



Westridge ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WESTRIDGE SCHOOL GOAL 2022/23:

GOAL – WESTRIDGE STUDENTS WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WRITING IN GRADE APPROPRIATE WAYS. (“I CAN MAKE MY WRITING MORE INTERESTING THAN BEFORE.”) AND STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO USE VARIOUS TOOLS TO STRIVE FOR PERSONAL BEST. (“I CAN STRIVE FOR MY PERSONAL BEST.”)

It has been another wonderful year at École Westridge. We enjoy so many rich experiences together throughout the school year. Thank you for your contributions as parents with supporting your child’s learning, helping through volunteering and providing us with meaningful feedback so we continue to grow together and truly thrive as a school.

At this year’s final assemblies, we said good-bye to Michelle Knowlan, Mark Cayer, Vincent Nguyen, Jen Tan, Camilla Nordin, Jillian Cummings and Michael Nielsen! We wish them all well in their future plans. I as well, as previously mentioned, am retiring. I have so enjoyed my time at Ecole Westridge. This is such a special school and I will miss all of you very much. I know the new team of **Principal: Jenny and Wong and Head Teacher: Jay Ricker** will truly enjoy working in this wonderful community.

To our Parent Advisory Council Executive: Christine Lyons, Carrie Campbell, Krysta Chung, Jenn Christensen, Roxana Tahari, Jessica Jutras, Vickie Lo and Members at Large: Shemina Patni, Bal Purewal, Kelly Halvorson, Kathy Zhu, Isabel Kolic, Adrienne Gilbert, Cassandra Sison and Ben Chhoa. Thank you for all that you have done this year. We have enjoyed working with you and have appreciated the multitude of jobs that you have done to help us be successful. We look forward to your continued support next year and welcome new members as well! **The staff was given a special treat for Staff Appreciation by the PAC. Thank you so much! We truly feel honored to be part of this school community.**

June 29, 2023

Our grade 7 students had a special day to celebrate the class of 2023. We are proud of all of your accomplishments and wish you well in the future. Our Westridge yearbook was sent home yesterday. Thank you to those that purchased one. We hope you will find this to be a lasting keepsake for your family.

We want to say a big thank you to the **Burnaby Fire Fighters** for providing us with food that we can use when a child does not have a lunch. These items help us support our students and we appreciate all that the Fire Fighters do for our community!

Thank you to our partners in the community for **Buddy Reading (SFU), Math Buddies (Burnaby North Students) and our One-to-One volunteers.** These additional after-school programs also help to support our students throughout the year.

Thank you to Ashley Rice for organizing our year-end talent show. Thank you to all of the students who showed their talents and courage by taking the stage.

As we move into the summer, thank you for sharing your children with us. We enjoy the laughter, smiles and overall sunshine that they bring to us each day. For those of you leaving École Westridge, thank you for your time here with us. You will be missed. For our returning families, we hope you have safe travels, fun adventure and we will see you in September!

Mrs. M. Brown



2023/2024 School Year

Our theme for the first week of school is “**Building a Community of Mathematicians....through fun and games!** Join us for an exciting week as we re-connect with one another, begin our focus on our **new school goal of Math**, Social-emotional learning and embracing the outdoors. We will begin on **Tuesday, September 5th** with grades 1 to 7 returning to their last year’s classroom for the week. Students will line up at their outside classroom door, at the 8:55am bell. Students do not need to bring anything with them the first day as they will only be in session for one hour. Students will be in session from 8:55am to 3:00pm for the remainder of the week and should bring with them some basic school supplies: pencil, eraser, crayons, scissors, and their lunch on Wednesday through Friday.

Kindergarten students will receive information by e-mail in late August and will schedule their September interview time on-line. Kindergarten students will remain on gradual entry September 7th to September 15th. They will begin full days on Monday, September 18th.

School News



Summer Hours – The office at École Westridge will re-open **Monday, August 28th**. Please inform us of changes regarding student attendance for the 2023/2024 school year by leaving a message on our answering machine (604-296-9037).



Report Cards – Report cards will be sent home electronically on Thursday, June 29th.



School Supplies – A supply list of materials that your child will need to start the coming year will be e-mailed to all families and will be uploaded on our website. This list is a base list for all classes. Once students are placed into their class in September, there may be additional supplies that are required. Occasionally, there may be other expenses during the year. Your child should have the basic supplies for Wednesday, September 7th, and the remainder for Monday, September 12th.

Please **do not** buy a planner for your child. The school will again be using a special planner, school-wide, for all students in Grades 1 – 7 (excluding grade 1 French). The planner is filled in daily as a lesson with the students and it is important that all students have the same one. It will be sold in September for \$10.00. You can purchase this by using School Cash online only.

Emergency Comfort Kits

The emergency comfort kits for grades K-7 have been returned to the students. We will ask parents to create new kits in September and send them to school with their child.

CITIZENSHIP 2023

At our final COL assembly, we acknowledged some of our students for their excellent citizenship during the school year. Usually this is someone who thinks beyond themselves and looks for ways to make their community and the groups they are part of better. They are helpful, friendly, go out of their way to make others feel connected and welcome, and show commitment to serving their community to make it safer and better. They are usually very positive personalities in any group. Congratulations to the following students:

Sophia Kae	Naomi Lee-Ho	Adelaida Rodriguez-Sanin	Jorina Huang
Bronwyn Gardiner	Mana Ahmadi	Naomi Martin	Maysia Rizzuto Marchese
Aaria Patni	Samuel Tran	Kaitlyn Wang	Saad Muzzammil
Artion Arifi	Ni Bui	Evan Ho	Adina Lee-Ho
Amelia Hung	James Paris	Makenna Sih	Ryan Ho
Shah Sayedi	Katie Tang	Arianna Wengrowich	Keren Hamilton
Ben Nair	Charlotte Christensen	Jason Mai	Melanie Li
Mikayla Mah	Arlina Arifi	Amber Liu	Maddy Rust
Adelyn Sherneck	Lucas Nguyen	Grayden Sih	Lani'akea Brown
Isabelle Man	Cameron Wong	Alexa Park	Joaquin Galarza
William Jeon	Cecilia Gotegote	Ellie Machado	Maddie Machado
Natalie Ycasas	Mako Morris-Yap	Jessica Zhang	Charlize Laboriante
Kacey Lyons	Vienna Chamberland	Allie Nelsen	Linden Wan
Maia Watson	Mia Clariz Palomar		

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!
Please stay safe!

From the Staff of École Westridge Elementary

