



Ridgeway Annex School

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Ridgeway Annex Mission Statement

Committed to a focus on learning, Ridgeway Annex, in partnership with the community, will enable students to develop their maximum intellectual potential, sense of self-worth, personal and social responsibility and love of learning within an open, safe and caring environment. The student motto states: I am a responsible Ridgeway Annex student. I care about:

myself and others my learning the world around me

Ridgeway Annex Code of Conduct

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Cooperative, Believe in Yourself and Others

Please visit our school website: www.ridgewayannex.ca

April 2011 Newsletter

Dear Parents and students:



Welcome Back to school after a lengthy, hopefully relaxing, March Break. Spring has arrived, but days may still be chilly and wet. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for outside play, with an extra set of clothes, if there is need to change into them. We are quickly getting back into the swing of events, with Kids Club now using the Annex Library, gym and playground before and after school.

Students, and staff, certainly enjoyed the fantastic dance program that Marion Rose provided, prior to March Break. We have purchased her three dance books with accompanying CDs, so we may be practicing a few more of her jigs during the next few months. We wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the PAC for financially helping us to hire Marion for the week. We were thrilled to see so many families out to enjoy the Community Dance on Thursday, March 10th. What a fun experience seeing the students teach us to polka, waltz and do some country line and circle dances. Our little gym was packed to the rafters, practically, with laughter and music that evening!

What is Happening at our School in the next little while?

Stand By Me: Guest presenter, Teresa Triggiano, will be in the school Tuesday and Wed. March 29th and 30th to provide a workshop for all students in their classes on social responsibility and respectful conflict resolution. Students will learn the 3 steps for working out a problem, making amends and understanding how our choices affect others. More information about the program can be found at www.standbyme.ca
Again, a big thank-you to the PAC for sponsoring this program.

Hand-washing program- Guest presenters, student nurses, arranged through the Vancouver Coastal Health department, will share with the students in a short 20 minute presentation the benefits of washing their hands thoroughly and correctly. We all wish to stay healthy for third term, so this is an important lesson not to be missed.



Salmon Are Growing

Feeding of the salmon will soon be starting and they are rapidly growing in their small habitat. We anticipate that by the end of April the Gr.2 class will be releasing the fry into the Lynn Creek, near Park and Tilford. This is always a fun outing, to see the fry go on their way with a strong start.

Students in K and Grade 1 will be attending the Ecology Centre in April and early May to explore life in the forest and to celebrate Earth Day. Stay tuned for field trip notices coming home soon.



Make-A-Wish Foundation - Star Piggy Banks

Students continue to bring in their savings for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We have managed to collect approximately \$520.00 by the end of March. Thank you to all the students and families who are contributing to this particular charity. We have only one month remaining.

UPCOMING EVENTS and Important dates to keep in mind:



April 1, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for Transfer Requests
April 4, 2011	Sub-committee meeting at 7 pm for Closing Ceremony preparation
April 6 th , 2011	Class Photos and Panoramic Shot Outdoors of all students
April 12, 14	High Touch/High Tech Science workshops in the classes
April 18, 21	Music classes begin for students (first of four weeks Mondays and Thursdays) in preparation to present at May 26 th School Closure Celebration
April 18 th , 2011	Ready, Set, Learn event for 3 and 4 year old children at Ridgeway/Cloverley site 1:30 pm
April 18 th , 2011	Joint PAC meeting at Ridgeway at Cloverley 7 pm
April 19 th , 2011	2011 Green Fair at Lucas Gym to highlight all efforts around the district concerning environmental education endeavours
April 20 th	Kindergarten field trip to Ecology Centre
April 22, 25, 2011	Good Friday, Easter Monday
April 27 th	Gr. 1 Field trip to Ecology Centre
April 29 th	Make-A-Wish Assembly
May 1, 2011	Sunday- North Vancouver Outdoor School Open House
May 2, 5 th	Music Classes
May 5 th	Earthquake Drill
May 6, 2011	District Professional Day- No School for students
May 9, 12 th	Music Classes
May 10 th	K/1 Field trip to Ecology Centre
May 13 th	Div. 3 Gr. 1 Field Trip to Arts Umbrella Granville Island
May 14, 2011	Saturday- Ridgeway Spring Fair
May 16, 19 th	Music Classes
May 20 th	Fun Day- Dismissal after lunch
May 23, 2011	Victoria Day Holiday
May 26 th	School Field trip to Aquarium and School Closure Celebration (4-6:30pm)
May 27 th	Jump Rope for Heart at Ridgeway at Cloverley for all Annex students
May 30, 2011	Curriculum Implementation Day- No School for students



