



March 2017

Dear Parents,

Blueridge Elementary School is truly a part of an amazing community. There are so many active and engaged learning opportunities for children as well as numerous extra-curricular activities and we are so lucky to have these for our children. In the past month we have had: Intermediate Volleyball, Parent/Teacher conferences, Grade 7 visits to Windsor for Grade 8, Pink Shirt Day and the Young Actors' Project and the Intermediate Music Festival.

Upcoming Information and reminders:

- The NVSD is having Class Acts from March 7-11, 2017. This event is a celebration of learning in North Vancouver. The focus this year is on Family of Schools. Our Windsor Family of Schools consists of Blueridge, Lynnmour, Seymour Heights and the French Immersion classes from Dorothy Lynas and Sherwood Park. We will send out more information as it becomes available.
- Thursday, March 9—Term 2 reporting will be published to the MyEd portal (just like in Term 1) at 3:00 PM Just a reminder to please save a hard and/or electronic copy of the report as they will not be available near the end of July.
- Friday, March 10—PJs for a Purpose—see page 3 of this newsletter.
- Track and Field will be starting soon for Grades 4-7. Please let Ms. Kee know if you are interested in volunteering to coach an event. Please check our on-line calendar for meet dates/times in May. Staff will be having a meeting shortly after Spring Break to plan events, so stay tuned for more information.
- If you are in Grade 6 or 7 and still have an athletic jersey, please return it to the office. They will be washed and redistributed for the Track and Field season. Thank you to Mrs. Dent for taking on this huge task!

On behalf of the staff at Blueridge, we would like to wish you a very enjoyable Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kee
Principal

Erin Primas
Vice-Principal





Communicating Student Learning



Dallas Guss—Swalklanexw, is a Squamish member and educator. He has visited each of our classes to share the Squamish Nation culture and language. On Friday, February 17th, we had a salmon celebration to honour the salmon in our environment and it's meaning to the First Nations people. We learned that the Squamish people use cedar leaves to brush off the salmon to get rid of negative energy and to invite good health to the salmon. A wonderful experience for our community!

"Dear Salmon, we hope that you have a safe journey and we hope that you cared about us as much as we cared about you."

~ from Vanessa C.



Blueridge Elementary

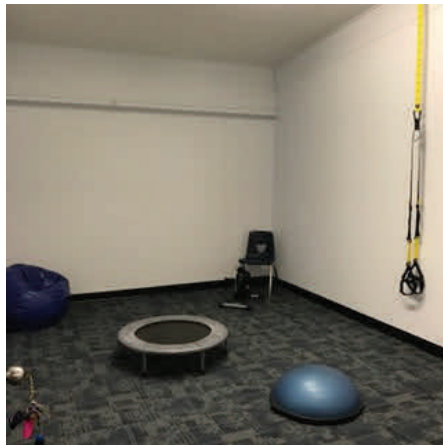
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Club Blueridge

One of our School Goals is self-regulation and social-emotional learning. We have started Club Blueridge which is celebrating student diversity. Our focus is to engage all of our students with our school community. We currently have started on 3 projects:



1) The Blue Room - Our staff use the Zones of Regulation, brain breaks and movement breaks to teach self-regulation. The Blue Room is a space where students may go to have a movement break with staff throughout the day.

2) The Buddy Bench will be introduced to students after Spring Break. The premise behind it will be that we can care for one another with inclusion and kindness. If a student is feeling like they would like someone to play with, they can go to the bench and someone will come and invite them to play. For more information: <http://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=375175>

3) Club B—Club B will start with our Grade 4's this year. Our students will work with an adult to develop a recess playgroup to help some of our students with developing their social skills. We're excited to start our group which is modeled after an award-winning program at Highlands Elementary. For more information: <http://www.seedsociety.ca/clubg.html> and <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/facts-and-arguments/what-ive-learned-about-the-compassion-of-children/article4549441/>

Blueridge staff are in the beginning stages of our planning and we're excited about the difference we can make for all of our students.



Friday March 10, 2017 (last day of school)

FEEL FREE TO DONATE \$1 TO WEAR PYJAMAS TO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY. FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO TEAM FINN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO WWW.TEAMFINN.CA

REMINDER: APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR AND OUTER CLOTHING IS A MUST FOR RECESS AND LUNCH!



PJS WITH A PURPOSE

WEAR YOUR PJS TO SCHOOL AND DONATE TO HELP KIDS WITH CANCER

FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2017

Wear your PJs to school. For more information, please go to www.teamfinn.com. Donations are gratefully accepted at the office and will be forwarded to the Team Finn Foundation.

RUN JUMP BOUNCE DANCE SING SMILE LOVE RIDE

WWW.TEAMFINN.COM

Please keep Fido at home

Just a reminder that the North Vancouver District policy prohibits dogs from being on School Grounds. Not all people are comfortable with dogs, so we respectfully request that dogs are kept off the property.

Thank you.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found regularly for missing items. The clothes have been laid out for pick up. Thank you to Mrs. Hajdu who lays them out for us at the beginning of the month.





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Blueridge School Calendar 2016-2017 Updated February 22, 2017

MARCH

Intermediate Music Festival	W. Mar. 1
Bighouse – Grade 4’s	Th. Mar. 2
Reporting period 2	Th. Mar. 9
Team Finn – PJs for a Purpose	Fr. Mar. 10
Last day before Spring Break	F. Mar. 10
Spring Break	Mar. 13 – 24
School Opens	M. Mar. 27

APRIL

Blueridge Pro-Day (no school)	Th. Apr. 13
Good Friday (no school)	F. Apr. 14
Easter Monday (schools closed)	M. Apr. 17
Intermediate Dance Festival	Th. Apr. 20
Class & School Panorama Photo	F. Apr. 21
BC Children’s Hospital Jeans Day	Th. Apr. 27
Band and Strings Festival	Th. Apr. 27-28

MAY

Kilometre Club Begins	M. May 1-June 2
Professional Day (no school)	M. May 8
Gr. 6 Immunizations (9-11:00)	F. May 12
Book Fair	May 15 - 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	M. May 22
Handsworth Track Elimin. (8-12)	T. May 23

JUNE

Band Concert	TBA
Family App. Ice Cream Social (6 PM)	Th. Jun 1
Swanguard	T. Jun 6
Fun Day	W. June 21
Grade 7 Farewell (1-2:00)	T. June 27
Reporting Period 3	Th. June 29
Last Day for Students	Th. June 29
Administration Day (no school)	F. June 30



Div. 3 Art with Mrs. Denny

Thank you to the BPAC for providing the Dufflebag Theatre performance for our students. We had a great time with our student actors.

