



# JUNIPER RIDGE JELLYBEAN

<http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca>

September 2016 Newsletter #1

"Reach High • Serve Well • Learn Together"

## Mission Statement

"Our goal is to encourage each child's intellectual, physical and creative potential in a positive, social environment. We are committed to helping students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for life long learning."

## Greetings from the Principal

Welcome back to school! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Mr. Bowden and I will be your principal this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone and having an exciting 2016-2017 year with the Juniper community! It should be an exciting year with many opportunities to grow emotionally, physically, and academically. I would also like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students and families. I would encourage you to become involved with our school as a volunteer, PAC member or just casually as a parent. Please feel free to drop by or talk to your child's teacher any time during the year and find out how you can become involved at the school.



## Message from the Vice-Principal

Welcome Back! It is with a happy heart that I welcome you all back to school. We have an amazing school year ahead of us and we are all looking forward to meeting our many new families and reacquainting ourselves with returning families. Teachers and Support Staff are happy to be back in their classrooms and to reconnect with your children. I wish you all the best throughout the rest of the school year. Welcome Back Everyone!

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."* Ben Franklin

Krista Halland, Vice-Principal

## Photo Day

Our photographer will be here to take individual school photos on Wednesday, September 28th. Proofs will be sent home, and you may purchase packages of photos once you have seen the proofs.

## COACHES NEEDED!

Volleyball season is quickly approaching. We will be looking for coaches. If you are interested in coaching volleyball or basketball this year, please contact the school as soon as possible!

## School Website

Please refer to the Juniper Ridge Elementary School website for current information including parent tips, upcoming events, and information around school procedures.

<http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>

## Student Placement

Placing students in the most appropriate class for an academic year is a complex process for the school and is handled carefully and thoughtfully. Many factors are considered during this process and parental input is given careful consideration. However, other factors at the district, school and staff level must also be considered. The central goal is always that each student receives a classroom placement that will meet his/her academic needs and that his/her social-emotional needs are addressed. Fortunately, experience proves that the vast majority of students quickly accept their new teacher, become involved in classroom routines and relationships, and work towards creating a successful school year.

*NOTE: Research also shows that children feed off of and mimic the emotions of the adults in their lives. Negative opinions and emotions displayed around children often have an adverse affect on how those children view their school experience. The opposite is also true. Part of the success of children and their school experience is related to the messages they get from the adults in their life.*

For further information on how we place students as well as a helpful question and answer for parents, please go to the school website:

<http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>

### **Head Lice**

During the Summer Holiday we will often get break outs of Head Lice. This is due to the fact that families and friends are visiting from all over and children and adults are often exposed during the holiday season. Please take extra caution during holidays! Also be aware, head lice often take up to two weeks to hatch, therefore head lice break outs in September are often due to exposure that occurred during the holiday season.

It is recommended to parents that you ***check your children at home at least once a week!*** If you find any, please treat them immediately and report it to the school so that we can take steps to keep them under control. The school handles any reported cases confidentially.

***More information about head lice and how to control them can be found on our school website (<http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>).*** Thank you in advance for helping with this. Vigilance from the home is the best way to control the spread of head lice. Remember, it isn't enough to just use the shampoo. Some lice are immune - so removal of all the nits (eggs) from the hair after treatment is necessary or they can hatch and re-infest. It only takes one live louse to lay hundreds of eggs.

### **Reverse Lunch**

Juniper will be trying a 'reverse lunch' beginning on Monday, September 12. This means students will be eating *after* the outside break time (as opposed to before they go outside). There is lots of research supporting a reverse lunch model. For more information on a reverse lunch, refer to our website: <http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>

### **Terry Fox Run**

Students will be doing the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 29th. The primary classes will run at 9:45 am on the top field, with the help of Mrs. Swift's students. The intermediate classes will run their usual route at 11:15 pm., with the help of TRU students. Mrs. Swift's class will be collecting "Toonies for Terry" on Monday, September 26th if you wish to make a donation.



### **Safe Arrival**

Our school safe arrival line is 250-434-2263. If your child(ren) will be absent or late, please call that number and leave a message. If we do not hear from you, and your child(ren) are not here when attendance is taken, we will call to make sure they are safe. If you do not wish to take part in this program, please call the school and let us know, or email [bdecker@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:bdecker@sd73.bc.ca).

