

Blueridge Elementary School

May 2016



Dear Parents,

As we visit classrooms, we see such wonderful teaching and learning happening at Blueridge. Our school is an inclusive place to learn where parents, students and staff work together to enhance student learning. We had a busy month in April with Extra-Curricular events such as: Intermediate Dance and Music Festivals, Choir, Eco-Kids gardening and grounds clean up, and Track and Field.

Class photos have been done, the Panorama photo has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st, 2016.

We are looking forward to the Month of May. This month we have Track and Field and the Primary Days of Music to extend our learning. Please see our online calendar for up-to-date details and information. If you go to our online calendar, you can subscribe to have events sent directly to your personal on-line calendar.

The next two months will go by quickly. Keep encouraging your children to work hard, stay focused and to follow the Code of Conduct. It's going to be a busy two months.

Kilometre Club—Lace Up Those Running Shoes!

The Kilometre Club for Kindergarten to Grade 7 students will be starting soon. Students will run during class time with some opportunities in the morning. Although we encourage students to go on hikes with their family, walk to school, etc., these activities will not be included in the Kilometre Club. This year's Kilometre Club will go from Wednesday May 4—Friday June 3rd.

We request that parents run the program before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the calendars located on the BPAC board outside the main office. Please note that if your child comes in the morning to participate, that the school is not able to provide supervision, so please come and attend with your child.

Should the Kilometre Club be new to you and your child, you may wish to know that we have measured one kilometer as 3 laps around the gravel field. As they complete one lap they receive a specially marked popsicle stick. Upon completion of 3 laps they trade in their 3 sticks for a 1 Kilometre paper. It is the student's responsibility to hold onto any sticks or kilometer papers until they have had them recorded on their Kilometre Club poster by the teacher. Ribbons will be awarded as children complete 25, 50, 75 and 100 Kms. Primary students will receive a 10 Km ribbon. We encourage parents to participate with the children or to come and cheer them on in the mornings.

Ms. Kee
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Year Review and Planning

May and June are busy months for schools. During this time, the staff at Blueridge will be reviewing the current school year and activities, and making plans for the school-year ahead. As we are beginning to make organizational plans for the coming school year, it would be helpful if you would notify the school (in writing), as soon as possible, if your child will not be returning to Blueridge in the Fall.

Planning for 2016-2017

At this stage in our planning, we anticipate a Kindergarten - Grade 7 enrolment of approximately 350 students. Based on this projected number of students, we will receive our staffing entitlement. Once we have this information, the following decisions can be made:

- the number of divisions at each grade level
- the number of students in each class
- where classes will be combined (4/5, 6/7, etc.)
- the amount of time provided to other disciplines in the school such as Music
- what grade levels teachers will register.

Student Placement

Once an organization has been determined, the process of assigning students to classes begins. Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided by a team, which includes the child's current teachers, specialists such as the ELL, LAC teachers, counsellors and the administrators. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways. In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process also includes:

1. Workable instructional groups considering:
 - the child's academic needs and strengths;
 - teaching and learning styles;
 - the child's work habits.
2. Positive social groups considering:
 - placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
 - peer support or conflicts;
 - establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class;
 - ratio of grades in combined classes.
3. Balanced classes considering:
 - students with Special Needs
 - students who are English Language Learners
 - academic, social and emotional needs and abilities
 - leadership abilities.
4. Other Information considered:
 - the past history of students in combined or single grade classes;
 - school-based resource team recommendations

A Note About Combined Grade (Split) Classes

Combined class organizations result from imbalances in the number of students in particular grade levels. Class size limits are set by the Ministry of Education. In today's reality that often means that the school organization needs to include some combined classes. For example, we might have 41 Grade 1 students but the class size limit is 24 so we would need to create a Gr. 1 class and a Gr. 1 & 2 class with the remainder of the Gr. 1 students and some Gr. 2 students. Depending on the number of students at each grade level, using all of the criteria above may well result in the creation of some combined classes. Many areas of the students' growth are considered in a student's placement such as: social skill development, physical size, independence in work habits, leadership potential, personal initiative and organizational skills. Consideration is also given to previous placement in a combined class. Please be assured that if your child is placed in a combined class that they will receive the appropriate curriculum that is prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

Process:

Please consider the placement criteria referenced above when describing your child's needs. Please describe a learning environment that may suit your child's learning style/needs (academic, social, emotional). If you are providing information that involves other students (one or two at most) please think carefully before making your request and realize that other parents may have the same needs for their child.

The information that you provide in your information sheet will be shared with the team of professionals described above, to be used along with the criteria listed above in the placement of your child. Please note that it may not be possible to meet all requests as classes are determined. Teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change along with enrolment and school organization changes.

Please note that information sheets will not be accepted if names of staff members are used in outlining your requests/concerns. These information sheets will be returned to the sender with a reminder of the placement criteria outlined above. Our goal is to meet the needs of all students at Blueridge in order to maximize their growth as learners. We appreciate your support in this complex multi-level process of arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal does not have and should consider when placing your child, please complete the "Parental Information for Student Placement Sheet" (next page) and submit it to Ms. Kee no later than May 31st, 2016. **Information sheets received after May 31st will not be considered for student placement for the 2016-2017 school year.**

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Blueridge Elementary School Parental Information for Student Placement School Year 2016-2017

Parents and guardians understandably want to ensure that their child is placed in the best possible learning environment. If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal does not have and should consider when placing your child, please complete this form. An accompanying letter, e-mail, or meeting with staff or administration is not required.

Please complete this form ONLY if you have information that the staff needs to know as they consider the class placement for your child. Please complete only the applicable lines, and then rank the priority in the boxes on the left with 1 being the most important to you and 4 the least important.

