Bighouse Grade 4's	22 PAC Bagel sale - recess	23	24 Newsletter Home PASC Booster Juice	25
26	27 Gr. 7 Farewell Ceremony – 1:00 pm Last Day for Gr. 7's G7 Dance 6:30-8:00pm	28	29 Last Day for K-6 Early Dismissal – 10:30 am	30 Admin Day Have a Great Summer 		

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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day – School Closed	6 School Opening early dismissal at 10:30 am	7 First full day of school	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Kindergarten's first full day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 School Pro-Day	27	28	29	30	

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