



June 2016

Dear Parents,

The 2015-2016 school year has gone by with amazing speed. As we reflect on the year that we've had, it's been so busy with our academics and many exciting student events. Our students are enthusiastic, friendly, and amazing ambassadors for our school. Many visitors to our school remark on what a welcoming school we Blueridge is.

This year we've had an amazing show of students participating in our Track and Field program for Grades 4-7. Over 100 students participated in our program and their commitment, efforts and encouragement of one another was amazing. We'd like to extend a big thank you to our Track and Field coaches who volunteered countless hours for students. All of our athletes showed great sportsmanship and commitment to their training. Swangard is on Tuesday June 7, please come and cheer on our students. Information will be sent home to Gr. 4-7 students today.

A few notes:

- ⇒ Library — Mrs. Desmarais would like ALL library books in by Thursday, June 10th.
- ⇒ Strings Concert — The Strings concert will be at Canyon Heights on Monday June 20 @ 7 PM.
- ⇒ Band Concert—The band concert will be at Windsor Secondary on Wednesday June 22 @ 7 PM.
- ⇒ Report Cards — if your child will not be here on the last day of school (Wednesday, June 29th) you can either leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the office, or pick the report card up in the office the first week if July, last week of August or in September.
- ⇒ School Supply Lists — copies of our school supply lists are on our web-site
- ⇒ Sports Day — we will have our Sports Day on Wednesday, June 22nd, rain or shine. More info to follow.
- ⇒ Lost & Found — pick up will be the last day of school, Wednesday, June 29th.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2016, and Gr. 1-7 students, and new students (not new Kindergarten students) will be in session from 8:40 - 10:40 AM. If your child will not be here Tuesday, but will be here for the school year, please notify the office and indicate the day they will arrive. Just a reminder that every Wednesday is a 2:00 dismissal. Please ensure you make accommodations for your child to be picked up promptly by informing daycare and pick up people.

Ms. Kee	Ms. Primas
Principal	Vice-Principal

Blueridge Gardens

The gardens at our front entrance have been lovingly tended to by Karina Wood and a team of volunteers. Throughout the year they have weeded, watered, planted, moved and fostered a beautiful garden to welcome our community to the school. Thank you!

You may have also noticed an edible garden that is growing in the planter boxes. The edible garden comes to us from parent volunteers who are growing produce for the Harvest Project. Keep your eye out for some delicious produce.



Bell Schedule

We've had a slight change in our bell schedule with a 20 minute recess and a 30 minute lunch playtime. Students play first from 12:00-12:30 and eat from 12:30-12:45.

MON, TUES, THURS			
AND FRI			
Entrance Bell	8:40 AM	to	8:45 AM
First Instructional Period	8:45 AM	to	10:20 AM
Recess	10:20 AM	to	10:40 AM
Second Instructional Period	10:40 AM	to	12:00 PM
Lunch	12:00 PM	to	12:45 PM
Entrance Bell (end of lunch)	12:45 PM	to	12:50 PM
Third Instructional Period	12:50 PM	to	3:00 PM

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Third Instructional Period	12:50 PM	to	2:00 PM

School Fees 2016-2017

For the 2016-2017 school year, the following school fees will be charged in accordance with District Policy 706:

\$10.00 Enrichment Learning Activity

\$40.00 Supply fee for Kindergarten students only

\$6.00 Agendas (Grades 2-7)

Outdoor School Fees:

The Cheakamus Centre is undergoing a transformation to align their programs with the new curriculum. More information will be sent out before the end of June.

2 Day Skw'unc-was Program (Gr. 3)

\$115

Gr. 4 Transition Program \$140

* Please note the Grade 5 and 6 Intermediate students are attending Outdoor School in alternate years. Grades 5/6 will NOT attend in the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact the school if you have any questions and/or concerns about school fees.

BLUERIDGE APPROVED AMENDED CALENDAR 2016/2017	
DESIGNATION	2016/17
Days of Instruction	179
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Blueridge Professional Day	Monday, September 28, 2016
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 10, 2016
Province-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, October 21, 2016
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Friday, November 11, 2016
District-wide non-instructional day (Teacher New Curriculum Training)	Monday, November 14, 2016
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 18, 2016
Winter vacation period (includes New Year's Day Statutory Holiday)	December 19, 2016 to January 2, 2017
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
District-wide non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Friday, January 20, 2017
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 13, 2017
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, February 24, 2017
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring vacation period	March 13 to 24, 2017
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2017
Blueridge Professional Day	Thursday, April 13, 2017
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday Holiday	Monday, April 17, 2017
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Monday, May 8, 2017
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 22, 2017
Administrative Day (non-instructional day)	Friday, June 30, 2017
Schools Close for Summer Vacation	Friday, June 30, 2017

**A school calendar, including the bell schedule and two school-based professional development days, will be made available to every parent in each school in the North Vancouver School District No. 44 by May 31, 2016.

