

Blueridge Elementary School

OCTOBER 3, 2014



Dear Parents,

Students and staff have been establishing their routines and expectations. Students are settling in nicely! Our students are productively engaged in many areas of study, and a tremendous amount of energy and determination is being directed towards a range of excellent learning opportunities and activities.

Our Kindergarten students are learning the routines of their new school and they are doing a wonderful job playing safely. The Blueridge students have been modeling positive behaviour by following our Code of Conduct.

As the weather starts to get rainy and wet, please make sure that your children have the appropriate clothing for outside. Recess is always an outside play time (except for extreme weather). Please ensure they are ready to play! An extra set of clothing is always helpful to keep your children dry if they get wet during the day.

A few items:

- Thank you to the Gr. 2 parents for sponsoring the BPAC Newcomer's Tea and the Grade 5 parents for hosting the BPAC Welcome Back BBQ. We hope you had a chance to meet your child's teacher prior to the BBQ.
- Thank you to the Grade 7s for running the annual Terry Fox Run. We appreciate all the donations that folks made to the Terry Fox Foundation. Blueridge raised \$675.70
- Traffic is an on-going concern for our community. Please follow the parking and speed guidelines surrounding our school. Please be respectful of our neighbours and don't block their driveways. The parking lots are only for staff, daycare and handicapped parking. The upper round-about is for flowing traffic only. The lower round-about is for drop off or pick up. Please do not park in the round-

about, or double park, as it creates congestion in the flow of traffic. Please make sure your caregivers who are picking up or dropping off, know the rules. We want to keep our children safe!

- We will be hosting our annual Food Drive at the front entrance from Oct. 5-9 in support of the Harvest Project on the North Shore.
- All forms are due in by Friday Oct. 9th please.
- Just a reminder that if students are riding bikes, scooters, etc, they should be wearing a helmet and [dismount when they get on school property.](#)

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Kee and Ms. Primas

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on the call-back line 604-903-3252 or e-mail blueridgeattendance@sd44.ca. Please leave a message with your child's full name, division and reason for absence.

Blueridge School Calendar 2015 – 2016

UPDATED October, 2015

OCTOBER

Individual Photos	M. Oct 5
Food Drive	Oct. 5-9
Thanksgiving (schools closed)	M. Oct 12
Interview Sign-up Begins	T. Oct 13
Gr. 6 First Aid Training	F. Oct. 9
Interviews, Early Dismissal 2:00	T. Oct 20
Interviews, Early Dismissal 2:00	Th. Oct 22
Professional Day (no school)	F. Oct 23
Gr. 6 Immunizations (9-11:00)	M. Oct. 26
Halloween Parade (9:30)	F. Oct 30

NOVEMBER

Individual Photos (Retakes)	Th. Nov 5
Remembrance Day Assembly	T. Nov 10
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	W. Nov 11

DECEMBER

Band Concert	TBA
Winter Concert at Cent. Theatre	T. Dec 8
Report Cards Home	F. Dec 11
Santa Mall	W. Dec 16
Last day before Winter Break	F. Dec 18
Winter Break	Dec 19 – Jan 3

JANUARY

School Re-opens	M. Jan 4
Emergency Student Release	Th. Jan 21
Blueridge Pro-Day (no school)	F. Jan 22

FEBRUARY

Sign up for Interviews begins	M. Feb. 1
Professional Day (no school)	F. Feb 5
BC Family Day (schools closed)	M. Feb 8
Interviews, Early Dismissal 2:00	T. Feb 9
Interviews, Early Dismissal 2:00	Th. Feb 11
Outdoor School Gr. 5/6	Feb. 15-19
Pink Shirt Day	W. Feb. 24

MARCH

Intermediate Music Festival	T. & W. Mar 1 & 2
Report Cards Home	F. Mar 10
Last day before Spring Break	F. Mar 11
Spring Break	Mar 12 – 27
Easter Monday (schools closed)	M. Mar 28

APRIL

Blueridge Pro-Day (no school)	M. Apr 11
Intermediate Dance Festival	Th. Apr 14
Volunteer Tea (PM)	W. Apr. 20
Class & School Panorama Photo	F. Apr 22

MAY

Professional Day (no school)	M. May 2
Outdoor School – Grade 3's	W. May 4 – F. May 6
Kilometre Club Begins	W. May 4
Bighouse – Grade 4's	M. May 9 – T. May 10
Gr. 6 Immunizations (9-11:00)	M. May 16
Victoria Day (schools closed)	M. May 23

JUNE

Band Concert	TBA
Swangard	T. June 7
Fun Day	W. June 22
Grade 7 Farewell (1-3:00)	T. June 28
Report Cards Home	W. June 29
Last Day for Students	W. June 29

School Supervision

Our Supervision Aides are on duty supervising students at recess and lunch. There is no formal supervision before 8:40 AM or after 3:00 PM (2:00 PM on Wednesdays). Unless students have a band or sports practice, or have made special arrangements with their teacher to work in the classroom, students should not enter the school before 8:30 AM. Doors will be unlocked at 8:30. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping your children safe.

