

Blueridge Elementary School

April 2016

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 \$359.30 for Team Finn. Thank you everyone for your contributions!

Our track and field season will begin soon for Grades 4-7. Once we have the practice timetables, we will send home the permission forms, schedules and meet times. 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, as the warm weather comes, 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.

In February we asked the school community a question:

“What makes Blueridge a vibrant learning community?”

We had some wonderful responses about our staff, parents, students, physical surroundings such as:

- “great communication”
- “friendly students and teachers with care and compassion”
- “everyone is willing to help out even when you don’t ask”
- “sense of community”
- “lots of places to play”
- “the involved staff who sponsor extra-curricular activities”
- “fantastic BPAC and parent group:

This month we will be asking the question on the front board: “What else can we do to further enhance learning at Blueridge?” There will be post-it notes on the front counter if you’d like to contribute to the question. The information on

the board, as well as information gathered from staff, will help inform our school plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

Every morning at 8:50 we will be having morning announcements. Students, staff and parents will be asked to stop and listen for important announcements during this time.

The North Vancouver Outdoor School at the Cheakamus Centre is having their annual open house on Sunday May 1st (see page 5 of the newsletter). This is a wonderful event where you can see the property, especially if your child is attending the Big House or Outdoor School in the coming year.

This year instead of our annual Parent Appreciation Volunteer tea, we will be holding a family appreciation ice cream social on Thursday June 2 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 information on our site.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kee

Principal

Ms. Primas

Vice-Principal

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District:

Parents and picture-taking: a reminder about filming, photography and student privacy

With all the exciting school activities that occur throughout the year, we provide this consideration regarding the filming and sharing of student photographs and videos of student events.

Parents are welcome to photograph and video record school events. However, the potential promotion, exchange, sale or sharing of student images raises privacy issues that are important to be aware of.

A parent or staff member wishing to film or photograph students and then post these images to the internet (e.g., YouTube, etc.) or share the images through any type of digital media (e.g., DVDs, CDs, cellphones, etc.) *needs to have collected signed permission for*

the students (provided by parents or guardians in the case of minors) in the video before posting their photos. To do so without signed permission is a violation of student privacy.

Apart from traditional media (e.g., *North Shore News*, etc.) the School District's image release forms do not cover photography or filming by third parties (e.g., parents, professional or amateur videographers, and photographers, etc.), who must obtain and record informed parental consent through their own form and process.

While liability would lie with the photographer/videographer in a situation

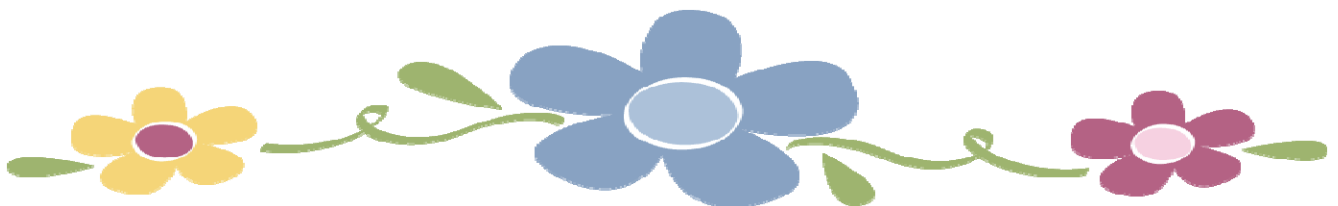
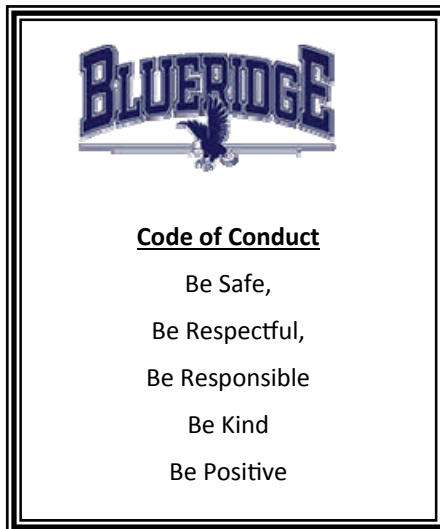
like this, we feel it's important to remind all parents to respect the privacy of other students and their families. It's understandable that many families would appreciate being able to exchange photographs or videotapes of school events, however, privacy concerns must take precedence.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



Reminders:

- Please sign and return your child's report card envelope to the teacher
- The office phone is for emergency use only. Please arrange pick up and play-dates before coming to school.



Blueridge's Walk for Autism—Wednesday April 6 at 1:00

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is April 2nd and April is Autism Awareness Month. At Blueridge we are going to have a Walk for Autism on Wednesday April 6 @ 1:00.

On Monday April 4, Robyn Campbell, our NVSD Autism Support Worker, will be visiting classrooms to deliver the WE CAN (Canucks Autism Network) Be Friends curriculum. This grade appropriate curriculum teaches the values of friendship, empathy and inclusion by using grade appropriate lesson plans, autism specific resources and awareness raising activities for the entire school. The goals of the program are to:

- Teach all students about understanding differences
- Educate students about autism
- Encourage friendship, empathy, and inclusion among children with autism and their peers

We are looking forward to our walk on Wednesday and all students and staff will receive bracelets and/or tattoos for our walk. WE CAN will also have a booth available for information and bracelets for siblings or parents wishing to join us. Staff, students and parents are encouraged to wear their Blueridge gear, or blue (the colour used for Autism Awareness month).

