



Westridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HEAD TEACHER: MR. M. NIELSEN
SECRETARY: MS. L. COLETTA
SCHOOL TRUSTEE:

September 8, 2017

WESTRIDGE SCHOOL GOALS 2017/2018:

STUDENTS IN GRADE 4-7 WILL IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO PROVOKE THOUGHT THROUGH THE USE OF EXPANDED AND RELEVANT DETAIL.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, September 19th

Grade 7 Band Instrument Rental

Thursday, September 28th

1:00 pm - Terry Fox Run *Parents Welcome*

Wednesday, Sept. 20th & Thursday, Sept. 21st

Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm & Parents as Partners

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year! This past week our focus was on building school community through multi-aged mixed groups of French and English, with built-in rotations so the children could meet many of the teachers in the school. The focus for the rotations was on the Core Competencies, which are meant to be an umbrella for all of the areas of the new curriculum. The Core Competencies focus on:

- **Communications**
- **Thinking**
 - Creative Thinking and Critical Thinking
- **Personal and Social**
 - Positive Personal & Cultural Identity
 - Personal Awareness and Responsibility
 - Social Responsibility

We are looking forward to a wonderful year working with your children and this fabulous community. We have lots of exciting ideas for the year ahead and we hope you will join us in the fun by being part of our Parent Advisory Council. Parents that are involved in their child's school, also are part of a richer experience. Watch for more information coming soon. To our new families.....Welcome to Ecole Westridge Elementary!

School planners will be sent home on Monday with most divisions, along with the payment form for \$10.00. We use student planners daily and value parents as part of this process in checking them daily.

The process of placing students into classes is complex. This past week we met as a staff and reviewed the school organization and the placements and factored in new students and students that have moved away over the summer. We currently have 297 students. Our organizations for both French and English have been approved by the Burnaby School District at this time. As always, our numbers remain under review for the month of September.

As a result of the above process, we have carefully placed each child in his/her new class today. Placement procedures are as usual, final. We know you and your child will work with your assigned teacher in a positive and proactive manner for a fulfilling and rewarding year.

We are looking forward to a great school year at Ecole Westridge Elementary School!

M. Brown, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Parents as Partners Conferences are opportunities for parents to come in and share information about their children with the classroom teachers. Please take this time to begin this important home/school communication process that will support your child's learning throughout the year. We will be **dismissing students at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21st and Thursday, September 22nd** so that we can begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with these intake conferences. **Confirmation of appointment times will be sent home by Monday, September 18th.**

English Kindergarten students have already had intake interviews so they do not need to schedule an additional meeting, unless at teacher request. French Kindergarten students will have early dismissal and interviews during this time. Please check our website/listserv for calendar updates and information. Our newsletter will be posted to our website as well as sent out on listserv.

Our Mission: To Prepare ourselves to be the best that we can be!

Introducing the Ecole Westridge Staff

PRINCIPAL	Mrs. M. Brown	COUNSELLOR	Ms. A. Stewart
HEAD TEACHER	Mr. M. Nielsen	SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	Ms. D. Maloney
EN GRADE 6/7, DIVISION 1	Mr. T. Lai	HEARING RESOURCE	Ms. A. Baumann
FR GRADE 6/7, DIVISION 2	Mme A. Venner	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	Ms. L. Coletta
EN GRADE 5/6, DIVISION 3	Mr. M. Neilsen/Mr. P. Kane	OFFICE SUPPORT CLERK	TBA
FR GRADE 5/6, DIVISION 4	Mme M. Fenger	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. R. Chuipka
EN GRADE 4/5, DIVISION 5	Ms. R. Kerluke	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. N. Nickerson
FR GRADE 3/4, DIVISION 6	Mme A. Joncas	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. V. Wong
EN GRADE 3/4, DIVISION 7	Ms. G. Kainth	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. J. Watson
FR GRADE 2/3, DIVISION 8	Mme K. Turcios	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	TBA
EN GRADE 2/3, DIVISION 9	Ms. N. Phillipotts/Ms. J. Astorino	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	TBA
FR GRADE 2, DIVISION 10	Mme N. Dhillon	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	TBA
EN K/GRADE 1, DIVISION 11	Ms. A. Dodd/Ms. M. Sheard	CUSTODIAN (A.M.)	Mr. C. Daniels
FR GRADE 1, DIVISION 12	Mme V. Lundgren	CUSTODIAN (P.M.)	Ms. R. Simpliciano
EN K, DIVISION 13	Ms. R. McLaughlin	NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR	Ms. C. Bolognese
FR K, DIVISION 14	Ms. M. Noble	NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR	Ms. N. Barrow
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING	Mrs. D. Wilson	CROSSING GUARD	Ms. T. Lavorato
LEARNING SUPPORT	Ms. M. Maas	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	TBA
LEARNING SUPPORT	Mr. P. Kane		
TEACHER LIBRARIAN	Ms. B. Papapanagiotou		
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	Ms. F. Caron		
MUSIC	Mr. F. Bucher		
BAND	Mr. P. Wenzek		



Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 28th. Donations will be collected Tuesday, September 26th through Thursday, September 28th. Parents are welcome to join us for the Terry Fox Run at 1:00 p.m. Please come and walk with your child's class.



Orange Shirt day will be on Friday September 29th. Wear the color orange to show support & commitment to the principle that every child matters. There will be a COL (celebration of Learning) at 1:00 pm. Students will be learning more about Orange Shirt Day in their classrooms.

PAC
INFO

Next PAC Meeting will be September 18th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

VERY IMPORTANT: We will be sending home a school start-up package with many notices today, Friday September 8th. Please fill out and sign all the notices and send them back to the classroom teacher. The first form, which is the Verification Form, is our main means of getting a hold of you in case of an emergency. It is extremely important that all information on these forms are accurate and up-to-date. Please make corrections and updates directly on the Verification Forms and be sure to send it back ASAP!