Once the second bell goes at 8:45, we are starting our academic day and appreciate that the hallways are quiet. Thank you!

EARLY DISMISSAL NOTIFICATION FOR INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20 @ 2:00

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 @ 2:00

Sign up will be on the windows outside the music room starting Tuesday October 13. If you are unable to make it into the school to sign up, please contact your child's teacher or the office to book a time.

Allergy Awareness

We have many students throughout the school who have a life-threatening allergy to peanuts, tree nuts, and kiwi. We respectfully request that you do not send these food items to school and to remind your children to not share food.

Traces of these food items can be easily transmitted to shared school equipment and toys. We appreciate your co-operation to keep all the children in our school family safe.



Student Sign In-Out

Schools are responsible for looking after their students each day from the beginning to the end of classes and have obligations regarding the safety of pupils traveling between home and school. In order to better protect your children, Blueridge has a sign-in/sign-out procedure. We ask that whenever one of our students leave the school during class time, or comes in late, a par-

ent or guardian must sign them out of the office. Your son/daughter may sign themselves in upon their return, except when they are too young. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping our children safe. Students must get a check in slip from the office or callback parents to give their teacher.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is growing each day with lots of clothing. Please take a look at the rack outside the gym. Items will be donated to charity at the end of each month. The BPAC is also a part of the Mabel's Labels program. These labels are great to identify any items that belong to your children.

HEAD LICE

As children return to school, so has head lice. This is just a reminder to parents that this is a common issue among school-age children and one that can affect anyone. Parents need to remember a few facts regarding head lice:

- Lice are wingless - they do not jump or fly but rather spread by crawling from one head to another.
- Lice spread relatively quickly.

Lice spread through DIRECT head-to-head contact as well as through personal articles such as hats, combs, brushes, helmets, scarves etc.

The best way to reduce the chances that your child will get head lice is by being proactive:

- **Check each** family member's head **EVERY week**. Make this a family routine Sunday night before returning to school on Monday.
- Provide individual combs and brushes for each family member.
- Teach children to avoid sharing items that come in contact with your head or neck, for example: towels, helmets, hats, scarves.
- Children with long hair should tie their hair back. Braids are ideal.

If you have any further questions please call the On-Call Community Health Nurse at 604 983-6700. You can also go to:

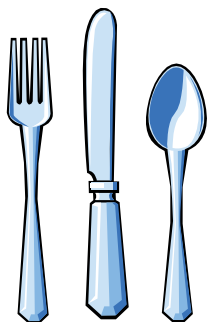
<http://www.vch.ca/media/SneezesDiseases.pdf>

http://www.vch.ca/your_health/school_health/head_lice_in_schools/

If you discover that your child has head lice please report this to the school office and they will provide you with information regarding treatment options. Personal information communicated to us in the office will be confidential. If there is a case of head lice at school we will advise you through School Connects. Children with head lice may remain in school during the treatment period.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Bike Club—Thank you to volunteer coaches Mrs. Bates, Ms. Dellaney, Ms. Primas, and parents Mr. Dixon and Mr. Pruner for sponsoring the Bike Club and providing our students with the opportunity to try some of our local trails.
- Cross-Country—Thank you to coaches Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Madill, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Primas and Mrs. Bates and parent coaches for sponsoring cross country for our Gr. 4-7 students. Cross Country meets will happen in October. Watch for more information.
- Gr. 7 Basketball—Thank you to Mr. Davis and Ms. O'Brien for volunteering to coach our Grade 7s in Basketball this year. The Basketball season will begin soon.



Cutlery

Please put cutlery into your child's lunch bag as needed.

Thank you!



International Walk to School Week will take place the week of October 5th. This is a great week to leave the car at home and encourage children to walk to school. The BPAC will be holding a contest where each day your child walks to school they can enter their name in a draw (draw box will be by the main office under the BPAC bulletin board) for some fantastic prizes donated by MEC. The more they walk the more they can win as they are allowed an entry for each day.

Celebrating BC's Inclusive Education Award Winning Club G

Furthering the Social Emotional
Learning of All Children

Do you want your students / children
to be involved?

Are you interested in educating
the whole child?

Do you believe our children can
learn from each other?

Parent Carmen Farrell and Autism Support
Worker Wendy Holtan will share some
ideas with you, including this video:
<http://bit.ly/1G1aCS7>

Come learn how we can work together
for the benefit of all children and schools.

WHEN

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
7:00 - 8:30 PM

WHERE

Education Services Centre (ESC)
5th Floor, Mountain View Room
2121 Lonsdale Avenue

TARGET AUDIENCE

Parents
NVSD Staff

PRESENTERS

Carmen Farrell
Wendy Holtan



RSVP to nvsdevents@sd44.ca