



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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YEAR END REVIEW AND PLANNING - This is the time when schools are making organizational plans for the coming school year. *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.

Between now and the end of June the staff will be meeting to organize classes for school opening in September. As in previous years, all organizational plans for the fall are tentative and subject to change depending on the enrollment registration throughout the summer. When planning for classes and student placement, the staff works as a team to ensure that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academic needs are aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments.

Much thought and effort goes into the placement of each child and we look carefully at their individual needs as well as the needs of the group at each level. Specific criteria are used to help with this task. The following criteria are not intended to be in any priority order or exclusive of any other. They act as a guide for consideration and discussion:

- Age distribution
- Ability distribution
- Teaching/learning styles
- Friendships
- Boy/girl ratio
- Previous experiences of teachers and students
- Parental input
- Student strengths and needs
- Work/organizational skills
- Special needs student distribution
- Group dynamics
- Positive leaders
- Teacher recommendations
- Resource team input

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 4, 2010. The written information that you provide will be given to the team of professionals for consideration as one of the criteria listed above 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.

It is our goal to meet the needs of all students at Ridgeway to maximize their learning potential. We appreciate your on-going support in this complex process of organizing educationally sound and balanced classes.

Ridgeway School Plan – The School Plan for 2010/2011 has been completed and submitted to the School District. For next year, our two school goals are:

1. To increase students' proficiency in reading skills.
2. To increase the spirit of citizenship and service to the community in all students to enhance a positive school climate

The Plan will be posted to our website in the fall. Our thanks to Aimee LeSage for her valuable input.

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. A large number of our student athletes will be representing Ridgeway on Tuesday, June 1 at the ***District Track and Field Meet at Swangard Stadium***. Our ***Activity Day***, ***Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony***, and the ***Year-End Farewell Assembly*** are all being planned and coordinated by staff and students. Please refer to the attached June calendar for specific dates and we hope you will join us at these events.

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.



Eco Club Bake Sale – The Eco Club raised \$183.00 for the Land Conservancy of BC by hosting a Bake Sale on Thursday, May 27th. Thank you to the students who organized it as well as those who supported the Eco Club by purchasing the raffle tickets and baked goods!



School Supplies for September 2010 - If you would like to pre-order your child(ren)'s school supplies and school planner for next year, please come to the office for an order form. Once the order forms are complete, you may fax or mail it to Teaching Things. You may also order on line at www.smartpacks.ca.

All orders received before June 30 will not reflect the HST that comes into effect on July 1.

Library Books - All library books are due back by **Monday, June 14th, 2010**. If your child has a lost book Mrs. Tatham will invoice them for a small donation toward the purchase of a new book. Please check you shelves at home for any Ridgeway books and have them returned as soon as possible. Thank you!



Volunteer Tea - Invitations to the ***Volunteer Tea*** will be arriving home with your children. This Tea 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 16 at 3:00 pm in the gymnasium.

2010/2011 Student Fees - The North Vancouver School District is dedicated to providing a wide range of educational 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) \$230.00
- Grade 4 Bighouse (2 days) \$87.00
- Grade 2 Outdoor School (3 days) \$125.00

- 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. The Kindergarten teacher collects \$35.00 per student to pre-purchase Kindergarten supplies. 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. The kindergarten supply lists will be given to parents in September.

Vancouver Coastal Health – 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.

- Health Matters – Got Wheels Get a Helmet
- Health Matters – Injury Prevention
- Health Matters – Home Grown Food
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Hot Lunch Envelopes for September are due back on **Wednesday, June 23rd**. 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
- Registration fills quickly and is limited to 75 spaces each week.

Pick up a registration form in the office today.

Summer Programs 2010

Locations for this year are at:

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

Elementary registration will begin June 14th 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.



Staying Sun Safe This Spring and Summer – It's That Time of Year Again! – Last year in Canada, 69,000 people were diagnosed with skin cancer and the incidence is on the rise. Children now face a 1-in-7 chance of getting skin cancer during their life. It can take 10 to 30 years for cancer to develop, so prevention today is vital! Encourage kids to be sun-smart by:

Slipping on a long-sleeved shirt – if see through, UVA rays get through too!

Slapping on a wide-brim HAT

Slopping on SUNSCREEN – SPF 30 or over and don't forget the SPF lip balm

Staying out of the sun during the peak intensity between 11 am and 4 pm

Wearing SUNGLASSES – 100% UV protection against both UVA and UVB rays with medium to dark lenses.

This is required for sunny and cloudy days and when it does not feel hot.

If you have any questions, please contact a Public Health On-Call Nurse on the Child and Youth Team at (604) 983-6700.

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 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

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Report cards are normally sent home at the end of November and the end of March. The following week is scheduled for parent/teacher interviews with two early dismissal days at 1:50 pm. These dates will be published in our next newsletters.	
Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Last Day for Grade 7's)	June 27, 2011
Last Day for K – 6	June 29, 2011



*Invitation to Attend Ridgeway's
Primary "Garden" Concert*

*Our Primary Students will be
Singing and Dancing*

When: Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

Where: Ridgeway Gymnasium

Friends of the Refuge – The *Friends of the Refuge Society* is made up of teachers, parents, students and community members working towards building a garden at the newly restored Ridgeway School.

The Refuge will provide our students with an outdoor classroom that supports many learning outcomes. Ridgeway students will be directly involved in designing, creating and caring for an herb garden, flower gardens, a vegetable garden and much, much more.

North Vancouver School District is providing the hard landscaping for the new garden. Some examples are concrete paving and gravel, electricity, water and perimeter fencing. The start-up items that we are fundraising for are soil, plants, rocks, benches, compost bins and fish pond supplies.

P A C N E W S

PAC Social – Monday, June 21

Our Spring Fair and Raffle were a huge success!! Between the Raffle, Silent Auction and Fair activities, we fundraised \$8,482.95. A big thanks to all those families who came out, participated and had fun on a lovely, sunny day.

The following businesses donated gift certificates or items to our Silent Auction. Thank-you!!

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| • Booster Juice (Park & Tilford) | • Save On Foods (Park & Tilford) |
| • Blockbuster (Park & Tilford) | • ESC Bikes |
| • Storm Fitness | • Montroyal Bagels |
| • Starbucks (Park & Tilford) | • Lavish Day Spa |
| • Flying Wedge Pizza (Park & Tilford) | • Pan Pacific Hotel |
| • 4 Cats Art Studio | • Pinnacle Hotel |
| • Laser Dome Plus | • Tartooful |
| • Vrrroom Beverage | • North Vancouver Recreation Centre |
| • Creative Music | • Sacré-Davey Group |

AND thank-you to the parents who made personal donations of Jewellery, SunDog Sunglasses, Wine, White Cap Tickets, Earls Gift Certificates and cash.

Lastly, thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped with the Fair set up and clean up and to everyone who donated items for the class baskets...they were fantastic!

PAC Social
Monday, June 21st, 2010
BBQ – 460 East 6th Street





The PAC is preparing for next year – we would love to see some new faces at our meetings and we DO have Executive positions available – most importantly Treasurer and Secretary. We will have next year's proposed budget online for your viewing, as well as the minutes from all meetings. Visit www.ridgewayschool.ca for more information.

Also, we are evaluating our PAC lunches for next year and will be sending a "survey" home by e-mail through our Class Representatives. Please let us know if your child is enjoying Pizza, Sushi, Subway and Magic Lunchbox and give us feedback.

If you need any more information, please contact Christie at clsacre@sacre-davey.com.

June

SAFETY

<i>Sun</i>	<i>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>Senior Band – Every Monday 8:00 to 8:45 am Thu</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Friday 8:00 to 8:45 am Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Swangard Track & Field Meet 8:00 – 4:00	2 “How Does Your Garden Grow?” Fundraiser Concert – 6:30 pm	3 High Jump Rain Out	4	5
6	7	8	9 Bagel Sale Sushi Lunch (changed from June 10) 	10  Gr. 4-7 to Cultus Lake	11  Activity Day <i>Early Dismissal – 12:00 noon</i>	12
13	14 Library Books to be Returned to Library  Art Show - Gym June 14-18	15 Magic Lunch Box 	16 Volunteer Tea 3:00 	17 Div. 8 Outdoor School →	18	19
20	21 PAC Social	22  Ice Cream Concert – 7:00 pm	23 Cookie Sale	24 Newsletter Home  Hot Lunch Envelopes for September Due	25  Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony – 1:00 pm Last Day for Gr. 7's	26 
27	28 Last Day for K's Gr 7 Dance – 6:30 – 8:00 pm 	29 Last Day (Grades 1-6) Dismissal 10:00 am	30 Admin Day Have a great summer! 			

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