



# 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](http://www.ridgewayannex.ca)

January 2011 Newsletter

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Dear Parents;

What a glorious Winter Break we have had these past few weeks. We hope you and your child(ren) feel invigorated and refreshed after having a chance to relax in the rain and the beautiful sunshine! Perhaps you have spent time on the slopes skiing, or near the shore. Whatever the occasion, hopefully there have been many wonderful memory-making opportunities! Now the staff is ready to buckle down for second term. We have lots of exciting plans for the months of January, February and March. You will notice on the January calendar that we have two special presentations for the second week of January. The first is a free program presented by the Dreamrider group, called "Keep Cool". Two talented actors share with the students, ways to "Keep Cool" and help with climate change. We will share this program with 3 classes from Ridgeway, who will join the students at 9:00 am on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. Feel free to join us as well.

The second presentation that week is Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am when presenter, Kim Heron, shares with the group what our fundraising efforts will do for one child in particular who is wishing to have a final wish come true, through the Make A Wish Foundation. Again, parents, if you have a chance to join us, feel free. Information at that assembly will, also kick-start our Eat Well Play Well Olympics 2010-11 that we participate in annually. This is organized by the Vancouver Coastal Health and Active North Shore Network. We have won various prizes as a school in the past and aspire to do so for this year!

So, you can see we are off to a busy start for 2011. Welcome back one and all! We also welcome Mrs. Kanegae here for the month of January, while Mrs. Allarie is away.



## **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 did not collect much in December so currently we are at \$152.00 compared to last year's \$371.00. Let's go Ridgeway Annex Students! We have until April to collect the funds.

## **Upcoming Events - Special Presentation and Potluck Dessert!      January 18<sup>th</sup> 6 pm**

Guest speaker, Dr. Lynn Miller, Associate professor at UBC, will be presenting on anxiety and her research around this. Join us for a potluck dessert, some coffee or juice. Child minding will be available. The PAC meeting will follow at 7 pm that same evening, January 18<sup>th</sup>!



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](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) under schools and student registration. Or click below for the direct link

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

### **Health**

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

**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! January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Child Find BC**

A permission notice went 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 21<sup>st</sup> Street, North Vancouver

**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](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) under meetings and updates in the right hand column.