May 26th, 4-6:30 pm * Mark Your Calendars Please*

Year End Celebration Update

We have had a number of volunteer positions filled. Thank-you for your assistance! This week invitations will be sent out to former staff inviting them to attend our celebration. Information has been sent to all schools to inform students, and our celebration is posted on the school and district websites. We still need assistance with scanning of pictures for our slide show. Please consider contacting Mrs. Ehling if you are able to help with the pictures. I wish to thank Deanna Tonini, Christie Sacre, Christine Borden, and Dana Irving for creating the invitations. There will be many more to thank as the month moves along. As noted in the Important Dates to Remember, a subcommittee meeting is planned for Monday, April 4th at 7 pm. If you have signed up to assist, feel free to attend for further updates.

PAC News:

PAC monies have been spent on the Dance program in March, and will be used to fund field trips in April, and the Music program in May. Thanks to our PAC for graciously sponsoring these events! Please remember that ALL parents and Caregivers are welcome at PAC meetings. The next meeting is an important one for the PAC from Ridgeway Annex will join the Ridgeway PAC, on Monday, April 18th at 7 pm at Ridgeway at Cloverley. Come and meet the parents you will see on the Ridgeway school grounds next September! Help make decisions that will impact your children in the years to come!

Upcoming Events by other PACS:

Guest speaker Jesse Miller

- Ridgeway PAC have organized Jesse Miller to speak on Social Networking Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm; open to FOS staff and parents by donation
- Ridgeway and Sutherland may coordinate and hold the event at Sutherland (TBA) if more than 100 parents rsvp to clsacre@sacre-davey.com
- Facebook...Twitter...MSN...The average elementary school child spends 3.8 hours on-line. This presentation is what every parent needs to know about Social Media and Internet Safety to protect their children and their privacy!

Guest Speaker Anita Roberts

- Brooksbank is hosting Anita Roberts of Safeteen for a Parent Presentation on April 11 from 7-8 pm in the Brooksbank gym – invitation open to Sutherland FOS. You may contact the school for more information at 903-3280 or go to their website at www.brooksbank.ca

New this year: A Sutherland Gala

- Sutherland PAC is organizing a major fundraiser on April 30 at Chez Michel Bistro; please support. More information available on the Sutherland School website

Health

Please see our Health folder www.ridgewayannex.ca to view the monthly information provided by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) www.vch.ca . Another useful site is www.healthlinkbc.ca



Parent Series

The North Vancouver School District welcomes all parents to the 2010-2011

- All parents are invited to attend these evening lectures, hosted by the North Vancouver School District. Registration is not required.
- All sessions will be held at the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver

Thursday, April 7, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm
Street Wising Parents –Part A”

Thursday, May 5, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm
“Street Wising Parents -Part B”

Please see poster at www.nvsd44.bc.ca under meetings and updates in the right hand column.

Sutherland Community Fair



When? April 16th from 10:00 – 1:00

Where? In front of Sutherland Secondary School

What? An event for children 8 and under in the Sutherland Community hosted by the Sutherland Cancer Awareness Club with all proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. The event will include games, food, and drinks.

Games will occur non-stop for the whole event and will include:

- Water balloon tosses
- Obstacle courses
- Potato spoon races
- Potato sack races
- 3 legged races
- Bean bag tosses
- Relay races

Each game will have a stamp associated with it and kids will have a stamp card. Prizes will be awarded to students who get stamps from playing at least 5 games.

Food and drink will include:

- Hotdogs (possibly)
- Fresh fruit
- Juice boxes
- Cheese strings
- Other snacks

\$1 per item

There will also be a bottle drive run by students in the Cancer Awareness Club.

Why? To bring Sutherland and its community closer and to have fun raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" 11 June, 2011.

What else will there be?

There will be a first aid tent with band aids, non-latex gloves, and disinfectant spray.

There will be a sun safety info tent with sunscreen being sold by donation.