



# 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)

June 2011 Newsletter

Dear Parents;

Amazing, isn't it, that there is only one month remaining before the end of school? I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the Annex this year with many of you, and especially getting to know your delightful children! The Closing Ceremony was certainly a demonstration of the power of teamwork and community! Thank you to the organizing committee: Deanna, Tanis, Lily, Christie, Susan, Ann and Aline. The party went as smoothly as it did because of your dedication and hard work. There were in total 25 volunteers who helped out with this event- we send a big cheer for your assistance as well.

Fun day was a huge success this year with a variety of games and activities for the students. We certainly enjoyed Will Stroet singing and playing for the students, followed by the Gr. 7 students from Ridgeway helping to run the stations. We appreciate their commitment and leadership. Thank you to the North Vancouver Fire Department for attending and setting up the water target activity and thank you to the PAC for providing funds for our wonderful kites that each student was able to decorate and fly.

A big thank-you to retired teacher, Ann Echols, and Miss Jessica from Kinder Musik for leading the students in varied and creative musical expressions at the Closing Ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was extra special to hear the musical pieces by our students at this memorable event. Well done!

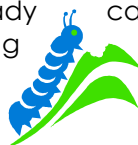
All students arrived back on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm from their field trip to the Vancouver Aquarium with smiles on their faces. Thank you to the PAC for subsidizing that field trip, as well as the Gr. 1's field trip to Arts Umbrella at Granville Island, and the Ecology Field trips that the Kindergarten and Gr. 1 students had earlier in the term.

## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TEA

Invitations have already gone home for our annual volunteer tea. Please put aside **Thursday, June 2- in the gym- from 11:45-12:45 pm**. We'd like to thank all of our volunteers for the hours spent helping out at Ridgeway Annex.



**What is in the tank?** Now that our salmon have been released we are on to the next exciting project. Mrs. Ewens has set up our Painted Lady caterpillar home for the next few weeks. Students will be able to observe the caterpillars eating the food in their temporary home, change to chrysalis or pupa stage and then turning into a beautiful painted lady butterfly and releasing them outdoors. Watch for the changes.



## **YEAR END REVIEW AND PLANNING –**

**As mentioned in the May 2011 newsletter, here are a few reminders regarding year end planning and review**

- It would assist us greatly if you would notify the school if your child will not be returning to Ridgeway in September. **Withdrawal forms must be completed for students who will be attending an elementary or secondary school outside the North Vancouver School District or a private school.** Withdrawal forms may be picked up in the school office.
- If you know of someone new to the Ridgeway community, please inform them of the need to register at the Lucas Centre, 2132 Hamilton Avenue, North Vancouver at their earliest convenience.
- **Please refer to the May 2011 newsletter for the process involved in setting tentative class assignments in June.**
- If you have specific information and/or concerns based on clear educational needs, please put these in writing and forward to Mrs. Burlone by June 3, 2011. The written information that you provide will be given to the team of professionals for consideration as one of the criteria in the placement of your child. Please note that letters including names of staff members will not be forwarded to the team for placement consideration.

**Jump Rope for Heart** - - In support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, this year's **Jump Rope for Heart** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and your efforts in this fundraiser. Everyone had fun with their friends and classmates while exercising.

### **Farewells**

June is the time of year when we acknowledge the service and dedication of staff members who will not be with us next year. We have been fortunate to have Mrs. Ewens in our school, particularly in the Gr. 2 class for the past decade. She will be retiring, along with Mrs. Skolaude, our supervision aide, and Mrs. Rinfret, our Special Education Aide. We thank all these individuals for their caring and commitment throughout their time at Ridgeway Annex. We wish them all a relaxing and fulfilling new start in the next phase of their lives and certainly invite them to visit us at the new Ridgeway school in September.

### **Year End Changes at Ridgeway**

The move is on for a September opening at the new renovated and restored Ridgeway School. Both Ridgeway at Cloverley and Ridgeway Annex students will be housed in the same building. Both staffs will also be consolidated into the new building.

