

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

Newsletter #2 - October 2011

Welcome back to our brand new Ridgeway School! We are thrilled to have had such positive attendance to the PAC Opening Barbeque on Wednesday, September 28th. The opening ceremony at 11 am that day was led by Superintendent John Lewis, and we had the pleasure to hear Richard Loney lead us in the singing of O Canada. Many dignitaries spoke to the staff, students and invited guests, including the Minister of Education, George Abbott. We had our very own voluntary intermediate choir sing for us, accompanied and directed by Music teacher, Andrew Voth and John Palmer. Well done students for your keen participation and mannerly audience etiquette.



We are pleased to report that our students have quickly settled into the routines in their new classrooms and are already hard at work. Take a walk through the halls to see some of their beautiful artwork! We have so many parent and community volunteers to thank for assisting us in unpacking the endless boxes (there are still more), constructing the primary easels, working on emergency preparation packs, and setting up the library and various classrooms. We certainly appreciate your patience and willingness to help as we settle in.

Everyday we see changes, especially with the landscaping going in now. Please remember to respect the neighbours in terms of parking. Try to park on the road way beside the school.

Staff for 2011-12

At our September assembly we were pleased to welcome all new and returning staff and students. Staff are as follows:

| Division # | Grade | Room # | Classroom Teacher |
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| E01..... | 7..... | 304..... | Roz Hollett |
| E02..... | 7..... | 310..... | Roy Hunt |
| E03..... | 6..... | 303..... | John Palmer |
| E04..... | 5/6..... | 308..... | Brad Sharp |
| E05..... | 5..... | 305..... | Andrew Wiet |
| E06..... | 4/5..... | 301..... | Diane Ehling |
| E07..... | 4..... | 309..... | Chris Kirkland |
| E08..... | 3..... | 210..... | Adrienne Tsonis |
| E09..... | 3..... | 312..... | Michelle Pratt |
| E10..... | 2..... | 209..... | Jane Fairbairn/Nancy Munro |
| E11..... | 2..... | 204..... | Sarah Irving |
| E12..... | 2..... | 205..... | Brenda Sawatzky |
| E13..... | 1..... | 212..... | Maureen Allarie |
| E14..... | 1..... | 201..... | Janae Chiu |
| E15..... | 1..... | 206..... | Susana Cheng |
| E16..... | K..... | 109..... | Anne Watt |
| E17..... | K..... | 110..... | Antoinette Keenleyside/Gabriela Draheim |
| E18..... | K..... | 108..... | Shawna Shane |
| ESL..... | | 311..... | Leah Symons |
| LAC Primary/Intermediate..... | | 307..... | Cathy Moberg |
| | | 306..... | Joel Streat |
| | | 311..... | Leah Symons |
| Music..... | | 105..... | Andrew Voth |
| Library..... | | | Debbie Tatham |
| Counsellor..... | | 202..... | Vince White |
| SEA..... | | | Gail Baker |
| SEA..... | | | Jean Brewer |
| SEA..... | | | Colleen Curtis |
| SEA..... | | | Patti Dale |
| SEA..... | | | Elke Loeffler |
| SEA..... | | | Kelly Paus |
| SEA..... | | | Leah Snelgrove |
| SEA..... | | | Carol Wallace |
| SEA..... | | | Mary Barber |
| Supervision Aid..... | | | Lina Fazio |
| Lunch Co-Ordinator..... | | | Lina Fazio |
| Office Assistant..... | | | Janet Rule (Wed/Thurs/Fri) |
| Office Assistant..... | | | Lee Gordon (Mon/Tues/Wed) |
| Administrative Assistant..... | | | Lynda Baxter |
| Principal..... | | | Aline Burlone |
| Vice-Principal..... | | | Diane Ehling |
| Custodian..... | | | Benny Guieb |
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| Crossing Guard | | Ray Douthwaite |
| Learning Support Teacher | 102 | Joel Streat |
| Learning Support Worker | 211 | Cathy Corbett |
| First Nations Support Worker | | Catherine Grant |
| Speech Language Pathologist | 203 | Stephanie Chamut |
| District Student Services | | Jane Blaiklock |
| District Hearing Teacher | | Irene Gutmann |
| Psychologist | | Jeff Ballou |
| Hearing Resource Teacher | | Rhena Tevendale |