### **School Supplies**

School supplies may be purchased at the school. By paying a user fee the school will supply all pens, paper etc. for the school year. We encourage parents to use this system as it is economical and provides consistency of materials throughout the classroom. Forms will be sent home next week.

## Lost and Found

Each year we have MANY items that are not claimed in our Lost and Found. To help with this, please be sure to label or write your child's name in their clothing, so we can help return their lost items to them.

## Phone Messages

Due to the high volume of phone messages, we would appreciate that only family emergencies are phoned to the office. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Juniper Ridge - School Calendar 2016/2017

September	6	First Day of School
	23	District Inservice Day
	28	Photo Day
	29	Terry Fox Run
October	10	Thanksgiving Day
	21	District Inservice Day
November	9	Early Closure Day (12:30pm)
	10	Early Closure Day (12:30pm)
	11	Remembrance Day
December	5	District Inservice Day
	19	Winter Break Begins
January	3	First day back
	20	District Inservice Day
February	9	Early Closure Day (12:30pm)
	10	Early Closure Day (12:30pm)
	13	Family Day
	24	District Inservice Day
March	20	Spring Break begins
April	3	First day back
	14	Good Friday
	17	Easter Monday
	24	District Inservice Day
May	15	District Inservice Day
	22	Victoria Day
June	29	Last Day for Students

## Bell Schedule

8:20 - First Warning Bell  
8:30 - Classes Begin  
10:10 - Recess  
10:25 - Classes Resume  
12:05 - Go outside  
12:35 - Come in to eat lunch  
12:54 - Lunch break ends  
2:30 - Dismissal



## Personal Electronic Devices

Cell phones, computers, tablets and recording devices may be used only under the direct supervision of a staff member from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. They may not be used during recess or lunch hours without supervision of a staff member. In case of emergency, children may be reached through the office at 250-374-2305.

## Gym Strip

Students in grades 1-7 require gym strip (T-shirt, shorts or sweat pants, running shoes) for physical education instruction. Students' names should be on their gym strip.

## Medic Alert Conditions

Parents/Guardians of children having potentially life-threatening health care conditions or receiving medication at school are asked to review and sign the necessary forms at the school office. These forms must be up-dated on a yearly basis. Please stop by the office to review your child's forms, if this applies to your family.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS - Important. Please Read!

From this point on, school newsletters will be sent home via email. If you wish to receive newsletters and reminders from the school, please complete and return this form (one form per family). PLEASE print clearly. Alternatively, please email Mrs. Decker at [bdecker@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:bdecker@sd73.bc.ca), and she will add your email address to the list. Newsletters are also posted on our school's website: <http://juniper-ridge.sd73.bc.ca/>

Student names: \_\_\_\_\_

Family email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

## Juniper Ridge School Staff

Principal: Mr. Bowden  
Vice Principal: Mrs. Halland  
Learning Assistance Resource Teacher: Mrs. Hoffer  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Gatien  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Hill  
Kindergarten / Gr 1: Ms. Pineo/Mrs. Vigna-Lawrence  
Grade 1: Ms. Plut  
Grade 1 / 2: Mrs. Storozak  
Grade 2: TBA  
Grade 2: Mrs. Pierce  
Grade 2 / 3: Mrs. Klassen  
Grade 3: Ms. Rymer  
Grade 3 / 4: Mrs. Johnston  
Grade 4: Mrs. Swift  
Grade 4 / 5: Ms. Stonehouse  
Grade 5 / 6: Mrs. Lempriere & Mrs. Kristjanson  
Grade 5 / 6: Mrs. Grimm & Mrs. Kristjanson  
Grade 5 / 6: Mrs. Rein  
Grade 7: Mrs. Simpson  
Grade 7: Mr. Naylor  
Library: Mrs. Gorman  
Music Teacher: Mrs. Powrie  
Certified Education Assistant - Mrs. Guilherme  
Certified Education Assistant - Mrs. Harnett  
Certified Education Assistant - Mrs. Marra  
Certified Education Assistant - Mrs. MacMoneagle  
Certified Education Assistant - Mrs. Turmel  
First Nations Education Worker - Ms. Dickey  
Library Assistant - Mrs. McBurnie  
Secretary: Mrs. Decker  
Custodian - Mr. Iadarola  
Evening Custodian - Mr. Seymour  
Evening Custodian - Ms. Rai

