



# Ranchero Elementary School



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*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun*

## Principal's Message

Thank you for sharing your children with us, each and every day! We truly value the time we spend with the students as we learn together and build memories together. As we work with our students and their families, together we are working towards a learning environment where students are happy and healthy.

I would like to make everyone aware of another significant staffing change, at Ranchero Elementary. After twenty-nine years of teaching at Ranchero Elementary, Mrs. Tenveen has accepted a teaching position at South Canoe Outdoor Learning School. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs. Tenveen, as she can continue to pursue her belief of connecting children to their natural outdoor environment, and she has the exciting opportunity to be part of developing a new outdoor learning program for School District No. 83. This will be a significant contribution to our school district! We would like to wish Mrs. Tenveen all the best as she ventures off on this new journey. She will truly be missed!

Now... with Mrs. Tenveen leaving, we will be engaging in the "post and fill" process. Teachers from SD No. 83 will be able to apply for a teaching position in the K/Gr. 1 classroom, and then Mr. Cumming and I will interview applicants to determine who will be the best fit for our K/Gr. 1 class and Ranchero Elementary. Hopefully, we will be able to make an announcement about the successful candidate before the end of the school year.

Sincerely,

*Joel Menzies*  
Principal



## Saying "Good-bye" is Always Hard

It is always hard to say good-bye at this time of year, to students who will be leaving, as well as staff members.

Several of our Grade 8 students have attended Ranchero Elementary since Kindergarten, and Ranchero Elementary is a big part of their lives. Those Grade 8s who have joined in the last few years have been a welcome addition to our school. We would like to wish **Barbie, Brodie, Sean, Kaci, Cora, Anna, Griffin, Drake, Wyatt, Alex, and Robbie** all the best as they move on to high school and start the next chapter in their learning journeys.

We would also like to say good-bye to those students, and their families, who are moving to new schools or new communities over the summer. We hope your children enjoyed their time at Ranchero Elementary, and we would like to wish each of you all the best in your new endeavors.

A few of our staff members will be leaving Ranchero Elementary. All of these individuals have helped Ranchero Elementary be a wonderful place to learn and teach. We have been very fortunate to have a strong teaching staff and support staff, who always look out for the best interests of all the students. We would like to say good-bye to the following individuals and wish them all the best as they move on to new opportunities, where they will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of children:

**Trina Baum** (temporary contract ends June 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**Hannah Spencer** (temporary contract ends June 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**Mrs. Lyons** (temporary contract ends June 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**Mrs. Lockhart** (temporary contract ends June 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**Ms. Lam** (temporary contract ends June 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**Mr. Landy** (accepted a principalship in Powell River)  
**Mr. Menzies** (transferred to Bastion Elementary)  
**Mrs. Tenveen** (accepted a position at South Canoe Outdoor Learning School)



## Fun Day

Our annual Fun Day will be on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A notice will be sent home the day before, reminding students to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Our final Hot Lunch day will take place on Fun Day. An order form has been sent home and was due today. The students will receive 1 hot dog, 1 piece of watermelon, and 1 bottle of water for the cost of \$3.



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## Recognition Assembly

We are going to try something new this year, and hold a Recognition Assembly on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm. The purpose of this short assembly is to recognize those students who participated in special events and extra-curricular activities throughout the year. We would like to have this assembly separate from the year-end assembly, so we do not feel so rushed at the year-end assembly.

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## Year-end Assembly

Our year-end assembly will be held on the final day of school, Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the assembly at 8:30 am. There will be a year-end slide show and we will say farewell to our Grade 8 students, and some staff members. All family members are welcome and encouraged to attend our final assembly. After the assembly, the students will meet with their teachers, and the teachers will hand out the report cards. **The students will be dismissed at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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## PAC News

A big “thank you” goes out to our PAC executive for all of their hard work and dedication to helping our school be a wonderful place to learn and teach. The PAC executive consists of Kyla Sherman, Angela Ferguson, Kerry Miller, Cathy Optland, and Nicole Sedman. With the support of several parent volunteers, the PAC worked tirelessly to provide our students with monthly hot lunches, books for the classroom libraries, transportation for field trips, iPads, and reading kits.