We're looking forward to having some fun. Thank you to Robyn Campbell, and parent Catherine Hargreaves for working on the organizing committee.



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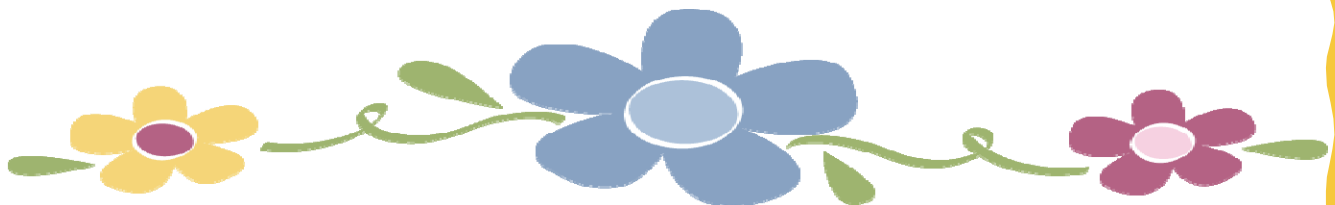
Walk for Autism @ 1:00—Wear your Blueridge gear or blue!	W. Apr. 6
Gr. 3 Parent Outdoor Sch. Mt.@4:00	Th. Apr. 7
Blueridge Pro-Day (no school)	M. Apr 11
Intermediate Dance Festival	Th. Apr 14
Volunteer Tea (PM) - CANCELLED	W. Apr. 20
Class & School Panorama Photo	F. Apr. 22
BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day Fundraiser	Th. Apr. 28

MAY

Professional Day (no school)	M. May 2
Outdoor School - Gr 3's	W. May 4 - 6
Kilometre Club Begins	W. May 4
Primary Days of Music TBA	M. May 9-13
Bighouse - Grade 4's	M. May 9 -10
Gr 6 Immunizations (9:00 - 11:00)	M. May 16
Handsworth Track Eliminations 12-4:00	W. May 18
Professional Day (no school)	F. May 20
Victoria Day (schools closed)	M. May 23

JUNE

Band Concert	TBA
** NEW Family Appreciation Ice Cream Social 6-7:30 PM	Th. June 2
Swangard	T. June 7
Fun Day	W. June 22
Grade 7 Farewell @ 1:00	T. June 28
Report Cards Home	W. June 29
Last Day for Students	W. June 29



**BUY A BUTTON AND
SUPPORT BC'S KIDS**

Thursday, April 28



Jeans Day™ 2016 is on Thursday, April 28, 2016

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 Jeans Day Fundraiser. Pick up your buttons in front of the office during the week of April 25th.



School Supplies for 2016-2017 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 on Wednesday April 6th. You have a choice to order on line at edupac.ca, or pay by cheque. Please make cheques payable to EduPac. The lists have been uploaded to the website as well. You may also choose to purchase your own supplies.

Agendas will be available for purchase in September.





You're Invited!

47th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday May 1, 2016

10:30 am - 3:30 pm



at CHEAKAMUS CENTRE
2170 Paradise Valley Road
Brackendale, BC

CHEAKAMUS CENTRE

A FUN, FAMILY DAY OF NATURE EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

Great picnic friendly food • Salmon hatchery • Farm • Coast Salish Bighouse
Archery • Canoeing • Microscope studies • AFK art activity • Aquatic lab • Wedge river floats

New Activities!



Win great prizes at our Silent Auction and Raffle!

For event information and volunteer opportunities, contact Info@cheakamuscentre.ca

Driving directions can be viewed on our [detailed map](#)

Proceeds from this event support the North Vancouver Outdoor School Alumni Society.

Bring your own mug. Parking by suggested \$2 donation. Sorry no pets.

www.cheakamuscentre.ca

SPRING DINNER & SHOWCASE
Tuesday April 5th 6PM

VANCOUVER ROWING CLUB

Tickets: \$30/person @ nsrj.ca

Proceeds go towards Circles in Schools Program

-North Shore Restorative Justice Society & Synergy Collective Society



BeTheChange@ NorthShore

PRE-TEEN CONFERENCE 2016

#Bseen and connect with pre-teens across the North Shore for a fun and exciting day just for youth in grades 6 & 7!

#Bheard and stand up for ideas and actions that would make the North Shore a better place for everyone.

#Binspired and take on a leadership role in creating important changes at home, at school and in your community.

SAT | APR. 16

10 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

9:45 A.M. - Doors Open

FREE | GR 6 & 7

GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE
6262 MARINE DRIVE, WEST VANCOUVER

Register at: connectforkids.ca

On-line pre-registration is required

More information at connectforkids.ca

Lunch and bus transportation provided

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Equitas – International Centre for Human Rights Education
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District of West Vancouver | Boys & Girls Clubs of South Coast BC
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