



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

March 2011 Newsletter

Dear Parents;

February was a very busy and productive month at Ridgeway Annex. Families had an opportunity to attend the Ridgeway Scholastic Book Fair on Feb. 7 to 10th, and it appeared to be a great success. Mrs. Tatham, the librarian, mentioned that she would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support of the school Book Fair. There was a great turn out from Ridgeway and the Annex families. Sales exceeded all previous fairs. In addition to those sales, we have had numerous parent volunteers helping out in the Ridgeway Annex library, weeding through books and donating some to Ridgeway that have never been withdrawn by our own students. They will have a chance to choose those books and many more at Ridgeway School next year. We are slowly making progress towards the closure of the Annex, and parents who attended the February PAC meeting were able to see progress of the building of the new school. Mrs. Burlone tries to keep everyone informed of the progress. If you were not able to attend the PAC meeting, but are interested, please check it out on-line at: www.nv44.bc.ca/en/sitecore/content/CapitalProjects/RidgewayHeritageProject.aspx .



Year End Celebration

We had a small committee meet as well, to discuss the year-end celebration. We determined the celebration would take place on **May 26th from 4:00 to 6:30 pm**. We will be posting volunteer positions this week for various committees on the rolling bulletin board outside the school, or you may email Mrs. Ehling if interested in assisting at dehling@nv44.bc.ca. Please consider helping out with one or more of the following committees:

1. The Food and Beverage Committee,
2. The Decoration Committee
3. The Flower Committee,
4. The Door Decoration (Era) Committee
5. The Slideshow Committee
6. The Video Creation Committee
7. The Advertising Committee
8. The Making of Invitations
9. The Setup Committee
10. The Take-down Committee

As you see there are lots of opportunities for assisting on that day, and well in advance of that day. We need the support of many to make this a grand finale!

In the meantime...students celebrated Valentines Day and hundred's Day with various writing and counting activities to complement the events. Our Gr. 1's and 2's ventured to Centennial Theatre with the help of more than a dozen drivers to see beautiful pictures of Ian McAllister's photo shots of animals in the Temperate Rainforest. Following that, all students learned of the fascinating animals that live all over British Columbia through a free presentation by Northwest Wildlife Preservation!

Did you know...we saw the size of an antler that can fit inside a person's pocket and we saw the gnawing marks of a porcupine on caribou antlers? What an informative presentation, with skulls, hides, antlers, and slides for the students to view.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 - Nutrition presentations will be given to all students in the library by a presenter financially supported by Kins' Market and Cobs Bread. Awards will also be given out for the Eat Well/Play Well contest from Vancouver Coastal Health in collaboration with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission.

Thursday, March 3 - Report Cards sent home and parent/teacher conference schedules posted. Please sign up if interested. Teachers may have already sent home letters stating they wish to have a conference, if necessary.

Monday, March 7- Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences may be held up to March 9th, however only Monday has the early dismissal at 2 pm.

Monday - Thursday March 7 to 10 - SPECIAL DANCE CLASSES FOR K-GR.2 STUDENTS. The Ridgeway Annex PAC has graciously paid for dance instructor, Marion Rose, to lead the students through four, one hour classes to learn various dances. Come join your child in dancing the night away on Thursday, March 10th from 6:30- 8:00 pm in the Ridgeway Annex gym. This is short notice, but sure to be lots of fun just before Spring Break

Tuesday & Wednesday March 29-30 – Stand by Me - a program by Teresa Triggiano on assertiveness skills and anti-bullying for all students.

Make-A-Wish Foundation - Star Piggy Banks

We have managed to collect approximately \$430.00 for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Thank you to all the students and families who are contributing to this particular charity.

Salmonids in the School

Our healthy batch of salmon eggs have progressed to the alevin stage. They are really hard to see right now, as they are burrowed underneath the pebbles in the tank. The tank needs to stay dark and cold, but you can take a peak inside.



Important dates to keep in mind:

March 11, 2011	Kindergarten Registration deadline for priority placement
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March 14 - 25, 2011	2-week March Break (No school)
April 1, 2011	Deadline for Priority Placement for Transfer Requests
April 6, 2011	Mountain West Class Group and Panorama Photo day
April 12, 14, 2011	High Touch/High Tech Science workshops in the classes
April 18 th , 2011	Ready, Set, Learn event at Ridgeway 1:30 pm
April 22, 25, 2011	Good Friday, Easter Monday



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>

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.

PAC News:

Ridgeway Annex PAC made a number of decisions about finances at their last meeting in February. The staff, are very grateful for all the programs that are being supported, especially in light of the survey results from parents wanting more Fine Arts programs. To that end the 4-day Dance program in March and a four week Music program for students beginning April 18th - May 19th will be excellent opportunities for the students. We hope to share with the community what students will be learning at the May 26th Closing Celebration in a special tribute. Please mark your calendars for that day!

