



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

November 2010 Newsletter

Oct. 29, 2010

Dear Parents;

On behalf of the staff we wish to thank all the parents and PAC members who assisted with the Ridgeway Annex Fit-a-thon. We were thrilled with the students' participation on October 20th and we know they appreciated the delicious ice cream treat following the event. We were fortunate to have a lovely sunny day for our run and now we await the pledges to come forth. Congratulations to the Gr. 2 class who managed to raise over \$1000.00 in pledges themselves, and congratulations to all for your fine efforts. What are we doing with your donations? We will certainly be providing field trips with these monies, the first being on Nov. 5th to Presentation House for their version of Sleeping Beauty, and we are exploring possibilities for social responsibility workshops for the entire school. Please continue to get the pledge money into our PAC.

Photo Orders

Please return order envelopes by Friday, November 5th.

Photo Retakes

Photo retakes will take place on Monday, November 8th.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Please join us at 10:45 on Tuesday, November 10th for our annual Remembrance Day celebration. Coins will be collected on that day for the Poppy Fund.



Reminder – Remembrance Day & Local School Calendar Closure
Thursday, November 11th & Friday, November 12th
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Make-A-Wish Foundation - Star Piggy Banks

This year we have numerous parent volunteers signed up to help count 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 just over \$35.00 with just one deposit. Keep those pennies coming. We have until April to collect the funds.

Class Reps

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has organized helpers for each division to aid with communications. All divisions have a representative at this time. Thank you.

Student Safety

Please remember that the days are getting shorter and there is less and less light before and after school. Daylight saving time will end on November 7th. Please remind your children to be on the lookout for cars on the way home.



It is also important that our students dress appropriately for the weather. Students are outside for recess rain or shine so they need to be prepared. Please send extra clothing for days when it is raining in case of wet feet or legs, winter coats, hats, mitts and boots as needed. It may be a good idea to keep a set of clothes at school.

School Tour

Ridgeway Annex will not be hosting a tour for as this is our last year. A complete list of school tours may be found at www.nvsd44.bc.ca

Kindergarten Registration and School Tour

School Tour dates will be posted on the North Vancouver School District Website at www.nvsd44.bc.ca. Please note that as of September 2011 all students living in the Ridgeway and Ridgeway Annex catchment areas will attend the "new" Ridgeway Elementary school located at; 420 8th St. E, North Vancouver, B.C. Ridgeway Annex will be closed as of June 2011 as per Board School Closure Bylaw 2011. For the most up to date information regarding the renovation/restoration project please go to www.ridgewayschool.ca or www.ridgewayannex.ca and click on the link below the Ridgeway /Ridgeway Annex Restoration Project Title.

Important dates:

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>

November PAC Meeting:

The November PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, at 6:30 pm. Free child minding is provided for children in the gym.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!

This weekend your ghosts and princesses, super heroes and action figures will be out collecting goodies for Halloween. If you find your child collects too many candy supplies, feel free to drop them off at the office. Mrs. Ehling will deliver them to Agape, an organization on Vancouver East side that works with women in need. Our excess supplies can be treats for others. Please drop those extra candies into the offices by November 5th in the morning. Thank you.

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 all the volunteers helping with the Fit-a-thon and with classroom activities.
- A big thanks to our 1-1 volunteers reading with our grade 1 and 2 students, and
- A big thanks to Laveen Dhaliwal for her volunteering Monday to Thursday mornings in the K/1 class



Volunteer Opportunity

As the weather gets cooler it is time to think about winter approaching. From news reports it sounds like there will be a fair bit of snow falling. We now have snow clearance volunteer forms in place in the district so that parents may help clear snow if there is a sudden snowfall, as we don't have enough maintenance staff in the district. If interested in helping, please sign up with Mrs. Ehling.

Thank you.

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.
- Nov 4 Session Details: This session will share information and strategies to address the four keys to support effective learning (sleep, diet, water and addressing allergies). Come join us with a chance to connect, talk and ask questions that are important to you.
- All sessions will be held at the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver

Dates & Details

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

"Effective Parent Advocacy in Schools: Making It Work for the Long Haul"

Thursday, November 4, 2010 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

"Four Keys to Optimal Learning"

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.