



## BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**September 2019**

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to everyone for a great start up, it is so exciting starting a new school year! We are looking forward to a full school year that will include many opportunities for collaboration, innovation and critical thinking.

We would like to welcome all parents to our Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We ask you to meet in the gym for introductions followed by two 15 minute group sessions with your child's classroom teacher. This will be an opportunity to meet the teacher and learn classroom expectations.

Blueridge will be participating in the Terry Fox run on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Individual Photo Day, Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The BPAC Welcome Back BBQ is on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for families to mingle and connect and have some fun.

Kilometer Club will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup>, stay tuned for more information.

There will be a Professional Development Day on Monday, September 23, 2019. School is not in session.

Come and learn more about what is happening at Blueridge and how you can help. The first BPAC meeting is on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Promoting a Safe and Healthy School Environment For Children with Medically Diagnosed Life-Threatening Conditions**

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment for all children is a responsibility shared by students, parents and staff. Please notify the school if your child has any or all of the following: A MEDICALLY-DIAGNOSED health condition/s, which may require emergency care at school such as anaphylaxis, diabetes, severe asthma, seizure disorder, blood clotting disorders or serious heart conditions. (Please contact the school office to complete or update a Medical Alert Information Sheet).

**\*\*Allergen Aware ...** for the safety of all children, we respectfully request peanut and nut free snacks and lunches.

We have several students who have severe, life threatening allergies to nuts and seeds.

### **Student Supervision**

At Blueridge Elementary, the supervision of students **only occurs during school hours:**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:40 am – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:40 am – 2:00 pm

**\*\*Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising or making alternate arrangements for supervision (ie. daycare) for their children outside of these hours.**

### **Safety To and From School**

This is an opportune time for parents to review the safest route to and from school, especially for younger children. Students learn traffic safety by watching and doing. Parents need to walk the route and practice these safety steps:

- Stop at the curb or edge of the road.
- Listen and look for traffic to the left, right and left again. Teach children who don't know left from right to look "this way", 'that way' and 'this way'.
- Remind children to use sidewalks.

If your child is riding a bike to school, please take the time during an evening or on a weekend to ride with your child to ensure proper bicycle road rules.

**\*\*Students MUST wear a helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school and need to dismount when on school property. Bicycles kept at school during the day should be locked.**

For more information, please go to <http://www.cnv.org/your-government/livingcity/transportation/look-think-go>

### **Notice to Parents, Loss Prevention**

Please note that the North Vancouver School District is unable to insure any and all personal property owned by students such as musical instruments, phones, toys, calculators and computers. The School District will therefore, not accept any liability for loss or damage of personal property under any circumstances.

Students should refrain from bringing personal belongings of value to school, unless necessary. Items brought to school should be adequately insured by parents for loss or damage.

For more information regarding insurance, please contact your insurance agent providing home owner coverage.

## **Regular School Hours for Kindergarten to Grade Seven**

8:40 – First Bell - Arrival Time  
8:45 – First Instructional Period  
10:20 – 10:40 Recess  
10:40 – 12:00 Second Instructional Period  
12:00 – 12:30 (Play)  
12:30 – 12:45 (Eat)  
12:45 – Afternoon Bell – Attendance 12:50  
12:50 – 3:00 Third Instructional Period

***\*Note Wednesday 2:00 Dismissal***

### **Callback**

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call our callback at 604-903-3252. This number is available anytime. Or you can e-mail us at [blueridgeattendance@sd44.bc.ca](mailto:blueridgeattendance@sd44.bc.ca)

### **Student Telephone Use**

Students may use our student phone with their teacher's permission for any 'important' reason. They may not, however, use the phone to inform parents or friends of after-school plans. Students are expected to make their social arrangements the night before. The phone is always available in an emergency.

### **Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance**

For your convenience, the district has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Please check the school website for information.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the unexpected costs of injury from accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

For more information, please visit the Kids Plus Insurance website at [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca) or phone 1.800.556.7411.

### **Volunteer Forms and Driver's Abstracts**

If you wish to volunteer at Blueridge throughout the year, you will be required to fill out the NVSD Volunteer Forms. These forms will be in the brown envelope coming home with your child today.

Please note that Driver's Abstracts are required every 3 years so we have saved the ones that were submitted last year. Moving forward, if you wish to drive on field trips, and we do not have one on file, please ensure that you submit an updated driver's abstract.

### **Forms**

On Friday, your child came home with a brown envelope of forms for you to fill out. We recognize that this is a large amount of work for parents, but we hope that you will take the time to fill out the forms as soon as possible.

