



Ranchero Elementary School



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Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another school year!! These first few days have been wonderful, as so many students arrived at school with smiles on their faces. I know the school staff and I have really missed those smiles, and everyone has enjoyed reconnecting with all of the students.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to Ranchero Elementary. We are enjoying getting to know each of your children and our hope is that they will all feel comfortable and a part of our school very soon.

Even with a great first few days of school, we always seem to have a little bit of chaos and confusion as we sort our class lists and the grade configurations. We have had several new students register, along with our eighteen new Kindergarten students. Unfortunately, several students have moved away over the summer. Our total student population is 131 students. Our enrolment has decreased by 9 students from this time last year. Even with this decrease, the School District has given me permission to hire an additional teacher and create a seventh classroom! In the next section of the newsletter, I've provided a list of the grade configurations and the teachers who will be teaching the classes.

I'm very excited for this school year, as we all continue to see our students grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

Please remember, if you ever have any questions, concerns or just want to chat, feel free to give me a call, stop by the school or e-mail me at jmenzies@sd83.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Joel Menzies
Principal



Staffing at Ranchero Elementary

The students have been placed in their assigned classes for the 2017-2018 school year. The following is a list of current staff members who will be working with your children during the school year:

Office Staff

Secretary	Mrs. Kathy Schmidt
Principal	Mr. Joel Menzies

Teaching Staff

Grade 7/8 (Div. 1)	Miss Katelyn Turner & Mr. Joel Menzies
Grade 5/6 (Div. 2)	Vacant Position
Grade 4/5 (Div. 3)	Mr. Barry MacKay
Grade 3 (Div. 4)	Mrs. Shannon Seed & Ms. Kayla Lam
Grade 2 (Div. 5)	Mrs. Major
Grade 1 (Div. 6)	Mrs. Jennifer Blair
Kindergarten (Div. 7)	Mrs. Reina Tenveen
Learning Resource Teachers	Mrs. Heather Montgomery & Ms. Katrina Lyons
Teacher-Librarian	Mrs. Carole Fleetham
Music Teachers	Mrs. Joan Montgomery (K-5) & Mr. Brad Justason (Gr. 5-8)

Support Staff

Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Donna Wray
Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Janice Ross
Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Jennifer Harper
Certified Education Assistant	Ms. Anne Richardson
Certified Education Assistant	Ms. Alyson Coubrough
Lunch Hour Supervisor	Mrs. Janice Ross
Lunch Hour Supervisor	Mrs. Donna Wray
Custodian	Ms. Mary-Lou Decelle
Area Counselor	Ms. Helen French
Speech/Lang. Pathologist	Ms. Megan Brook
Indigenous Education Worker	Ms. Erica Seymour

Regular School Hours

8:02	Welcoming Bell
8:07	Classes Begin
9:40	Recess
9:55	Classes Resume
11:35	Eating Time, followed by Lunch Recess
12:20	Classes Resume
2:00	Dismissal



Follow-up Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent home on Monday. In the newsletter, there will be lots of important information regarding school routines/procedures, as well as information about consent forms and student fees.

