

June 2017



Dear Parents,

After six special years at Blueridge I am heading off to Cove Cliff on June 30th. These years have gone quickly and I'm proud to say that I have been a part of the Blueridge community. I'd like to welcome Principal Ms. Deanna Robertson who will work alongside Ms. Primas in the upcoming years.

The 2016-2017 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. Blueridge school has a wonderful community culture.

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 6th, please come and cheer on our students.

A few notes:

- ⇒ BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day—Blueridge and the Education Services Centre raised \$579.85
- ⇒ Mrs. Desmarais would like ALL library books in by Friday, June 16th.
- ⇒ Strings Concert — The Strings concert will be at Ross Road on Thursday June 15 @ 7 PM
- ⇒ Band Concert—The band concert will be at Windsor Secondary on Wednesday June 21 @ 7 PM
- ⇒ Report Cards—Just a reminder to make sure you have printed and/or saved your child's report card from this year. They will be inaccessible on July 31, 2017. You will also need to go onto the MyEd BC web-site to change your password if you haven't logged in since the Term 2 report cards.
- ⇒ Curricular Competencies— On Friday June 9th, teachers will be sending home your child's reporting on the Core Competencies. Please see the Synervoice sent out on Wed. May 31, 2017.
- ⇒ School Supply Lists — copies of our school supply lists are on our web-site
- ⇒ Fun Day — we will have our Fun Day on Wednesday, June 21st rain or shine. More info to follow.
- ⇒ Lost & Found — pick up will be the last day of school, Thursday, June 29th.
- ⇒ Thank you to the parents for the Staff Appreciation luncheon. It was wonderful!

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 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.

On behalf of the staff at Blueridge, thank you for a great year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kee
Principal

Ms. Primas
Vice-Principal



TRACK and FIELD

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.

It takes a large team to ensure that it is a successful track and field season. This year we were spoiled with many staff and parents helping to coach and support.

To the parents who led the track; a huge thank you to:

- ⇒ Terri Thompson for her leadership and expertise with running all the sprint and relay practices from Monday to Thursday each week along with Shauna Torres and John Richmond. Timekeepers: Teri-Ann Donaldson, Andrea Scott, Gonzalo Ledezma for smoothly guiding the long distance runners on Fridays
- ⇒ Ralph Stringer for professionally coaching Shot Put

We appreciated all you parents for getting your child to the early practices and to and from meets and encouraging them to participate.

The Staff was incredible as always with donating their time and energy:

- ⇒ Long Jump and Triple Jump—Kevin Davis and Glen Wyatt
- ⇒ Shot Put—Lisa Madill, Kerry Sedola and Maryn Quarless
- ⇒ High Jump—Phyllis Dellaney and Andrie Bates
- ⇒ Long Distance—Kelsey Bisaro and Jennifer Schmit
- ⇒ Sprints—Tanya Jefferson

We hope that we haven't left anyone out from our extensive list of volunteers, you are all appreciated! Thank you to everyone for a memorable season. Wishing the 61 competitors the best at Swangard. They are a team with big hearts from a middle sized school who display outstanding sports conduct and compete with such drive. A special mention to parents Nicole Dent and Georgina O'Flynn for organizing and collecting all the money for the uniforms.

GO BLUERIDGE!

BELL SCHEDULE 2017-2018

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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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	12:48 PM
Entrance Bell (end of lunch)	12:48 PM	to	12:53 PM
Third Instructional Period	12:50 PM	to	2:00 PM





JUNE

Family Appreciation Ice Cream Social 6-7:15	Th. June 1
Swangard	T. June 6
Strings Concert 7 PM @ Ross Road	Th. June 15
Library books due	F. June 16
Fun Day	W. June 21
Band Concert 7 PM @ Windsor	W. June 21
Grade 7 Farewell (1-2:00)	T. June 27
Reporting Period 3	W. June 29
Last Day for Students	Th. June 29



Self-Assessment of Core Competencies

"Core Competencies are a set of intellectual, personal, and social competencies that students develop to engage in deeper learning and to support lifelong learning through the course of their schooling. The Core Competencies are embedded in each area of learning, and are activated through the learning experiences and activities. In BC, the Core Competencies are the Communication competency, Thinking competency, and Social and Personal competency." (BC Ministry of Education's New Curriculum)

Student Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies: Thinking, Communicating, and Personal and Social

Student self-assessment of the core competencies is ongoing and iterative. Teachers embed the competencies in lessons and classroom activities on a daily basis and students learn to self-reflect and comment on their personal development and growth throughout the year. In early June, students completed a formal self-assessment that will be sent home to parents June 9th. Teachers do not formally report on the core competencies; they do, however, integrate these foundational skills into daily activities and lessons and assist students with gathering authentic evidence that demonstrates student growth.

Please take this time to have a discussion with your child about the self-assessment of the core competencies. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

For further information please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

Teachers will be sending home a Student Self-assessment of the Core Competencies on Friday June 9th.

APPROVED AMENDED CALENDAR 2017/2018	
DESIGNATION	2017/18
Days of Instruction	181
Schools open	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 9, 2017
Province-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, October 20, 2017
District-wide non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Monday, November 6, 2017
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, November 13, 2017
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter vacation period (includes New Year's Day Statutory Holiday)	December 25, 2017 to January 5, 2018
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
District-wide non-instructional day (Teacher New Curriculum Training)	Friday, January 19, 2018
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 12, 2018
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, February 23, 2018
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring vacation period	March 19 to 29, 2018
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday Holiday	Monday, April 2, 2018
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Blueridge School-Based non-instructional day (NVTA)	Monday, April 23, 2018
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Monday, May 7, 2018
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 21, 2018
Blueridge School-Based non-instructional day (NVTA)	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative Day (non-instructional day)	Friday, June 29, 2018
Schools Close for Summer Vacation	Friday, June 29, 2018

** 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, 2017.



Mark your calendars!
Blueridge Good Neighbour Day 2017
Sunday June 4



As usual, parade starts at Berkley & Hyannis at 10:45am. More details coming soon.