As the renovation continues – the most up to date photographs will be posted on the Ridgeway web site <http://ridgewayschool.ca> click on the word more below the title Ridgeway Restoration Project on the right hand side of the page or click on the link below

<http://nvsc44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Ridgeway/News/Ridgeway%20Restoration%20Project.aspx>

### **Last Full Day of School**

Children in school will be dismissed at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for the summer. We will hold our final school assembly that morning, showing highlights of the school year through a slide show. Parents you are welcome to attend to see the fun we have had this year. Report cards will be issued on the last day of school. If your child is leaving school at an earlier date, then the report card will be mailed to you. A self-addressed stamped envelope (8 1/2x11) may be left at the office if you are not here to pick up the Report Card.



## School Calendar

**June 2** - Volunteer Tea

**June 10** - Div. 4, Kindergarten Restoration Field Trip 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**June 13** – NV City Library Visit to Ridgeway Annex – Summer Reading

**June 17** – Kindergarten / Gr. 1 Restoration Field Trip 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**June 20** - PAC Social 7 pm

**June 28** - Cates Park Year End Celebration Field Trip

**June 29** - Last day for all students (K / Gr. 1/Gr. 2) Students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. Reports go home with children

## 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)



## Tea Towels

Our tea towel project is underway! Every child in the school will be drawing a self-portrait, all of which will be incorporated onto high-quality 100% cotton washable tea towels. Please find attached an example of this project from 2009. This will be a truly unique way to commemorate Ridgeway Annex's final year. Thank you to Tanis Huckell for arranging this project.



Please check **Lost and Found** for items that may be missing from your household. Jackets, runners, boots, etc. are waiting to be claimed. The contents will "on display" from June 20 to 24<sup>th</sup>. After the 27<sup>th</sup>, the remaining articles will be donated to a local charity

**Information About September 2011** - The Ridgeway/Cloverley and Ridgeway Annex School Communities will be relocated at the Ridgeway site as of September 6, 2011.

On Tuesday, September 6, students will come to school briefly for an hour to enable us to take attendance and share their summer adventures. Returning students will be reporting back to a classroom. These classrooms will be posted on our website as well as around the school on the first day. New students to our school community will be asked to report to the gym or library.

Please look at our school website [www.ridgewayschool.ca](http://www.ridgewayschool.ca) after the middle of August. Any changes or updates to the beginning of the school year will be posted there.

New classes will be set later that week and information will be sent home on September 6 regarding the procedures beyond the first day. Wednesday, September 7 will be a full day with a 2:50 dismissal.

**Please make sure your child brings lunch the first week of school as the Lunch Program does not begin until Monday, September 12.**

**Kindergarten students will begin their full day classes on Wednesday, September 14th.**

## RIDGEWAY SCHOOL - CALENDAR 2011/2012

<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>
Days in session	193
Minimum number of days of instruction	186
Maximum number of non-instructional days	6
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
School Based non-instructional day	Monday, September 26, 2011
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 10, 2011
Province-wide non-instructional day	Friday, October 21, 2011
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Friday, November 11, 2011
School Based non-instructional day	Monday, November 14, 2011
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 16, 2011
Winter vacation period	December 19, 2011 to January 2, 2012
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
District non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Monday, January 16, 2012
District non-instructional day	Friday, February 24, 2012
Schools close for Spring vacation ( <i>includes 5 local calendar days</i> )	Friday, March 9, 2012
Spring vacation period	March 12 to 23, 2012
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 26, 2012
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 9, 2012
District non-instructional day	Friday, May 4, 2012
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 21, 2012
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29, 2012
Schools Close for Summer Vacation	Friday, June 29, 2012

### BELL SCHEDULE 2011/2012

Entrance Bell	8:45 am
1st Instructional Period	8:50 to 10:20 am
Recess	10:20 to 10:40 am
2nd Instructional Period	10:40 to 12:00 pm
Playtime	12:00 to 12:25 pm
Entrance Bell (End of Lunch)	12:25 to 12:45 pm
3rd Instructional Period	12:45 to 2:50 pm

Board Approved Local School Calendar Link

[http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/en/sitecore/content/Updates/Calendar2011\\_12.aspx](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/en/sitecore/content/Updates/Calendar2011_12.aspx)