



Ridgeway Annex School

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Welcome back! We are pleased to report that our Gr. 1 and 2 students have quickly settled into the routines in their new classrooms and are already hard at work and play. It is wonderful to see how quickly this has happened. It is particularly heartening to see students who were with us last year take new friends under their wings. Many thanks for your assistance in getting your children ready for school—things would not have gone this smoothly without all of your help at home. There are some changes you may note if you had a child attend last year. This year, Mrs. Ehling, the Vice-principal will be available at the school from 8:30- 11 am Monday- Wednesday, and Ms. Burlone on Thursday and Friday, same hours. Otherwise they may be contacted at their respective email addresses dehling@nvسد44.bc.ca or aburlone@nvسد44.bc.ca if issues/concerns, or happy thoughts you wish to share, arise. Mrs. Ehling is sharing administrative duties at Ridgeway Annex and Queensbury this semester, up to Christmas, and Ms. Burlone is, of course, principal at Ridgeway School. We recognize it is not ideal, but appreciate your support with this matter.

Meet the Teacher Nights

Your children will benefit greatly if you continue to stay involved with their education throughout the year, both formally and informally. The first steps in that journey take place this week with the annual 'Meet the Teacher' night—Tues. Sept. 14 – 6:30 pm Meet in the gym and move to the Gr. 1 or 2 class for meeting the teacher until 7:15 pm. This is intended for parents only, not children, to attend.

**PROFESSIONAL DAY – Monday, Sept. 27th
~ No School for Students ~**

All staff will be busy focusing on further developing curriculum initiatives begun last year.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to label clothing and personal items to help identify lost articles. The Lost and Found is located in the bin near the office. Items will be sorted for donation on a regular basis, so please have your child(ren) take a look if they have missing items.

A Collaborative Code of Conduct

At our September assembly we are pleased to welcome all new and returning staff and students, to refresh student routines and the Code of Conduct.

Tips for student success this year will focus on:

- 1) Believe in Yourself
- 2) Be Positive
- 3) Give to others

Posters presented have been created from older students at Queensbury and happily shared with the students at Ridgeway Annex.

School Goals

Please refer to our website at www.nvسد44.bc.ca school link Ridgeway Annex School to view a copy of the school plan and goals for this year. Our focus will be literacy, math and safe & caring schools. The School Planning Committee meets about 5-6 times/year to review school plans. This year speak to Christie Sacre (PAC president at Ridgeway School) if interested in getting involved for both the Annex and Ridgeway will have a joint school plan for next year.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 30 @2:00 pm. Following a short warm up in the gym, we will make our way around the "Green Belt". This event happens rain or shine! The students will be able to make donations on Tuesday, Sept. 28 to Thursday, Sept. 30th.

Please send your child with a toonie for Terry to aid in raising funds for cancer research and honouring the memory of a Canadian Hero. Let's see if we can top our \$138.00 that we collected last year.



Arrival at School

Please note that the school doors open at 8:50 am

There is no formal supervision before 9:00 am. Students are welcome to come into the school at 8:50 am, put their backpacks in or just outside their classrooms, and then return outside.

As far as getting to school goes, the best way to get here is to walk. This is good for the environment, and good for fitness too. It also reduces the number of cars here in the morning, which increases the safety for our students.

Personal Effects at School

From time to time, students like to bring personal effects to school. Unless it is for a specific activity like show and tell, it is best that anything of value is kept at home—it is just too easy for cherished items to get broken or lost.



Forms, Forms, Forms!

Your child will by now have brought home a stack of forms to fill out. Please do so as soon as possible and return them to the teacher. This helps us update our records and also means that we will be able to contact you in an emergency as quickly as possible.