Towards the Future For Schools Standing Committee Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
 (please note time) between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
 Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre
 810 West 21st Street
 North Vancouver BC

This information is also posted on the School District's [website](#)



Summer Reading Congratulations

This year there were over 50 Ridgeway Elementary students who participated in the North Vancouver City Library "Savour the Word" summer reading program. Congratulations to the following students:

Kate A., Jovan R., Nathan S., Abigail S., Connor B., Koleta E., Nathan W., Chelsea C., Tinley C., Eva K., Nick S., Kieran S., Anisha T., Alysha W., Sahaj S., Abigale U., Anjali T., Victoria M., Eli E., Ethan T., Hannah M., Kathryn M., Reina K., Michael G., Caitlin V., Yanic F., Maya Z., Jamie H., Claire T., Charlotte T., Isabella H., Alicia R., Cheryl Y., Justine Y., Diana D, Daniel D., Camille H., Rowan H., Erik S., Alliyah R., Katherine S., Sarah F., Jazlyn B., Jaskam H., Jude K., Fikri K., Sevgi K. Jasmine W., Bella K., Sterling S., Emily M., Kelly Y., Lauren K., Hooman S., Madison K., Kassy Z., Emma M., Rosa R., M..... Fulton, Jake J., Erin C., Brisha S., Taff O., Jordan L., Ben S., Anna M., Argen S., Athena W., Sara T., Meghan L., Aia M.



Noon Hour Intramural League

The Noon Hour Intramural League has begun. Students in grades 4 and 5 are playing floor hockey in the gym. We have close to fifty students signed up and representing the following four teams: Ned Flanders, Scooby Doo, Swiper and Charlie Brown. Thank you to

Mr. Sharp and Mr. Wiet for the cartoon theme. Also, thank you to the grade 6 and 7s for offering to referee the game. Spectators are always welcome to come to the gym and cheer on the teams.

International Walk to School Week- Oct. 3-7

Walk to school this week and feel healthy. Earn stickers, stamps and pedometers! Volunteers may greet you at the front door!

Building Math Skills

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| <p>From Achieve BC Math for Families:</p> <p>Estimation Estimation is using what you know to make a guess that makes sense. Estimation is an everyday skill.</p> <p>Questions to Ask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do you know? - Does that make sense? - If you don't know, how can you find out? - Is there another way to find out? - How many _____do you think there are? - Which one has most, is longer, is heavier? | <p>Things to Do</p> <p>Estimate first and then find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - something that is longer, shorter, lighter, heavier, than _____ - how many crayons end-to-end would go from the couch to the fireplace - how many blocks will fit in this box - which will take longer, to walk to the door or write your name - how many minutes before your food comes after you order | <p>Patterning</p> <p>Patterning is seeing repetitive cycles, events and images that are predictable.</p> <p>Things to Do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for repeating patterns on cloth, wallpaper, or clothing. - Look for repeating patterns in time (e.g., seasons, months, or daily routines). - Listen for patterns in songs and clap or dance the rhythm. - Start patterns with blocks, beads, playing cards, or toys and get children to make them longer. |
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From the Music Room

Band Schedule

Monday and Wednesday 8- 8:45 am Junior Band

Tuesday and Thursday 8- 8:45 am Senior Band

Smile- Monday, Oct. 3rd is Photo Day at school!

Allergen Aware

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| <p>This is a reminder that Ridgeway has several students with severe nut allergies. If you can pack nut free lunches and snacks, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note the signs posted on classroom doors. All common spaces are also considered "Allergen Aware" zones.</p> | <p>All students are reminded to thoroughly wash their hands and desktops before and after eating so that everyone stays healthy.</p> <p>We appreciate your cooperation in helping to make our classroom environments healthy for all students.</p> | <p>Have you checked out these peanut butter alternatives?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Peabutter* Sunbutter* Soybutter <p>If so, please let us know your opinion.</p> <p>Thank-you.</p> |
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SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

School Planning Council (SPC) elections and re-elections will take place at the October PAC meeting on October 17, 2011. If you are interested in putting your name forward for the School Planning Council, please contact Christie Sacre (PAC chair) or leave your name in the office.