Inside the brown envelope you will find:

- Emergency Forms: Student Release and Student Emergency ID Form
- Blueridge Code of Conduct
- Volunteer Application Package

There are also online forms that need to be completed by families. The forms listed below are the forms that are online.

- Impromptu Walking Field Trip Informed Consent
- Personal Information Consent
- Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement

Please return all forms to the office and complete all online forms by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cell Phone Use:**

It is becoming increasingly common for students to be carrying cell phones and other electronics to school. We recognize that for some families a phone is important for communication between students and parents or caregivers before and after school. However, we are finding that cell phones can be a source of classroom disruption and a safety concern on the playground. We would like to assure that students can carry cell phones to school and, at the same time, assure that disruptions and safety concerns are dealt with.

We ask that parents support our efforts by following these guidelines:

- Do not allow your child to carry a cell phone to school unless it is necessary for before and after school student/parent communication. Do not send your child to school with personal electronics.
- Cell phones at school must be turned off and kept in zipped backpacks between 8:40 a.m. and 3:00p.m. unless approved by the teacher. Students may not use cell phones in classrooms, hallways, washrooms or on the playground during the school day. The school office phone is available during the school day if it is necessary for parents to call in.
- Cell phones are often equipped with cameras. Students may not take pictures at school. In order to satisfy legal requirements around the protection of privacy, photography at school is allowed only for school purposes and with the permission of a staff member.

The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to cell phones or any personal property.

Parents send cell phones and other electronics to school at their own risk.

### **Contact information**

If you have had a change of email, phone, address, or emergency contacts please make sure you let the office know as soon as possible.

# Blueridge Elementary School Cares!

Please slow down and follow the speed limit, as well as the parking and stopping laws. Most of all, let's keep our CHILDREN and the members of our community safe! Thank you to all the families who are doing their part to follow these important safety rules.



The RCMP has communicated that the Provincial Fine Amounts are as follows:

- i) Speed in School Zone Section, 147(1)...\$196.00 (speed limit exceeded by less than 21 km/hr)
- ii) Speed in School Zone Section, 147(2)...\$253.00 (speed limit exceeded by 21 km/hr to 40 km/hr)



The crosswalk on Upper Byron has "No Stopping" areas so there are clear sight lines for pedestrians.

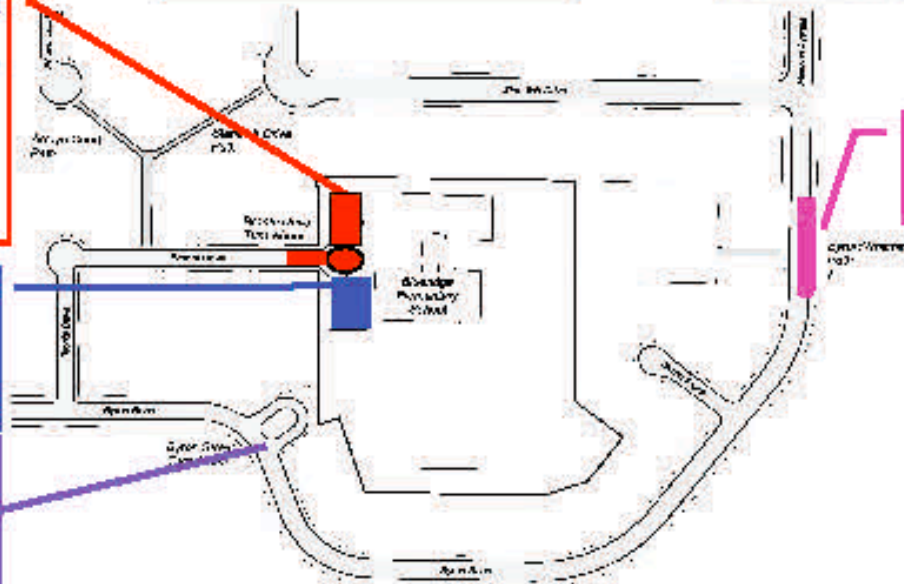


The snowplows need time to clear the roads. Please look for the signage.

Staff Parking and Round-about. No student drop off or stopping. Please do not park on or next to the cones on Bronte.

Staff, Disabled, Daycare vehicle Parking. No student drop off or stopping.

Student drop off and pick up. Please do not block traffic flow.



Marked Pedestrian Crosswalk

Please share this information with anyone who will be doing drop off or pick-up for your child. Thank you for your support!