Student's Name: _____ Current Gr. Level: _____ Date: _____

Current Teacher: _____

My child's academic/learning needs are: _____

My child's emotional needs are: _____

My child's social needs are: _____

Other concerns that should be considered are: _____

Parent Name: _____ (Please Print) Parent Signature: _____

In order to have your input considered for placement, this form must be returned to the office no later than May 31, 2016.

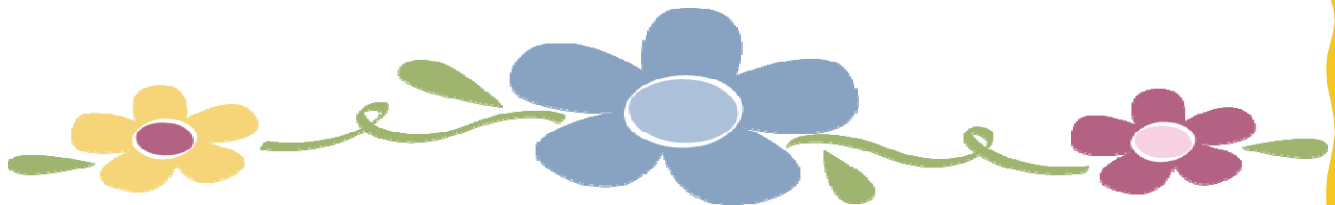
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MAY

Professional Day (no school)	M. May 2
Outdoor School – Gr 3's	W. May 4 – 6
Field Mini-meet @ Blueridge 3:15-5:15	Th. May 5
Kilometre Club Begins	W. May 4
Track Mini-meet @ Windsor 3:15-4:15	Th. May 12
Primary Days of Music—Time TBA	F. May 13
Bighouse – Grade 4's	M. May 9-10
Field Qualification Meet @ Blueridge 3:15-5:15	M. May 16
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



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.

Bell Schedule 2016-2017

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	10:35 AM
Second Instructional Period	10:35 AM	to	11:55 AM
Lunch	11:55 AM	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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Third Instructional Period	12:50 PM	to	2:00 PM

Track and Field

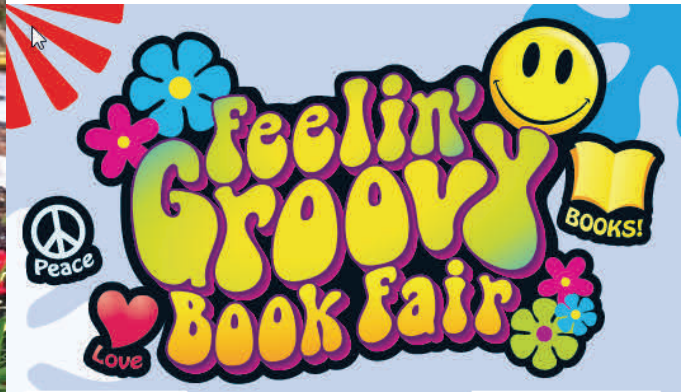
Thank you to all of our dedicated parent and staff coaches. The students have show tremendous athletic ability and great sportsmanship.

The annual Swangard Track and Field meet is coming up Tuesday June 7th. We wish all of our athletes good luck in reaching their goals.

Watch for our students in our BPAC purchased athletic jerseys! They look fantastic.

Reminders

⇒ If you have a change of parent contact information, please let the office know as soon as possible.



School Fees 2016-2017

For the 2016-2017 school year, the following school fees will be charged in accordance with District Policy 706:

- \$11.00 maximum—Enrichment Learning Activity
- \$40.00 Supply fee for Kindergarten students only
- \$6.00 Agendas (Grades 2-7)

Outdoor School Fees:

⇒ This program is currently under revision. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.



BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day Fundraiser

Thank you to the Blueridge Community and the Education Services Centre for supporting our fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital. Our communities raised \$601 for the hospital.

Monday May 16-19

Monday to Thursday mornings

8:10-8:45

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

11:55-12:30

3-3:30

Wednesday

Closed at lunch

Open 2-3:00 PM

Family Night

7-8:00 PM

Thank you to our parent volunteers who are hosting the Book Fair and making this a wonderful event for everyone.

Eco-Kids Club

Thank you to the Eco-Kids Club parents and student volunteers for cleaning up our school grounds and taking care of our school! Keep an eye on the garden beds by the south parking lot, some vegetables will be growing soon.





You're Invited!
47th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday May 1, 2016
10:30 am - 3:30 pm



at **CHEAKAMUS CENTRE**
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Brackendale, BC

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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.*

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summer 2016

23rd Annual Paradise Valley SUMMER SCHOOL of VISUAL ART



July 10 - 15: with Lori Goldberg

drawing, painting, printmaking & mixed media
for ages 8-12 – \$ 695

July 10 - 15: with Damian Moppett

sculpture, drawing, painting, printmaking & mixed
media for ages 13-18 – \$ 695

for more information please contact

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Summer 2016

SUMMER ART DAY CAMPS



Are you looking for something fun and engaging for your art and craft lovers this summer? Look no further than Artists for Kids. We have been specializing in art instruction for 25 years! Join us for one of our amazing camps this summer:

July 4 - 8: Industrial Arts

For half a day students will be introduced to the magic and value of working with wood in this hands-on, dynamic workshop. They will learn safe tool handling and more. The other half of the day will be spent building projects to solve real life engineering problems.

July 4 - 8 (K-2) & 11 - 15 (2-4): Fine Arts

Students will be inspired as they explore the Gordon Smith Gallery and will then go to the studio to learn a variety of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculptural techniques. Camps are a blend of art creation and recreation, led by a North Vancouver art specialist teacher.

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