The role of the SPC is to guide decisions for overall school improvement and student achievement, as well as be involved in conversations around school organization, class composition and resource spending. Our SPC meets 3-5 times a year.

Ridgeway's School Growth Plan is posted on the Ridgeway School website at www.nvsd44.bc.ca

VALUABLES AT SCHOOL/ PHOTOS

Electronic devices and student cell phones are not to be used at school during the regular school day. Students may use the office phone if calls need to be made between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. On occasion, students bring toys, trading cards and other items to school that are not essential to their studies. The school can not be responsible for these items if they become lost or stolen.

With all the exciting school activities that occur throughout the year, we provide this consideration regarding the filming and sharing of student photographs and videotapes of

student events. Parents are welcome to photograph and videotape school events. However, the potential promotion, exchange or sharing of student images raises privacy issues that are important to be aware of. A parent wishing to film or photograph students and then post these images to a website (i.e. YouTube) *needs to have signed permission, provided by parents and/or guardians in the case of minors, for the students to appear in the video before posting their photos.* To do so without signed permission is a violation of student privacy. While any liability would lie with the photographer/videographer in a situation like this, we feel it's important to remind all parents to respect the privacy of other students and their families. While it's understandable that many families would appreciate being able to exchange photographs or videotapes of school events, privacy concerns must take precedence. Thank you for your understanding.

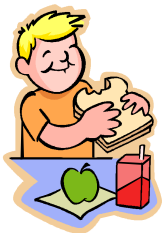
Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedures

Students who arrive at school late or leave early **MUST** sign in and out at the desk outside the front office. Parents, please help us with this expectation, particularly if you are taking children home for lunch or if your child has arrived after morning or afternoon attendance. It helps us keep track of who is in the school, particularly if there is an emergency. If your child is sick, please phone the school and tell us if they will be absent.

Volunteers and Volunteer Drivers

If you would like to volunteer to drive for field trips, etc., please come to the office and fill out our volunteer driver forms.

Bighouse Volunteer Elders - Interested parent volunteers for this Grade 4 overnight program must complete a Criminal Records Check and attend a one day orientation at the North Vancouver Outdoor School. We encourage all interested volunteers to begin that process now as it can take up to four months for a Criminal Records check to be completed. Speak to Mrs. Ehling if interested.



Hot Lunch Envelopes for November are due back on Wednesday, October 21, 2011. If you would like your child to go on Hot Lunch, extra envelopes are

Early Dismissal Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Students will be dismissed at 1:45 pm so staff can be trained in new district protocols.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Forms: If you have not done so already, please remember to return your child's comfort kit, student emergency forms, classroom form and medical form as soon as possible. Emergency planning and the comfort and safety of our students are important to us.

Fire Drills:

- immediate and controlled evacuation of the building by all students, staff and parents
- Our meeting place is on the front field for now, back field when it is ready; classes lineup in buddy groupings
- 3 bells means all clear and classes return to their classrooms

If you are visiting the playground or school during an emergency evacuation, we ask that you come to the field as well. In the event of a real emergency, directions will be given from there. Please do not enter the building if an alarm is sounding. A variety of emergency drills will be practiced throughout the school year. If you have any questions regarding emergency planning or drills, please contact us at 604-903-3740.

PEP ROOM-

Thanks to Claire Traille and Morgan Loyst-MacInnes for organizing the PEP room and training the Gr. 6's to disperse the outdoor play equipment. It is now up and running!

SCHOOL TOUR

For students starting Kindergarten in September 2012 - Ridgeway Elementary School will be hosting a tour on Thursday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. If you are registering your child to start school in September, 2012, please join us! We will be meeting in the school lobby at 10:55 am.

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| 2 | 3 Individual Student Photos | 4 1:45 Dismissal Staff training Child Abuse Protocols | 5 PAC recess cookie snack sale \$1.00 | 6 PAC family dance 7-8:30pm | 7 PAC Subway Day | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Thanksgiving Students do not attend school | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 PAC Pizza Day Fit-a-thon | 15 |
| 16 | 17 PAC meeting 7:00pm Family photo night 5-9pm | 18 | 19 PAC recess bagel sale \$1.00 | 20 PAC Sushi | 21 Province wide P- Day - Students do not attend school | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 PAC Booster Juice | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |