



Dear Parents,

It takes a village to raise a child. As we proceed throughout the school year we see physical, social-emotional and academic growth in all our children at Blueridge. When we all support the children as a school community, and come together with one common goal, we are amazed at how children flourish in such an environment. The students have embraced the Code of Conduct by demonstrating **Cooperation Accountability Respect Empathy and Safety**. Blueridge is an amazing school and family community that is raising wonderful citizens in North Vancouver.

There are so many student leadership opportunities for our Intermediate students such as: lunch monitors, library monitors, buddies, and equipment sign out. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize how much they contribute to our school by volunteering their time to provide support to Blueridge students. Our students are always looking for ways to be helpful and to contribute to the well-being of others.

On Friday, November 8th, 2019, we will be having our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:45 in the gym. On this day, all children will receive a poppy to wear to our assembly. Student volunteers will come by the classrooms to collect any donations that your family would like to offer to the Royal Canadian Legion. Parents are welcome to join us at the assembly.

Continue to stay connected and know what's going on at Blueridge by accessing our Twitter account: [blueridgeSD44](#). We will be highlighting the learning and leadership of students at Blueridge. Please take a look on our website calendar to keep up to date on future events.

Sincerely,

Susan Teegen - Principal Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek - Vice-Principal

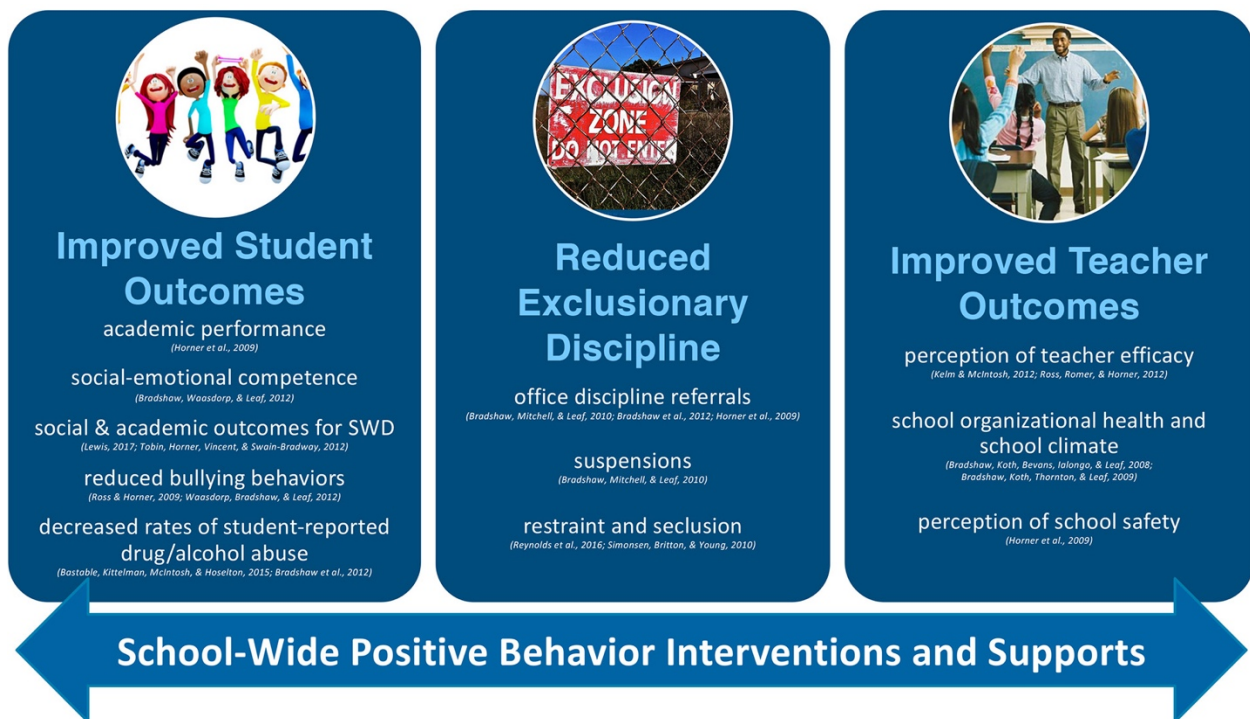
School Plan

The Blueridge school plan is a framework to enhance learning. As a staff, we work on it continuously to develop strategies to support our goals. Our goals were formed as a result of input from all stakeholders last year and will continue to evolve as we proceed through this year and identify areas for growth.

Goal

To foster the social emotional competency in our school community by developing a sense of belonging and using common language and strategies to support self-regulation.

We are currently using the PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports) program



Second Step is being used in collaboration with PBIS to teach social skills directly in the classroom environment. Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to encourage children to thrive. More than just a classroom curriculum, Second Step's holistic approach helps create a more empathetic society by providing education professionals, families, and the larger community with tools to enable them to take an active role in the social-emotional growth and safety of today's children

Student Drop-off

Let's be role models for our children by driving responsibly and respecting the need for *all* children and families in our community to be safe. The Blueridge community models being Cooperation, Accountability, Respect, Empathy, and Safety. The weather is changing resulting in rainy days and darker conditions. The Bronte Drive Turnabout is not a stopping zone, this is meant for continuous driving only. There is limited visibility in this area and many students are on foot at this point. The parking lot is meant for staff only. On Byron Street the yellow curbs are marked as not parking or stopping zones due to limited visibility. Do not stop here at any time. Most importantly, the speed limit in a school zone is 30 km. Thank you for demonstrating Blueridge CARES.

From left to right – Camp Summit grade 7, Orange Shirt Day
Litterless lunch campaign, Camp Read, Student Vote, Fort Building



Upcoming Dates

- Friday, November 8th 8:45 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Monday, November 11th – Remembrance Day
- November 19 – 22 – grade 6 Outdoor School
- Friday, November 29 – Entrepreneur Fair Div 1, 2, 3, 5