## Juniper Ridge Code of Conduct

Positive human relationships are important to our entire school community. A focus on learning and a feeling of respect for individuals creates the type of school tone that we wish to maintain and promote. Our school *Code of Conduct* outlines the behavioural expectations for our school. It is an important statement that promotes a positive, safe atmosphere in the school. We would appreciate you reviewing it with your children on a regular basis.

1. I have the right to learn in a supportive, learning environment.  
***It is my responsibility to listen to instructions, help others, work quietly, respect cooperative and individual efforts and stay on task.***
2. I have the right to hear and be heard.  
***It is my responsibility to use good manners, appropriate language and a quiet voice.***
2. I have the right to be respected at school.  
***It is my responsibility to be respectful of others, by giving encouragement, being helpful and treating others with dignity.***
3. I have the right to be safe and secure in my school.  
***It is my responsibility to keep my hands, feet and objects to myself, to walk in the school and to respect the privacy and property of others.***

## Welcome back from the PAC!

Welcome back to all staff and students at Juniper Ridge Elementary! We look forward to a fun-filled year at the school. **The first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is Tuesday, September 13th at 6 pm in the library.** All parents are automatically on the Parent Advisory Council and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Child Care is provided. Members of the staff and administration are present to offer support and advice and it is a great chance to learn more about the management and operation of our school. We will be setting budgets and approving our events for the fall. We really hope to see you there!

**September 22nd: Fall Carnival and Birthday Party** – Our Back to School Fall Carnival is coming! As well, we will be unveiling our new playground structure and celebrating Juniper Ridge turning 25 years old! Come on out to play some games, jump in a bouncy castle and have a piece of cake! To help contribute to the day please consider volunteering by clicking on the following link: <http://signup.com/go/xfqcvM>

**September 22nd: The Great Little Coupon Book Fundraiser** - From Thursday, September 22th to Friday October 7th, 2016 the PAC will be fundraising in our community with high-value, local coupon books. The books are available for \$10 and are valid until next August. We are lucky to be one of the first organizations in Kamloops offering these coupon books. The fundraising brochure is located on our website at: <https://jrespac.com/2016/09/07/fundraiser/>

**Hot Lunch Program:** We will be using the online Munch-a-Lunch Program again this year to handle hot lunch ordering and payment. The program will go live within the next week for families to start ordering October, November and December lunches. The list of hot lunches, dates to order and instructions for payment are on the PAC website at: [jrespac.com/hotlunch/](http://jrespac.com/hotlunch/).

**Staying in Touch** - In an effort to connect and communicate with parents and educators, we encourage all parents to sign up for the PAC mailing list and newsletters by e-mailing [juniperridgepac@hotmail.com](mailto:juniperridgepac@hotmail.com) or using the sign up function on our website: [jrespac.com/maillinglist/](http://jrespac.com/maillinglist/). Important links including hot lunch information, movie nights, meeting dates and fundraising initiatives are always available on the PAC website. Opportunities to volunteer, attend meetings and view past meeting minutes are also provided on the website. To stay on top of day-to-day topics throughout the school year, we encourage parents to join our closed Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/574041992660071/>). Weekly reminders will start in early September. We are here to help make the school experience easier and more enjoyable. We strive to answer your questions, direct your concerns and comments to the appropriate people and help to give parents a voice in the school.



## From the Board Meeting of: August 29, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Lois McNary and Dan Howe of Special Olympics British Columbia. A request was received to have our District partner with Special Olympics BC for the 2017 Summer Games to be hosted in Kamloops July 6-9, 2017.
2. The Board received the annual 2016 Summer Learning Report.
3. The Board received the Projected Regular Enrollment Report for 2016-2017.
4. The Board received the International Education Enrollment Report.
5. The Board received the Graduation Survey Results for 2015-2016.
6. The Board approved Capital Project Bylaw AFG #127109.
7. The Board adopted the Revised Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016-2017.
8. The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

