



## **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 #1 – September 7, 2011**

### **Welcome back to the new school year and our new (former) Ridgeway School!**

It is such a pleasure and privilege to be able to welcome everyone back to our new Ridgeway School. Everyone has been working very hard for the last week to ensure that the school would be ready to open for the 2011-2012 school year. We thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we settle into our new home. It is truly an exciting time!

You may have already noticed the beautiful playground in place on the west side of the school in front of the main steps. Thanks to a generous donation from Paul Kilby's estate and funds from both the Ridgeway and Ridgeway Annex PACs a new playground was installed on the site of the renovated and restored Ridgeway in time for the September 2011-2012 school year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put it together on August 27th.



On September 28, 2011, there will be an official opening for Ridgeway School. The official opening of the school will occur at 11:00 am on that day and later in the afternoon the new playground will be opened followed by a community BBQ and Open House. Please mark your calendar for this important date – an official invitation will be sent to you shortly.

## **Staffing updates**

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following staff members to our team:

- Mrs. Ehling, Vice-Principal
- Mrs. Moberg, teacher
- Mrs. Cheng, teacher
- Mrs. Allarie, teacher
- Mrs. Keenleyside teacher
- Ms Irving, teacher
- Mrs. Sawatzky, teacher
- Mrs. Symons, teacher

Ridgeway is lucky to have such a great team joining us!

## **Parking and traffic flow**

Everyone is encouraged to walk and bike to school. Please follow the parking restriction signs around the school on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> street and take into consideration that many of our neighbours do not have parking in the lanes and therefore need space in front of their houses to park. The parking lot is for staff only and is not a drop off or pick up zone for students as they will enter and leave the school through the front doors on the west side.

## **Communication**

Whenever possible, newsletters and notices will be sent home via email. Please make sure we have your correct email address. Please make sure that you inform us of any email address changes so that we can ensure that you receive these important documents. If you do not have an email address, please let us know and we will make sure that you receive a paper copy of all notices.

We hope that many of you will become involved with the Ridgeway Parent Advisory Council and the various school volunteer programs. Please keep in close contact with the school, especially with your child's teacher. Positive communication between parents and school is a major component of Ridgeway's philosophy and an open dialogue can only enhance your child's success at school.

## **School Hours and Bell Times**

### **School Hours**

8:45 – 10:20 a.m.  
10:20 – 10:40 a.m. (Recess)  
10:40 – 12:00 p.m.  
12:00 – 12:45 p.m. (Lunch)  
12:45 – 2:50 p.m.

### **Bell Times**

8:45 a.m. – Begin Morning Session  
10:40 a.m. – End of Recess  
12:25 p.m. – Begin to Eat Lunch  
12:45 p.m. – Begin Afternoon Session

## **Student Pick up**

If you are picking up your child after school, please take the time to set up an outside-designated spot to meet with them. This will greatly help to establish a calm and orderly end to the school day and relieve congestion in the halls and stairways. It will also help teachers to set up routines and expectations for students leaving the building.

## **Important dates**

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

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| Monday, September 12    | - | Hot lunch Program begins   |
| Monday, September 19    | - | PAC meeting – 7:00 pm<br>location TBA  |
| Monday, September 26    | - | School Based Pro D Day/ School<br>not in session   |
| Wednesday, September 28 | - | Official Opening at 11:00 am<br>Playground opening, BBQ and Open<br>house in the afternoon |
| Friday, September 30    | - | Terry Fox Run in the afternoon   |

## **Forms**

Your child should have brought home the following forms this week:

- Last year's comfort kit from class (if not already home in June)
- New comfort kit notice
- Student Emergency Forms
- Freedom of Information release form
- Primary supply letter
- Internet guidelines
- Impromptu Walking Field Trip
- Student Planner Purchase form

Please return the completed forms to the main office by Monday, September 12, 2011.

## **Volunteers**

If you have some time in the next little while we would appreciate some help in the following areas:

- setting up the library,
- setting up the Multi Purpose Room
- setting up the Guided Reading storage area.
- helping with the Terry Fox Run on September 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon
- helping with reviewing and updating school emergency plans and supplies

If you are interested in any of the above areas, please email Mrs. Burlone at [aburlone@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:aburlone@nvsd44.bc.ca) indicating when you are available and which area you would like to help in. Thank you in advance for your help!