



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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HOT LUNCH ENVELOPES ARE DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Report Cards Sent Home Friday, November 26 – November marks the end of our first term and a time to reflect on student achievement and performance over the past 3 months. It is also a time to plan for how each student may be further supported in their learning journey.

Kindergarten to Grade 7 reports communicate progress in relationship to the expected learning outcomes set out in the curriculum. Written comments describe:

- ✓ What the student is able to do
- ✓ The areas in which the student requires further attention or development, and
- ✓ Ways of supporting the students in his or her learning

The written comments are really the most important part of the report as they describe the attitudes as well as the academic learning. Students who work hard and to the best of their ability should be proud of what they accomplish at school.

In addition to written comments, Grade 4 to 7 students also receive letter grades that mean the following in relationship to the expected learning outcomes for the subject and grade:

- A = excellent or outstanding performance
- B = very good performance
- C+ = good performance.
- C = satisfactory performance
- C- = minimally acceptable performance
- I = In Progress or Incomplete
- F = (Failing) The student has not demonstrated, or is not demonstrating the minimally acceptable performance in relation to the expected learning outcomes for the subject and grade. The letter "F" may only be assigned if an "I" (In Progress) letter grade has been previously assigned for the subject and grade.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Parent/Teacher conferences for students in Grade K-7 will take place from Monday, November 29 to Friday, December 3. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the office in the main hallway from Wednesday, November 17 to Wednesday, November 24. Parents are asked to stop by the school to sign up and fill out a conference reminder slip.

Early Dismissal:

Tuesday, November 30 – 1:50 pm

Thursday, December 1 – 1:50 pm

Rainy Days Have Arrived!

Please make sure that your child comes to school properly dressed for the rainy and cold weather. Students are asked to go outside before eating their lunch on most days. If the weather is miserable, or creates unhealthy or unsafe conditions, we will call an inside day for students to play quietly in the school. This means students will have choices other than going outside on rainy days. Students are reminded to be safe, respectful and responsible.

Photo Re-take day is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010.

In order to ensure PRE-CHRISTMAS delivery of all portraits, the students will be photographed on a PREPAY plan. Portrait packages will only be processed for those students who order and pay the photographer on photo day, using the order envelopes available in the school office.

School Planning Council –

In September the SPC (School Planning Council) members were informed and consulted regarding the school class size and composition. At the next PAC meeting (November 15th – 7:00 pm) we will be looking for volunteers to sit on the SPC for the upcoming year. The role of the SPC is to review the school plan in consultation with the school administration and staff. This entails 3 to 4 meetings a year. Reports are made at the Ridgeway PAC general meetings. If you are interested but cannot attend the next PAC meeting, please call the school and leave your name with the office staff.

Our present school goals are:

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



Kindergarten Registration and School Tour –

School Tour dates will be posted on the North Vancouver School District Website at www.nvsd44.bc.ca. Please note that as of September 2011 all students living in the Ridgeway and Ridgeway Annex catchment areas will attend the “new” Ridgeway Elementary School located at 420 East 8th Street, North Vancouver, B.C. Ridgeway Annex will be closed as of June 2011 as per Board School Closure Bylaw 2011. For the most up to date information regarding the renovation/restoration project please go to www.ridgewayschool.ca and click on the link below the Ridgeway Restoration Project Title.

Important dates:

January 24, 2011	Kindergarten Registration Begins
March 11, 2011	Kindergarten Registration deadline for priority placement
January 31, 2011	New Registrations and Transfer Requests for Grade 1-12 begin
March 11, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for New Registrations K to Grade 12
April 1, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for Transfer Requests

Registration and transfer forms can be accessed at www.nvsd44.bc.ca under schools and student registration. Or click below for the direct link

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Schools/StudentRegistration.aspx>

Terry Fox Run

Thank you for your continued support of our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 30, 2010. Your donations helped raise \$443.47 for ongoing cancer research. We have come a long way since Terry Fox's historical 1981 endeavour of perseverance, courage and hope. Once again our Ridgeway community took this event on with great enthusiasm and energy. Well done!!

Cross Country Running

The 2010/2011 Cross Country Running season is now over. The Ridgeway team consisted of grade 4-7 students who ran on local trails. This group of runners was committed to attending weekly practices and meets, and improving their overall fitness. Congratulations to all who ran with us and thank you to parents and guardians for supporting this Ridgeway team. Thank you also to Mr. Hunt and Ms. Bird for coaching these athletes.

Vancouver Coastal Health

The following information sheets from VCH are now posted on the Ridgeway Website under Parent Information – Health Information:

- Head Lice and Iwalk Information
- Prevention Starts With You
- Health Matters Brain Boosters
- Health Matters Action Packed Ideas

Parent Workshop

When: 7:00 p.m., November 4, 2010
Where: LMCC, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, B.C, in the conference room
Title: 4 keys to optimal learning: a naturopathic perspective
Presenters: Dr. Cam MacIntyre, ND and Dan Galazka

Learn about the 4 keys to learning that are natural, easy and have huge impact on a child's success at school. This session will review the impact and offer practical strategies for sleep, hydration, diet and allergies. All are welcome:

Halloween Safety

Here are some safety tips suggested by the RCMP as children go trick or treating on Halloween:

- Children should wear bright and reflective costumes to be easily seen at night (Reflective tape or glow lights can be added to any costume)
- The costumes should fit the children and be short enough so they will not trip (No longer than the child's ankles)
- All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft flexible materials
- Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision or avoid masks by wearing make-up.
- Younger children should be accompanied by adults
- When crossing streets children should remember to Stop, Look, Listen and Walk
- Children should stay in well lit areas and should visit homes that have some form of outside light turned on.
- Candies and treats should be inspected to make sure none have been tampered with.
- Children should trick or treat in one well known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.
- Firecrackers can be very unpredictable and unstable and are prohibited for use, Canada wide, by any person. A small, single firecracker can cause the loss of a finger, eye and permanently damage hearing. Severe, deep burns can also occur if the firecracker explodes near a body part.













Have A Safe, Enjoyable Halloween!!

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gr. 6 Outdoor School	2	3 PAC Bagel Sale at recess	4	5 Subway Day	6
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m. Hot Lunch Env home	11 Remembrance Day 	12 SCHOOL CLOSED NO CLASSES	13
14	15 PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	16	17 PAC Cookie Sale at recess Hot Lunch Env back Conference Schedules posted	18 Green Thumb Theatre 1:00 p.m	19 Sushi Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Reports Home Booster Juice Day	27
28	29 Parent/Teacher Interviews	30 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm Newsletter Home				

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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews	2	3 Pizza Day	4
5	6  Family Skate @ Harry Jerome – 5:30-7:30 pm	7	8 Hot Lunch Envelopes Home	9	10 Sushi Day	11
12	13 PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	14	15 Hot Lunch Envelopes back	16	17 Booster Juice Day	18
19	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 
26	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	

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