

Blueridge Elementary School

OCTOBER 3, 2014



Dear Parents,

Students and Staff have been establishing their routines and expectations, and the 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 at 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 time. Recess is always an outside

play time (except for extreme weather), please ensure that 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:

- The Grade 2 parents will be hosting the Newcomer's Tea this Friday from 10-11:00.
- 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 \$523.65!
- Traffic is an on-going concern for our community. Please follow the parking and speed guidelines surrounding our school and be respectful of our neighbours and 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. 6-10, 2014 in support of the Harvest Project on the North Shore.
- All forms are due in on Friday October 3rd 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.

Ms. Kee and Mr. Sutherland

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.

EARLY DISMISSAL NOTIFICATION FOR INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 @ 2:00

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21 @ 2:00

Sign up will be on the windows outside the music room starting Thursday October 9, 2014. 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.

BLUERIDGE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014-2015

**PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL WEB-SITE FOR UP TO DATE
CALENDAR ITEMS**



OCTOBER

Individual Photo Day	F. Oct. 3
Food Drive	Oct. 6-10
Thanksgiving	M. Oct. 13
Interviews – Early 2:00 Dismissal	Th. Oct. 16
Photo Retakes	F. Oct. 17
Interviews – Early 2:00 Dismissal	T. Oct. 21
Prov. Pro. Day (no school)	F. Oct. 24
Gr. 6 Immunizations	M. Oct. 27
Halloween Parades	F. Oct. 31

NOVEMBER

Daylight Savings Time	S. Nov. 2
Remembrance Day Assembly	F. Nov. 7
All schools Closed	M. Nov. 10
Remembrance Day (no school)	T. Nov. 11

DECEMBER

Christmas Concert @ 7 PM	T. Dec. 9
Reports Home	Th. Dec. 11
Santa Mall	W. Dec. 17
Band Concert	W. Dec. 17
Last day of school before break	F. Dec. 19
Winter Break	Dec. 20-Jan.4/15

JANUARY

School opens after Winter Break	M. Jan. 5
Curriculum Imp. Day (no school)	F. Jan. 9
Blueridge Pro. Day (no school)	M. Jan. 19

FEBRUARY

BC Family Day (no school)	M. Feb. 9
Interviews – Early 2:00 Dismissal	T. Feb. 10
Interviews –Early 2:00 Dismissal	Th. Feb. 12
District Pro. Day (no school)	F. Feb. 20
Int. Music Fest.	Feb. 24-25
Pink Shirt Day	W. Feb. 25

MARCH

Reports Home	Th. Mar. 5
PJs for a Purpose	F. Mar. 6
Last day before Spring Break	F. Mar. 6
Daylight Savings Time	S. Mar. 8
School closes for Spring Break	Mar. 7-22
School Opens after Spring Break	M. Mar. 23

APRIL

Spring Hoe Down	Th. Apr. 2
Good Friday (school closed)	F. Apr. 3
Easter Monday (school closed)	M. Apr. 6
Int. Dance Festival	Th. Apr. 9
Gr. 6 Immunizations	M. Apr. 27
KM Club begins	M. Apr. 27
BC Children’s Hospital Jeans Day	Th. Apr. 30
Div. 5 Big House - Gr. 4s	Th. Apr. 30/May 1

MAY

District Pro. Day	M. May 4
Prim. Days of Music	May 11-15
Handsworth Qualif. Meet - AM	Th. May13
Victoria Day (school closed)	M. May 18
Sports Day	W. May 20
Div. 6 Big House – Gr. 4s	May 25-26
Gr. 7 year end trip	May. 26-29
KM club ends	F. May 29

JUNE

Swangard	T. June 2
Blueridge Pro. Day (no school)	M. June 8
Gr. 3s to Outdoor School	M. June 15-17
Band Concert	TBA
Grade 7 Farwell @ 1:00	F. June 19
Last day of classes	F. June 26
Reports Home	F. June 26
Administrative Day	M. 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 and ideally, we ask that they not arrive prior to 8:40 AM. 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!

Thanksgiving Lunch

This year we will be having our annual Thanksgiving lunch in the gym on Friday October 10th at 11:55. We have arranged for the BPAC to have the hot lunch delivered to the school early and the Grade 7s will distribute it to the students in their classrooms prior to coming to the gym.

Students will bring their lunches to the gym with their teacher and will have lunch together. At 12:15, or when they finish eating, all students will have a chance to go out to play. Please take the time to remind your children to not share lunches. As a reminder to you, we respectfully request that you do not send peanut or tree-nut products.

Our Kindergarten students will join us in the gym and will be only allowed to play on the upper playground during play 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:

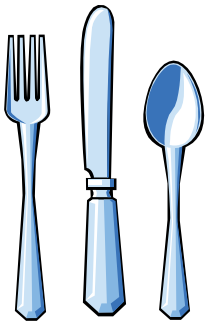
<http://www.vch.ca/media/SneezesDiseases.pdf>

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

- Athletics—This year the North Vancouver Athletic Association has communicated that Cross Country and Basketball will not be occurring. We will endeavor to set up intra-murals house league team in the school for Grade 6/7 Basketball. All other sports will proceed as in previous years.



Cutlery

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

Thank you!