



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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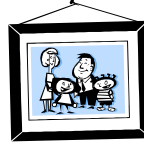
Thanks to all the parents, students and staff, our school opening week went very smoothly. Students were placed in their new classes, and are working cooperatively and diligently with their classmates, teachers and aides.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the school halls clear by arranging to meet your child outside at the end of the school day. This safety practice will assist us in ensuring the safety of your child in the event of an emergency where movement of the classes can occur without obstruction and congestion, as well as enabling staff in identifying “strangers” in the school.

As in previous years, parents and students are reminded that no formal supervision is provided in the morning before school begins. Students are welcome to enter the school at 8:30 am. 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.

Space for parking around the school is limited and parking on 8th Street is often a problem. Homeowners on the south side of 8th Street and the north side of 9th Street have expressed concern that their driveways are often blocked. Please respect these homeowners’ access to their properties when you park your car while waiting for your child or on school business. For the safety of everyone, please consider dropping your child off on Ridgeway or Moody Avenues. **A reminder that the “Disabled” parking space must only be used by vehicles with a permit.**

Our Open House was very well attended and many families had fun visiting the various parts of the school and meeting with the teachers. What a great treat to have our Ridgeway Parent Advisory Council (PAC) provide coffee and dessert. Thank you to the PAC for the delicious goodies.



A reminder to the families that have signed up for **Family Photo Night** on Friday, September 26 to enter through the School’s Front Entrance.



October is International Walk to School Month. All students are encouraged to walk to and from their neighbourhood school, whenever possible. Besides the physical and environmental benefits of walking, this will also greatly reduce the traffic congestion around the school. Please review with your child the safety rules for walking to and from your home, especially when crossing the streets.

Ridgeway Library – Volunteers Needed If you have time to help in the library, please drop by and see Mrs. Tatham, Teacher-Librarian

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.



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.



The **Vancouver Coastal Health** Department requests parents to inform the school of any health condition a child has which may necessitate emergency care during school hours. If your child has a life threatening medical condition or requires medication to be dispensed during the school day, please come to the office and complete a ‘**Student Focused Medication Management**’ form as soon as possible.



Summer Guardians – Ridgeway staff and students would like to say **thank you** to the following **Guardians** for giving the **Refuge** lots of tender, loving care over the summer. Thank you to the following students and their families

Nicholas Bailey	Kyra, Isabella & Alex Wilson
Westin Conti	Emilia & Regina Baeza
Franco Megaro	Taylor & Devon Sacre
Gavin Johnson	Emma & Christopher Small
Harrison & Chandler McCorkindale	

Parents are invited to a **Destination ImagiNation** information session on Thursday, October 2 in the Ridgeway School library from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to explain what Destination ImagiNation is, experience some of the activities that the children would participate in at a typical Destination ImagiNation team meeting and to answer any questions on how you and/or your children can participate.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Antje Wilson at antje@freshfrog.com or 604-983-8185.

Hot Lunch Envelopes for November are due back **Wednesday, October 15, 2008**. 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.



As there is a District-Wide Professional Day on November 28, the **Pizza Meal Deal** will now be on **Friday, December 5th**.

Professional Development Day
Monday, September 29, 2008

No classes on this day.
School will be back in session
Tuesday, September 30

Ridgeway School Staff 2007-2008

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 Aid	Mrs. Lina Fazio

Teaching Staff:

<u>Div</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
E01	7	14	Ms. Roz Hollett
E02	7	1	Ms. Janae Chiu Mr. Robert Moser
E03	6/7	10	Mr. Roy Hunt
E04	6	2	Mr. Brad Sharp
E05	6	11	Mr. Ray Van Driel
E06	5	7	Mr. John Palmer
E07	5	13	Mr. Andrew Wiet
E08	4/5	9	Mr. Anne Stevenson
E09	4	3	Mrs. Michelle Pratt
E10	4	12	Mr. Chris Kirkland
E11	3	5	Mrs. Heather Gallilee
E12	3	6	Mrs. Laura Kristensen
E13	2/3	17	Mrs. Shawna Shane
E14	2	18	Ms. Jane Fairbairn
E15	1	15	Mrs. Gabriela Draheim/ Mrs. Nancy Munro
E16	1	20	Ms. Anne Watt

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

Special Education Aides:

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

Lunch Coordinator:

Mrs. Lina Fazio

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting – Monday October 20th, 2008
7pm in the Resource Centre
Free Childcare Available

Welcome back to all families in our Ridgeway Community! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! Now that the school year is underway the Parent Advisory Council invites all of you to join us at our monthly meetings. Our meetings are held the third Monday of every month unless there is a holiday. A meeting schedule is posted on the Pac board. Every one of you makes up the PAC. We value and need your thoughts, ideas and support. The current PAC Board want to hear from you. We welcome you and hope to see you on Monday nights and throughout the year!

