



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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It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of September! We would like to thank all parents who are following the flow of traffic and using the drop off and pick up zones in a safe way for all our students. As in previous years, we appreciate your cooperation in arranging an outside place to meet with your child after school. As you may have noticed, our halls are much narrower now and in case of an emergency at dismissal time clear halls will enable us to move students out quickly and safely without obstruction. This also helps us to identify any "stranger" that may be in the school.

A reminder that no formal supervision is provided in the morning before school begins. Students are welcome to enter the school at 8:30 am. We are asking students to use the side and back doors of the main building, leaving the front doors for visitors or parents who need to come to the office. All students are expected to be outside at recess and should come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather. At lunch, all students are expected to remain on school grounds unless a dated note has been given to the Office stating that your child will be going home to an adult for lunch.

This year we have an extended playground as we are using the community field behind the school. We are encouraging students to bring snacks that can be unwrapped in the classroom prior to going out in order to cut down on litter.

The City of North Vancouver has now finished putting up signs for parking, no stopping zones and pick up and drop off zones on both Cloverley and Shavington. Thank you for paying attention to these new signs as we settle into a new neighbourhood. Please do not use the lane access on Shavington as a turn around/u-turn area as this is extremely unsafe for both drivers and pedestrians.

Communication is key to the success of a new school year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office and administration if you have any questions or concerns. Each teacher will have a preferred way of communicating and will let you know – whether it be by leaving messages with the office, using e-mail or other.

Our **Open House** will be held on Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30 to 7:30. We hope to see you all there.

A reminder to families that **Family Photo Night** takes place on Thursday, October 1 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please fill out the form that was sent home and return to the office as soon as possible. All seating is on a first-come/first-served basis.

Lates and Absences, Contact Information

Important: if your child is going to be absent or late, please call 604-903-3740 and leave a message. It is important to speak slowly and clearly, stating your child's name, grade and classroom teacher.



All families should let the office know if they have any change of information, i.e. address, phone, cell numbers. It is important that this information is kept up to date in the event that the school needs to get in touch with you because of accidents or illnesses.

Lost and Found – Please be sure to label clothing and personal items to help identify lost articles. The Lost and Found is located at the foot of the stairs to the gymnasium. Items will be sorted for donation on a regular basis, so please have your child(ren) take a look if they have missing items.

Professional Development Days

Friday, September 25, 2009 and

Friday, October 23, 2009

No classes on these days



Forms, Forms, Forms! – Your child will by now have brought home a stack of forms to fill out. Please do so as soon as possible and return them to the teacher. This helps us update our records and also means that we will be able to contact you in an emergency as quickly as possible.

The forms sent home with the “old” comfort kits must be returned as soon as possible. Earthquake drills will be taking place later in the school year. Having complete forms will expedite your child’s release from school should be necessary in an emergency. Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Office Assistants

WHAT TO DO TO AVOID GETTING SICK

- ✳ Hand washing: frequently and for 30 seconds each time!
- ✳ Get annual flu shots
- ✳ Sneeze/cough into a disposable tissue or sleeve; wash your hands
- ✳ Boost immunity with a varied and colourful diet, regular activity and sleep

WHEN TO KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME

Keep your child at home if he/she:

- ✳ Has a suspected or known communicable disease (has symptoms such as persistent cough or sore throat, a constant runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea, a rash of unknown origin, or a fever)
- ✳ Is too sick or lethargic to participate in normal school activities

Consider:

- ✳ The illness can spread to other children, their families and school staff
- ✳ Recovery can be delayed without adequate rest
- ✳ The school’s inability to care for an ill child

For more information call:

Public Health at 604-983-6700, your family Doctor or BC NurseLine 24 hours at 604-215-4700

BC Health Guide/files online:

www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles



Ridgeway School Staff – 2009-2010

Administrative Staff:

Principal Mrs. Aline Burlone
Vice-Principal Mrs. Carla Orr

Office Staff:

Administrative Assistant Ms. Linda Reid
Office Assistants: Mrs. Lee Gordon/Mrs. Janet Rule
Supervision Aide Mrs. Lina Fazio

Teaching Staff:

Div	Grade	Room	Teacher
E01	7	3	Ms. Roz Hollett
E02	7	6	Mr. Roy Hunt
E03	6	8	Mr. Brad Sharp
E04	6	5	Mr. Ray Van Driel/ Mr. Andrew Voth
E05	5/6	4	Mr. John Palmer
E06	5	7	Mr. Andrew Wiet
E07	4/5	2	Mrs. Michelle Pratt
E08	4	1	Mr. Chris Kirkland
E09	3/4	10	Mrs. Heather Gallilee
E10	3	13	Mrs. Shawna Shane
E11	3	14	Ms. Anne Watt
E12	1/2	11	Mrs. Laura Kristensen/ Ms. Jane Fairbairn
E13	1/2	15	Mrs. Gabriela Draheim/ Ms. Nancy Munro
E14	KH	12	Ms. Janae Chiu

Librarian Mrs. Debbie Tatham
Music/Band Mr. Andrew Voth
ESL Ms. Adrienne Tsonis
LAC (Primary) Ms. Adrienne Tsonis
LAC (Intermediate) Mrs. Carla Orr
Counsellor Mr. Vince White

Special Education Aides:

Mrs. Gail Baker Mrs. Jean Brewer
Ms. Colleen Curtis Ms. Elke Loeffler
Mrs. Leah Snelgrove Mrs. Carol Wallace
Ms. Mary Barber

Lunch Coordinator: Mrs. Lina Fazio



Hot Lunch Envelopes for November are due back **Thursday, October 22**. 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.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting – Monday, October 19

7pm in the Resource Centre

Free Childcare Available

Welcome to Ridgeway at the Cloverley site – although it wasn't a "perfect" start to the 2009/2010 school year, I think we can all agree that our teachers and administration spent long hours unpacking and organizing so that our kids could be settled by the Thursday. Thank-you for this – we truly appreciate it. I like the "retro" feel to our temporary home - large classrooms, spacious halls and big windows – and soon it will be personalized with the activities and artwork that Ridgeway is known for.

Please look for a bulletin board in the front hall of the school and outside the library in the demountable – your Ridgeway PAC is in the process of creating areas where we can keep you updated with school activities and fundraising events. We are also in the process of linking our information, PAC minutes, etc. to the Ridgeway website. Of course, if you would like to learn more about the operations of the school or you have some great ideas that you would like to share, the PAC meets the third Monday of most months, usually in the library.

Lastly, we need Class Representatives - please see below for what a class rep. does - if you would like to help, please sign up at one of our bulletin boards or email me.

I think it is going to be a good year.

Christie Sacré
PAC Chair

What is a Class Representative?

Basically, a class rep is a volunteer from each class in the school that helps by liaising between the PAC and the classroom. You do not have to attend PAC meetings to be a class representative. Someone from the PAC will contact you by phone or email to let you know what is going on. The Class Rep coordinates PAC initiatives within the class so that the teacher doesn't have to.

Class Rep. Responsibilities:

Things the PAC needs the class rep to do:

1. promote any fundraising ideas to the children, hand out/collect forms – eg. sales of Purdys or magazines at Christmas, raffle tickets in March
2. organize the collection of items for the Silent Auction baskets for Spring Fair
3. let us know of any concerns/needs that the teacher may have
4. communicate by distributing email messages from the Principal, PAC or teacher to all the families in the classroom – "email tree" - Class Rep must have email access but it is a very simple procedure – more details to come

Some Class Reps like to go further and instigate helping the teacher within the class with craft items, Scholastic orders, etc. Each teacher will have their own style and needs, so coordinate with the teacher.

More than one person can be a Class Representative – the duties can be shared – but the PAC needs to be able to rely on someone within each class with which to communicate. It is not a difficult volunteer position, but it is instrumental in helping with the coordination and communication of PAC initiatives.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Christie Sacré at clsacre@sacre-davey.com

September

RESPECT/RESPONSIBILITY

Cross Country/Basketball

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Senior Band – Every Thursday 8:00 to 8:45 am 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>Thu</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Friday 8:00 to 8:45 am Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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6	7 Labour Day	8 School Opens Early Dismissal 9:45	9 K Gradual Entry 8:50 – 9:50 10:30 – 11:30	10	11	12
13	14 Welcome Back Assembly – 9:45 am	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Terry Fox Run  Newsletter Home	25 SCHOOL- BASED PRO D NO CLASSES	26
27	28 Gr 4 Big House Parents Mtg – Time 6:30 pm	29	30 Open House 6:30 to 7:30			

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OWNERSHIP

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11	12 Thanksgiving  Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Gr 6 Outdoor School Mtg – 6:30 pm PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm	20 Magic Lunch Box 	21 Individual Photos Hot Lunch Envelopes Due	22 Gr 6 HPV #1 (Girls Only)	23 District Wide ProD NO CLASSES	24
25	26 Gr. 4 Big House	27 →	28	29 Newsletter Home	30 Subway Day 	31

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