A special “thank you” goes to Kyla Sherman, Angela Ferguson and Kerry Miller, who will be stepping down from their positions on the PAC executive. They have done a wonderful job of supporting school events and initiatives, as well as providing fun and humour during the PAC meetings.

At June’s monthly PAC meeting, a new PAC executive was determined and I’m please to announce the names of the moms who will continue to do fabulous work with and for our school.

**Cathy Optland** will be the new PAC President;  
**Nicole Sedman** will be the new PAC Vice-President;  
**Jacqui Chesney** will be the new PAC Secretary;  
**Jane Barton** will be the new PAC Treasurer.



## Preventing the “Summer Slide”

Our students work very hard during the school year, and all of them make significant improvements from September to June. Academic, social, and emotional growth are evident in so many of our learners, and we hope everyone takes advantage of various opportunities to continue strengthening their skills over the summer. **Summer is a time to relax, have fun, and seek adventure.** Keeping this in mind, studies have shown that students, who make gains over the school year, do in fact show some regression in their learning when they stop thinking about skills they work so hard to achieve over the year. The term “summer slide” refers to the loss of academic skills. Here are some suggestions to help the students prevent the “summer slide”:

- Continue to use on-line programs like XtraMath, Mathletics and RAZ-Kids. All students who used these programs throughout the school year will continue to have access to these programs during the summer. Teachers will be able to provide you with login information, if your child does not already have that information.
- Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 can join the Okanagan Regional Library’s Summer Reading Club. Parents can take their children to the library and register for this fun program. There are summer programs/events that run through the library, and everything is free!
- Whether or not your child joins the Summer Reading Club, the goal is to try to have him/her read throughout the summer. It is always a benefit when the parents can model good reading habits to their children!
- Children can write various ways about their adventures over the summer. Whether it is writing on paper or an iPad, or creating a journal or scrapbook, children should be encouraged to be creative and write about events/ideas, which are personally interesting.

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## Upcoming Events

June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Tenveen and Mr. Landy’s classes go to the Okanagan Science Centre
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Tenveen’s class to visit “Tenvveen Gardens”
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ranchero Elementary’s Fun Day
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Celebration at 12:30
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8s to visit SAS – Jackson Campus for their Grade 9 Orientation
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Assembly at 12:30
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Tenveen and Miss Turner’s classes to the Allan Brooks Nature Centre
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year-end Assembly at 8:30
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 10:00 (buses will be bring students home at this time)





## Ranchero Elementary School Fee Schedule 2018-2019



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### Permissible Fees:

- Listed below are the permissible school fees in compliance with provincial legislation. A **financial hardship policy** is in place at Ranchero Elementary for families unable to afford school fees. Please contact Mr. Cumming (250.832.7018) for further information. If you would like to work out a payment plan, please contact Kathy Schmidt, the school secretary.

- *Due by Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018*

- **School Supplies (K - Gr.3):** \$35
- **School Supplies (Gr.4 - 6):** \$40
- **School Supplies (Gr.7 - 8)** Students will purchase their own supplies, from a provided list.
- **Student agenda:** \$5 (Agenda replacement: \$5)
- **Grade 8 Combination Lock Rental:** \$3
- **Band:** Instruments can be purchased or rented (privately or through the school district)

### Requested Fees:

- Provincial legislation does not allow schools to charge a mandatory activity fee. Our PAC and staff believe these programs and activities are important for our students. We are requesting parents continue to pay these fees, so these programs can continue. Our ability to provide these programs will depend on the response from parents. Student will not be denied access to a school sponsored program/activity for financial reasons. If circumstances do not permit payment at this point, please contact Mr. Cumming.
  - **Cultural Performance and Activity Fee \$15:** The school district books excellent cultural performances each year for our school and we pay the district \$6 per student for all students enrolled in our school. The activity fee supports various school-wide activities (eg. art fair registration, cross-country registration, etc).
  - **Division 1 Explorations Program Fee \$10:** The fee is used to purchase supplies for the explorations program (wood, glue, clay, etc). Teachers may request additional fees or supplies to enrich curricular activities.
  - **Field Trips:** as determined by teachers (can include transportation, entry fees, accommodation, food, equipment rentals, lift tickets, etc.).

Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Cumming 250.832.7018, if you have any questions regarding fees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support.