UPDATE ON RIDGEWAY SCHOOL: At our meeting on October 20th we will be having members from the school board come speak to the parent body about the plans to renovate Ridgeway School. Please plan to attend this very important and informative meeting.

PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS: After our annual general meeting held on Sept 15th we are pleased to announce our PAC executive members for the 2008-2009 School year are Meghan Friesen Vice Chair and Susan Rysstad Chair (working together as Co-Chairs), Christie Reynolds as Treasurer, and Antje Wilson as Secretary.

PAC DISPLAY BOARD: The PAC information and events board is located in the main hallway of the school. All information regarding required volunteers, sign-up sheets, fundraising events and PAC related topics and events are displayed in this space. Please check the PAC board regularly for information and updates and coming events throughout the year.

FUDRAISING EVENTS: Our first fundraising event will be the 1st **Annual Turkey Trot Fitathon** coming October 10th. Watch for details coming soon. Our next fundraising will be **Purdy's Chocolates and Magazine Sales**. These will be in time for Christmas but order forms and information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES: We are currently seeking class representatives for each Teacher and their classroom. A sign up sheet for this is located in the main hallway on our PAC notice board. If interested or you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or contact Susan Rysstad @ 604-986-7413 or Meghan Friesen 604-990-0923.

FAMILY FUN DANCE: On Wednesday October 1st is our 4th annual FAMILY FUN DANCE! This event was sold out quickly last year. So hurry and do not miss out on this great and very fun event to welcome you all back, and start off another great year at Ridgeway.

HOT LUNCH & SNACK PROGRAM: We are pleased to offer Pizza lunches, Subway lunches, and the Magic Lunch Box. These lunches will be on a rotating basis. We will also be starting up a snack program once again this year as well. We have many great volunteers who are organising and running these events. If you have a questions or would like to help with any of these events please contact for Hot Lunch Program Susie Wilkinson @ 604-904-0096 and Snack Sales Aimee LeSage 604-987-0596

We look forward to a fun and productive year. We have lots of fun family and school events planned. So please stay tuned to the PAC board and the newsletter for updates. We welcome all new and familiar faces at any time through out the year.

Thank you,
Meghan Friesen & Susan Rysstad
PAC Co-Chairs

September

RESPECT/RESPONSIBILITY

Cross Country/Basketball

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Senior Band – Every Tuesday 8:00 to 8:45 am Tues</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Wednesday 8:00 to 8:45 am Wed</i>	<i>Senior Band – Every Thursday 8:00 to 8:45 am Thurs</i>	<i>Junior Band – Every Friday 8:00 to 8:45 am Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 School Opens Early Dismissal 9:45	3 K Gradual Entry 8:50 – 9:50 10:30 – 11:30	4	5	6
7	8 Welcome Back Assembly – 9:45 am	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 PAC Meeting 7:00	16	17 Open House 6:30 – 7:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22 Rick Hanson Assembly 9:45 am Gr 4 Parent Mtg Big House	23	24	25 Individual Photos Newsletter Home	26 Terry Fox Run Family Photo Night	27
28	29 SCHOOL BASED PRO D No Classes	30 Fruit/Veggie Snack				

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OWNERSHIP

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			1 Cross Country Runs Fruit/Veggie Snack Family Dance 6:30 – 8:00 pm	2	3 Subway Day Fruit/Veggie Snack	4
5	6 Student-Led Assembly – 9:45 Gr 6 Parent Outdoor School Mtg – 7:00 pm	7	8 Cross Country Runs Bagel Sale	9	10 Fit-A-Thon Turkey Trot	11
12	13 THANKSGIVING	14	15 Cross Country Runs	16 Fruit/Veggie Snack	17 Fruit/Veggie Snack	18
19	20 PAC Meeting 7:00	21 Magic Lunch Box	22 Cross Country Runs Bagel Sale	23	24 DISTRICT PRO D No Classes	25
26	27 Gr. 4 Big House Gr. 6 Outdoor School	28 Gr 4 Big House Return	29 Cross Country Runs Fruit/Veggie Snack	30 Newsletter Home Pizza Day	31 Fruit/Veggie Snack Gr. 6 Outdoor School Returns	

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