



Ranchero Elementary School



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Newsletter # 1

Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another school year! We hope all have had a restful and relaxing summer break. We are looking forward to seeing all grade 1 – 8 students this Tuesday, September 4 at 8:05 am. A reminder that school will be dismissed at 11:00 am on this day and the buses will run 3 hours early. We welcome to Ranchero our Kindergarten students beginning Wednesday, September 5. If you are the parent or guardian of a Kindergarten student, you should have received a phone call or email from Ms. Cooper detailing the gradual entry schedule. I have also included the Gradual Entry Schedule in this newsletter.

We welcome to Ranchero new staff members Ms. Cooper and Mr. Mueller. Ms. Cooper is a highly experienced Primary teacher and most recently taught at North Shuswap Elementary school. Mr. Mueller is also a highly experienced teacher and most recently taught in Northern Alberta. Ms. Cooper will be teaching our Kindergarten / grade one class and Mr. Mueller will be teaching Mrs. Seed's class on Monday and Wednesday and supporting school wide learning with a specific focus on numeracy.

The first day of school is an exciting day for students, parents and staff and we want the year to get off to a great start. At this point, we do not have our classes finalized for this school year. On the first day of school, students will be returning to their classroom from the previous year. Students will line up out front of the school when the welcoming bell goes and staff will lead students to their last year classroom. New students to Ranchero will meet in the office. We hope to have all classes finalized on Tuesday, September 4 and all students in their 2018- 2019 classes on Wednesday, September 5. For those parents and guardians who want to be at school on the first day, coffee and snacks will be available in the Library.

Thank you to all parents who provided input into their child's placement, we will take the information you have provided into account when finalizing our classes. A reminder that several factors are considered when class building and we appreciate your support from home with our final decisions.

As this is my first year at Ranchero, I am very excited for this school year. I am looking forward to learning about all the great activities that support student learning and seeing the growth and progress of all students.

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 dcumming@sd83.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Doug Cumming

Principal

Staffing at Ranchero Elementary

The following is a list of current staff members who will be working with your children during the school year:

Office Staff

Secretary
Principal

Mrs. Kathy Schmidt
Mr. Doug Cumming

Teaching Staff

Grade 7/8 (Div. 1)
Grade 5/6 (Div. 2)
Grade 3/4 (Div. 3)

Miss Katelyn Turner & Mr. Doug Cumming
Mr. Barry MacKay
Mrs. Shannon Seed & Mr. Joel Mueller

Grade 2/3 (Div. 4)	Mrs. Sandra Major
Grade 1/2 (Div. 5)	Mrs. Jennifer Blair
Kindergarten / Grade 1 (Div. 6)	Ms. Teresa Cooper
Learning Resource Teacher	Mrs. Heather Montgomery
Teacher-Librarian	Mrs. Carole Fleetham
Numeracy Support Teacher	Mr. Mueller
Speech Language Pathologist	Mrs. Megan Brooke
Music Teachers	TBA

Support Staff

Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Donna Wray
Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Janice Ross
Certified Education Assistant	Mrs. Jennifer Harper
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	TBA
Indigenous Education Worker	TBA

Regular School Hours

As required by the Ministry of Education grade eight students must receive a minimum of 318 minutes of instruction per day and students in grades K – 7 must receive a minimum of 293 minutes of instruction each day. The schedule below meets the minimum requirements. Thank you to last year's grade seven students for providing input into the bell schedule. As this is the first year the 318 minutes of instruction is being met for grade 8 students we may make changes.

Grade K – 7

8:05	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

Grade 8

8:05	Welcoming Bell
8:07	Classes Begin
9:40	Nutrition break in class
11:40	Eating time, followed by Lunch Recess
12:20	Classes Resume
2:05	Dismissal

Email Communication with Families and School Webpage

As in past years, in an effort to increase communication between school and homes and reduce paper we will be emailing newsletters home to parents and guardians. **Please ensure that the office has an email address for your home and that your email address on file at the school is current.** If you do not have an email address, please let the office know and we will send home a paper copy with your child. The next newsletter will be emailed to all homes on Friday, September 7. Regular newsletters will be emailed home the first Monday of each month.

School events and activities will be posted to our school webpage. Please take time to save the website address in your favorites!

<https://ran.sd83.bc.ca/>

Important Dates

September 4	First day of school for grade 1 – 8 students -dismissal at 11:00 am
September 5	First full day of school, Kindergarten students begin gradual entry
September 6	CHEQ survey for Kindergarten parents at 8:10 am in Computer lab
September 6 -14	Kindergarten students attend part days
September 17	Curriculum Implementation Day - Students do not attend
September 18	Kindergarten Students attend full day
September 20	<i>Welcome Back BBQ – 5 pm</i>
September 27	Terry Fox Run, more information home to follow on this
September 28	Orange Shirt Day, more information home to follow on this
October 5	Non-Instructional day – students do not attend

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wednesday, September 5	8:07	9:55
Thursday, September 6	8:07	9:55
Friday, September 7	8:07	11:35
Monday, September 10	8:07	11:35
Tuesday, September 11	8:07	11:35
Wednesday, September 12	8:07	11:35
Thursday, September 13	8:07	11:35
Friday, September 14	8:07	11:35
Monday, September 17	Pro D Day – Students do not attend	
Tuesday, September 18	8:07	2:00

