



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

December 2010 Newsletter

Nov. 29, 2010

Dear Parents;

On behalf of the staff I wish to thank all the parents who managed to come in and speak to the teachers about their child's first term reports. It is so vital to continue open communication with the school, for educating your child is a team effort.

We have more volunteer opportunities arising that parents can assist with at the school. A number of parents have accepted the Snow Clearance volunteer forms, indicating they are considering helping to shovel our paths in the event of a large snowfall. Thank you. Our custodians do not have enough time in the morning to shovel both paths to the main door and the Kindergarten door, as well as opening up the school, before heading to their next school, so the extra help is appreciated. Please remind your child to come to school with extra clothes to enjoy the cold weather. Hats, scarves, mitts, snow pants and boots will be important when the snow arrives, and even now with the below zero temperatures.

Secondly, we are wishing to begin a playground games club for the children at lunch time, beginning in January. Students will be invited to sign up to learn new and cherished "old" games, and will be invited to play in small groups of 6-8, in the undercover area/ paved area east of the school mural.. Before we begin, we first need to organize the parent volunteers who are needed to help to lead the activities. We have booklets of games with instructions ready for parents to pick up and take in hand, so no new games need to be researched, unless you wish to take time to find some. Please speak to Mrs. Ehling if interested in helping.

We would like to decorate our school for the Christmas season. Mrs. Ehling is searching for a few talented tree decorators to take the time to put up our Christmas tree on Dec. 1st-3rd. Students will help with decorating as well. Under the tree we would like to place a few empty wrapped "gift boxes". We invite all students to help fill the gift boxes with items for the Food Bank. It is a tradition that Ridgeway Annex students collect cans and non-perishable food items for families in need. The Harvest Project is very thankful, as are the families who receive the helping hand. Possible items for the boxes can include:

Canned meats
Canned fish
Canned soups
Canned stews
Canned fruits
Canned vegetables

Peanut butter
Jams & jellies
Boxed juices
Boxed cereals
Cookies
Noodles

Instant breakfast
Baby Food
Gravy mix
Coffee
Tea
Hot chocolate

Cranberries
Cake mixes
Granola Bars
Raisins
Popcorn





Make-A-Wish Foundation - Star Piggy Banks

A big thanks to the parent volunteers who are counting the money that all students are bringing in for the Make- A-Wish fundraiser. Students are welcome to bring in their star piggy banks and try to reach last years' targets. We have already raised approximately \$119.00 for November, higher than last year. Way to go students. We have until April to collect the funds.



Snow is in the Air- and Christmas is around the corner!



- Div. 1, Gr. 2's will be checking out the Christmas Train at Park and Tilford Gardens on Dec. 2nd.
- Dec. 3rd, all students and staff are welcome to dress up as Twins. Talk to a friend about wearing something the same or similar.
- Div. 4, K's will walk to Park and Tilford Gardens on Dec. 6th
- Div. 2 K/1s will go see the Christmas Train on Dec. 8th and Div. 3, Gr. 1's will go on Dec. 9th

Hopefully by now you have seen the information emailed to you about the upcoming skating party:

Ridgeway and Ridgeway Annex – “Annual Skating Party”

Families Welcome!!

Monday, December 6th, 2010

Harry Jerome Recreation Centre

Session 1 – Primary (Kindergarten-grade 3)

5:30-6:30

Session 2 – Intermediate (Grade 4-7)

6:30-7:30



This is a family event!! Although some teachers and administration will be attending, parents/guardians need to supervise their own children, for the safety of all.

Do you need to rent skates and/or helmets? If so, please pay the Harry Jerome front desk on Dec. 6th on your way down to the arena.

Rec. Centre cost: \$2.80/skates, \$.85/helmets

We need to let Harry Jerome know what to expect in regard to numbers and skate sizes. Please complete and return the bottom portion of the form to your classroom teacher or the PAC mailbox by Friday, December 3rd. Only one form per family is necessary.

- Red and green Day will be Dec. 16th, the same day that students have an informal sing-a-long in the afternoon in the gym to celebrate the Christmas season.
- Friday, Dec. 17th students will continue celebrations in the gym for the afternoon as an entire group, watching a special Christmas show



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Important dates to keep in mind:

January 24, 2011	Kindergarten Registration Begins
March 11, 2011	Kindergarten Registration deadline for priority placement
January 31, 2011	New Registrations and Transfer Requests fro Grade 1-12 begins
March 11, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for New Registrations K- Grade 12
April 1, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for Transfer Requests

Registration and transfer forms can be accessed at www.nvsd44.bc.ca under schools and student registration. Or click below for the direct link

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Schools/StudentRegistration.aspx>

December PAC Meeting:

The December PAC meeting will be postponed. The next meeting for PAC is January 18th at 7 pm. Free child minding is provided for children in the gym. We are attempting to organize a special presentation by Dr. Lynn Miller, associate professor at UBC, on anxiety and her research. She has agreed to join the parents of Ridgeway Annex at 6-7 pm on Jan. 18th prior to the PAC meeting. Bring your favourite dessert to share, enjoy some coffee and learn about information to deal with anxiety.

Poinsettias will be delivered to the school on Monday, Dec. 6th. Watch for information to pick up your poinsettia on the white boards and email. Thanks to Tanis Huckell for arranging this for us.



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

Thank You

- A big thanks to Ms. Sacher who filled in for Mrs. Moberg while she was away.
- A big thanks to our PAC parents who so diligently raise funds for the students, while offering us the opportunity to warm our feet with the Polar Fleece products, and decorate our home with a festive feel through the poinsettia plants
- A big thanks to Warrant Officer MacLeod, Victoria's dad, for sharing with us stories, slides and his medals at the Ridgeway Annex Remembrance Day assembly.



Gr. 2 Parents- Please get those Outdoor School Forms in as quickly as possible. The trip to Outdoor School will be here before you know it!

Child Find BC

A permission notice will be coming home in December, concerning this RCMP service of finger printing and photographing your child for the "All About Me, I.D." booklet that will be yours to keep. More information will be available at the next PAC meeting on January 18, 2011.

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

Dates & Details

Thursday, December 2, 2010 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"Getting to Know Your Community Support Networks"

Thursday, January 6, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"Anxiety, Stress, and Depression"

Thursday, February 3, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"Transitions –MCFD and CLBC"

Thursday, April 7, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m."

Street Wising Parents –Part A"

Thursday, May 5, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"Street Wising Parents -Part B"

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