The forms sent home with the "old" comfort kits must be returned by September 24th. Earthquake drills will be taking place later in the school year. Having complete forms will expedite your child's release from school should it be necessary in an emergency. Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Full Day Kindergarten

Full day Kindergarten begins across the province of British Columbia this year. Our new Kindergarten students have begun with a gradual intake in small

groups throughout the first five days of school beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8th. The first full day of school for students in Kindergarten this year will be Wednesday, September 15. As our K students transition into their full school day, we will be working with all students at recess and lunch to integrate our younger students safely into the bigger world of playground activity. As we begin the school year, review of playground safety expectations, boundaries and respectful problem-solving is on-going with all grades. Parents are not encouraged to visit at recess and lunch times as extra adults on the grounds can cause confusion for students and district staff from their focus on our children.

Lunch Time

We remind parents at this time that you are welcome to take your child home for lunch hour to give a much needed break or to spend quality time, if you are able. Please be sure that students sign out prior to leaving school grounds, and check in upon their return. It is important that we know which children are physically in the school so that if there is an emergency, we do not waste precious time looking for a child that is not present.

Library Volunteers Needed!

Shelving, repairing books, creating displays

There are many "behind the scenes" jobs that occur everyday to ensure the smooth running of any library. Ridgeway Annex relies on parent helpers to accomplish many of these jobs. Please contact Diane Ehling if you are able to help.

No experience required! 604-903-3749

Allergen Aware...

We have several students in many of the classes who have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts,. Please note the posters on classroom doors. Everyone can help to create a safe environment by packing peanut free snacks and lunches. Thank-you!

Ridgeway Annex School Staff
2010-2011

Administrative Staff:

Principal Ms. Aline Burlone
Vice-Principal Mrs. Diane Ehling

Office Staff:

Administrative Assistant Ms. Christine Borden
Supervision Aide Ms. Katherine Skolaude

Teaching Staff:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
E01	2	2	Mrs. Ewens/ Mrs. Moberg
E02	K/1	1	Ms. Cheng
E03	1	3	Mrs. Allarie
E04	K	4	Mrs. Keenleyside/ Ms. Irving

Custodial Staff:

Mr. Davies and Mr. Bulalakow

Non-Enrolling Staff:

Library	Ms. Vermeer
Fine Arts	Ms. Vermeer
ESL	Ms. Vermeer
Learning Assistance	Mrs. Moberg/ Ms. Vermeer
Counsellor	Mr. Vince White

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Ridgeway Annex Calendar Update

Sept. 14- Meet and Greet Gr. 1 and 2 Parents
6:30-7:15 Adults only please.
Sept. 15- First Full Day of Kindergarten/ Welcome
Assembly 10 am
Sept. 21- Welcome Fall/ Goodbye Summer Icecream
Event 6 pm and PAC meeting 6:30pm Library
Sept. 27- Pro-D Day- no school
Sept. 30- Terry Fox Run

Parent Handbook

This year the parent handbook can be found at the front of the Gr. 1 and 2 students' agendas. Agendas are critical for organization in the classes. Each child will receive the first planner free, however if lost, a second will need to be purchased. Parents of Kindergarten students will receive their handbook separately, unless they have children in the upper grades. Please look at it closely for it discusses supervision, code of conduct, and many other important aspects of school life, particularly bike riding on school property and dogs on site.

PAC Involvement

Our PAC has been very committed in the past and we anticipate it will continue this year, with your help! In the past, laptops have been purchased for student use. This year we have our first event on Sept. 21st- a Welcome Fall/ Goodbye Summer Icecream Event. Mmmm, come and join us at 6 pm on that day to meet old friends and new. Then join us for a brief PAC meeting in the gym or library. Childcare will be available.

Executive elections will take place as we are in need of a chair or two co-chairs, secretary, fundraising coordinator, treasurer, hot lunch coordinator, communications coordinator and District DPAC rep. Kindergarten parents: at this time we have Family Photos, our annual Fitathon fundraiser both in Oct. Pointsettias are sold at Christmas and there are always class fieldtrips and contributions to the teachers' classroom supplies that are financed. We will also look forward to a family bike/ bbq event in the spring and of course, a chance to plan a year-end school closure.

PAC meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, so come and support your child in this way.