



**Blueridge Elementary
School
FEBRUARY 2016**

Dear Families,

January has passed quickly and we are moving quickly through the school year. Our school continues to be so busy focusing on our academics and extra-curricular activities. In the upcoming weeks we hope that you will have an opportunity to meet with teachers about your child's progress in Term 2. Please remember that we are dismissing at 2:00 on Tuesday, February 9th and Thursday, February 11th for interviews. Sign up will be outside the music room starting Monday, February 1st at 8:15 a.m..

In December we had a wonderful Santa Mall hosted by the Grade 7s. Thank you for all the donations of items we appreciate your support. Divisions 1 and 2 raised \$1224.47 for four chosen charities: North Shore Animal Welfare Shelter, ALS, Junior Diabetes and BC Children's Hospital.

Updates:

- We have 1 salmon tank that has approximately 80 chum salmon eggs. They should be hatching sometime next week.
- Volleyball (Triple Ball) is in full swing for the Grade 6 and 7 students.
- The choir is preparing for the upcoming music festivals.
- Our Track and Field practices for Grades 4 - 7 will begin after Spring Break. If you are interested in coaching an event, please let Ms. Kee know as soon as possible.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who volunteer their time to support these activities.

Our staff have been talking about what makes Blueridge a vibrant learning community. On the bulletin board across from the office, you are invited to add your thoughts onto the board. Post-it notes are on the office counter. You and your children can add your thoughts during the month of February,

The curriculum in BC schools has been undergoing a transformation in the last couple of years and will be in full implementation next year for Grades K - Grade 9. More information can be found on: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Our school day begins at 8:40 a.m. with a warning bell. At that time, students should be hanging up coats, organizing books and materials, and reporting to their classroom. Attendance and morning class routines start promptly at 8:45 and we would be so appreciative if the hallways and open areas are quiet so the children can begin their learning. Just a reminder that if your child is not coming to school, or will be late, please use the call-back line 604-903-3252 or email blueridgeattendance@sd44.ca.

Thank you to all the staff and parents for their continued commitment to the children at Blueridge.

Ms. Kee Ms. Primas
Principal Vice-Principal

Medications

Parents are reminded that medications cannot be given at school without written medical and parental authorization. Please check with the school office to ensure the consent form is on file. In emergency situations, and with no written consent form on file, parents will need to come to the school to administer medication to their child(ren). The school employees cannot perform this task without the proper paperwork in place.

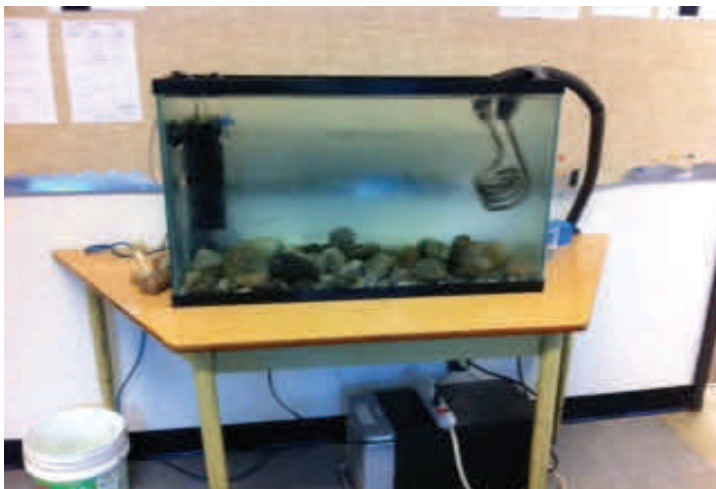
Parents should also be aware that sending any medication in a lunch kit to school for their child to take on their own poses safety risks for other students in the classroom should the medications be left unattended. All medications, permanent and temporary, must be administered through the school office.

Thank you.

Salmon Enhancement Program

Blueridge is a part of the NVSD Salmon Enhancement Program. We are hosting 1 tank with approximately 80 Chum Salmon Eggs.

Keep a close eye on them! They are on their way to hatching in the next few days.



Leaving Blueridge in June?

If you know your child will not be returning to Blueridge in September 2016, please inform the office as soon as possible. You will need to fill out a **Transfer Form** if you are moving within the School District or a **Withdrawal Form** if you are moving outside the School District.

Please check the NVSD Web-site for important registration deadlines.

