

Blueridge Elementary School

April 2017

Spring is in the air!

Spring is in the air and we are beginning our last term of the school year. The year has gone by quickly and we have seen so much growth in the children this year. Blueridge is an amazing school community and we thank you for all your contributions to our school.

Just a reminder, if you have had a change of address, phone numbers or other emergency contact numbers, please make sure you contact the office.

Prior to Spring Break we had a lovely community event for Team Finn. Our fundraiser for PJs with a Purpose, raised \$433.75 for Team Finn. Thank you everyone for your contributions!

Our track and field season will begin soon for Grades 4-7. Permission forms will go home via Synervoice. Please print and drop the signed permission form to the office. If you require forms, we have some printed in the office. Once the practice schedules are formalized, we will send them out via Synervoice, we will post them in the school and on the web-site. All schedules will be posted on the web-site when they are ready. If you would like to coach or assist with an event, please let Ms. Kee know.

Please make sure you check the lost and found area weekly, with the warm weather, students are often leaving their sweaters outside. Items are donated at the end of each month.

As the weather improves, so does our outside play and local wildlife. Please remind your children to do their part in keeping Blueridge beautiful by putting their garbage in the garbage can. If you happen to observe bears, coyotes, etc in our **immediate** neighbourhood, please call the Conservation Office at 1-877-952-7277 and let us know at our office as well.

Morning routines:

Doors are unlocked at 8:30. Unless students have a staff sponsored event, students are expected to wait outside until 8:30. Every morning at 8:50 we have morning announcements. Students, staff and parents are asked to stop and listen for important announcements during this time.

This year we will be hosting our second Family Appreciation Ice Cream Social on Thursday June 1 from 6-7:30 PM. Invitations will be sent home in early May. Mark the date on your calendar!

We are looking forward to a great third term of academic and social-emotional growth in

our students.

Please remember to check our web-site regularly as we post a lot of useful information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kee

Principal

Ms. Primas

Vice-Principal



Blueridge's Walk for Autism

Wednesday April 12 at 1:00

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is April 2nd and April is Autism Awareness Month. At Blueridge will have a Walk for Autism on Wednesday April 12th @ 1:00. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Our staff have been working with our students on:

- Teaching all students about understanding differences
- Educating students about autism
- Encouraging friendship, empathy, and inclusion among children with autism and their peers

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We are looking forward to our walk on Wednesday and all students and staff will receive bracelets and/or tattoos for our walk. Staff, students and parents are encouraged to wear their Blueridge gear, or blue (the colour used for Autism Awareness month).

We will also be participating in the Canucks Autism Network Jersey Fundraising Campaign. If you would like to make a donation, you can drop it off in the office and write your name/student's name on a cardboard cutout jersey which will be displayed at the front office. The funds will go to the Canucks Autism Network and it will give us an opportunity to come together as a community to support our classmates, friends, co-workers, family and others living with autism.



We're looking forward to coming together as a community.

Thank you to our Club Blueridge Committee for organizing this event.

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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



**BUY A BUTTON
AND #JEANUP
FOR BC'S KIDS.**

Thursday, May 4



Jeans Day™ 2017 is on Thursday, May 4, 2017

For 25 years, people across BC and the Yukon have proudly displayed their pin or button at work or school and worn their jeans to help support this fun event. Together, we raise more than \$1 million each year in support of BC Children's Hospital Foundation's Excellence in Child Health Fund.

Blueridge Elementary is pleased to once again participate in the BC Children's Hospital



School Supplies for 2017-2018 School Year

The BPAC is once again providing the opportunity for families to purchase school supplies through EduPAC for Grades 1-7 for next year. School lists will come home with your child in April. You have a choice to order on line at edupac.ca, or pay by cheque. Please make cheques payable to EduPac. The lists will be uploaded to the website as well. You may also choose to purchase your own supplies.

Agendas will be available for purchase in September.





We are thrilled to announce that our 4th Annual 44Dresses Boutique Day will be held on **Tuesday, April 18th 2017**. 44Dresses is an initiative facilitated by and benefitting students within North Vancouver School District 44. We collect gently used party dresses and accessories for grade 7 grads who could use a little help.

If you have a dress, shoes and/or accessories that would be appropriate for a 12/13 yr old girl, please consider donating!
We are in need of dresses from girl's size 10 to women's size 14.

Over the last 3 years, 44Dresses has provided outfits to almost 300 students.

Donations (on hangers please) can be dropped off to:

**Handsworth Secondary School from
March 27 thru to April 13th.**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 44dresses@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!
44Dresses