ANTI BULLYING DAY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2016

Students and staff are encouraged to wear **PINK** to school on Wednesday, February 24th as a symbol of anti-bullying. The Day of Pink is being promoted to show that as a society we will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

In 2007, two Nova Scotia students turned the tide against bullies who picked on a fellow student by using homophobic slurs because he wore a pink shirt to school.

They purchased a large number of Pink T-shirts from the local dollar store and with the positive use of social media got the word out to their peers. They distributed the shirts and tank tops the following day at the start of school. The show of support halted the bullying and also gave birth to a national campaign to combat all types of bullying.



Peer Counselling

As part of our Safe and Caring Schools focus, our school counsellor, Ms. Jennifer Muller, has trained the Grade 6 students as peer counsellors. Peer Counsellors are easily identified on the playground by their bright red jackets. They will work mostly with primary children, encouraging positive friendly behaviour and acting as guides and problem solvers. The Peer Counselling program involves training in communication and leadership skills - skills which the Grade 6's will then take into Grade 7 and on into high school. This program involves a commitment of time and energy. We would like to thank these students for successfully becoming leaders in our school.

Thank you to this year's Grade 7s for their leadership since last year.

Student Safety

We've received a number of calls in regards to drivers speeding in the school zone and parking in unsafe areas. Please slow down and park in designated spots. As you go around the round-a-bouts, students are often in your blind spot. Please slow down in our school zones to keep our children safe. We also ask that you keep the round-a-bouts clear so that cars can pass through.

We'd also like to remind families that the school Code of Conduct applies to everyone while on the school property, including before and after school. We would like to remind the children of the importance of safe and respectful play at all times.

As the weather warms up and you are out walking your dog, please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school property.


Thank you!

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:

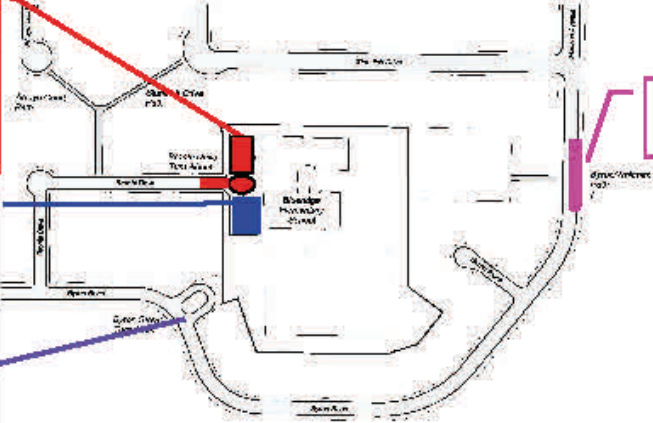

- i) Speed in School Zone Section, 147(1)...\$196.00 (speed limit exceeded by less than 21 km/hr)
- ii) Speed in School Zone Section, 147(2)...\$253.00 (speed limit exceeded by 21 km/hr to 40 km/hr)



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!

BLUERIDGE CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY

Sign up for Interviews begins M. Feb. 1
Professional Day(no school) F. Feb 5
BC Family Day (schools closed) M. Feb 8
Interviews Early Dismissal 2:00 T. Feb 9
Interviews Early Dismissal 2:00
Th. Feb 11
Outdoor School Gr. 5/6 Feb. 15-19
Pink Shirt Day W. Feb. 24
****NEW Pro Day M. Feb. 29**

MARCH

Inter. Music Festival T/W Mar 1 & 2
Report Cards Home F. Mar 10
Last day before Spring Break F. Mar 11
Spring Break Mar 12 – 27
Easter Monday (schools closed) M. Mar 28

APRIL

Blueridge Pro-Day (no school) M. Apr 11
Intermediate Dance Festival Th. Apr 14
Volunteer Tea (PM) W. Apr. 20
Class & School Panorama Photo F. Apr 22

MAY

Professional Day (no school) M. May 2
Outdoor School – Gr 3's W. May 4 – F. May 6
Kilometre Club Begins W. May 4
Bighouse – Grade 4's M. May 9 – T. May 10
Gr 6 Immunizations (9:00 - 11:00) M. May 16
****NEW Pro Day F. May 20**
Victoria Day (schools closed) M. May 23

JUNE

Band Concert TBA
Swangard T. June 7
Fun Day W. June 22
Grade 7 Farewell(PM) T. June 28
Report Cards Home W. June 29
Last Day for Students W. June 29



Better in a Sweater

Join schools throughout the NVSD in this one day
energy saving and awareness exercise.

Thursday, February 4th
Show us you're Better in a Sweater.


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