



# Ranchero Elementary School

## School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)



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*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun*

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### Principal's Message

Thank you for all of your support from home to start the school year. Fall is here and the mornings are cool. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather – rain jackets, hats, gloves and boots if necessary. Morning supervision starts at 7:40 am and students wait outside until the morning bell at 8:02 am. If it is colder than -10 students are allowed to come in to the school. For students who may have missed breakfast or need food to start the day the Breakfast room is open. The Breakfast room this year is beside Miss Turner's class. The entrance is at the student entrance door at the back of the school. If students use the Breakfast program, we will notify parents and guardians by placing a sticker in the planner. Thank you to Jackie Chesney, Nadine Christy, Debbie Kenoras, Cathi Optland and Michelle Gudjonson for volunteering their time in the Breakfast room.

Reminder to all families to call the office if your child is going to be late or absent to school. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. Any after school messages please call the school prior to 1:30 pm or be sure to write the message in your child's planner.

An informal progress report will be sent home to all families between October 10 - 19. As always, if at any time you have a concern with your child's educational progress please contact your child's teacher or me at the school. The first formal report, which is a Parent / Student / Teacher conference, will be on November 22. More information on how to sign up for your child's conference will be sent to all homes in early November.

The Terry Fox Run took place at Ranchero on September 27. Thank you to all families who donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Half of the funds raised this year also went to the Krawczyk family. The total funds raised this year was over \$200.

On September 28 we also took time to recognize Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt day is designed to acknowledge the 150 000 school aged First Nations, Inuit and Metis children who were forcibly removed from their families and land in order for them to attend residential schools from 1830 – 1990.

A few weeks ago, Dielman's fundraising magazines and order forms were sent home. This school fundraiser helps pay for the Mathletics program and other learning resources. Please share with friends and family as every order helps. **All Dielman's orders are due back to the school office after the Thanksgiving long weekend by Friday, October 12.**

Thank you for your continued support from home with your child's learning!

Sincerely,

*Doug Cumming*  
Principal

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### School Fees Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that school supply and activity fees are now overdue.

Kathy has sent out receipts and statements regarding fees to those families who have or have not not paid their fees. Please fill in on the statement your choice or make a payment and return it to the office. Thank you to those who have paid fees already. All fees directly support student learning.

## Individual Student Photos

Mountain West Studios will be at Rancho Elementary on Wednesday, October 10. Please ensure your child(ren) does not wear green on Photo Day, as this causes issues with the “green screen” that is used for the background. Be sure to have the children practice those smiles!!



## Communicating Student Learning

The BC Ministry of Education and our School District are implementing the renewed curriculum and reporting documents that better meet the needs of families. Our goal is to provide parents with a better way of understanding where their children are at in their learning journey.

Again this year, report cards will have a scale that will inform parents and guardians on their child’s achievement in subject areas. The scale will be: emerging, developing, applying and extending. Descriptions of the four point scale are as follows:

### **Emerging:**

Work does not yet meet grade level expectations;  
Student may show evidence of progress toward learning standards;  
Requires on-going support.

### **Developing:**

Work meets grade level expectations at a minimal level;  
Student can understand the learning standards at a basic level or in familiar situations;  
Requires some support.

### **Applying:**

Work meets grade level expectations;  
Student consistently applies understanding and demonstrates learning in a variety of situations;  
Student generally works independently.

### **Extending:**

Work exceeds grade level expectations;  
Student consistently applies understanding and demonstrates learning in a variety of situations;  
Student independently takes initiative to extend their own learning and understanding.

**There will be no letter grades for students in grades K – 8.**

Part of this change involves increased opportunities for parents to meet formally with teachers to discuss their child’s progress and a specific goal. To accommodate this change, the district will schedule an early dismissal day on November 22 to provide time for scheduled parent/student/teacher conferences.

These conferences will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s report card and their child’s areas of strength and needs and set learning goals for their child’s continued academic and behavioral growth. There will be a suggested goal talked about at this conference.

The format for conferencing will be as follows:

1. Discuss the child’s progress this school year. (5 minutes)
2. Do you have an area of need that you would like us to focus on? Create a goal based upon that need, including a method of measurement (10 minutes).
3. What will the classroom teacher do, student do, and parent do to help the child achieve their goals? Set a timeline to achieve goals -most likely next term (5 minutes).

We know that community-building and establishing strong relationships between home and school are what promote learning in the most fundamental way. Therefore, dedicating two hours of learning time over the course of a school year to Parent/Teacher/Student meetings is a valuable use of time. Research indicates that this method of reporting was found to be more meaningful and informative for teachers, parents, and students.

Timeline for Reporting Student Progress to Parents 2018-2019	
September 20	Welcome Back BBQ – Thanks PAC <b>Thanks for attending!</b>
October 10 - 19	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <b>(informal report #1)</b>
November 22	Reporting Conferences (parent/student/teacher) Early dismissal at 11:40 am <b>(formal report #1)</b>
February 28	Written Report Sent home <b>(formal report #2)</b>
March/April	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <b>(informal report #2)</b>
June 27	Written Summative report sent home <b>(formal report #3)</b>

\*Please note there will be two formal written reports home this year; the first in February and the second in June\*

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## Volleyball

A very keen group of Grade 5/6/7/8 students have begun their volleyball season. Practices take place every Monday and Wednesday after school, where the students have been developing their skills and knowledge of the game of volleyball. We're looking forward to seeing our students play against other schools, such as Falkland, Silver Creek, Len Wood and Grindrod. **Thank you to Mr. Mueller for coaching the volleyball team this year!**




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## Halloween Coin Carnival

Ranchero Elementary will be having its Halloween celebration on Wednesday, October 31. The students will be invited to wear their costumes to school, for the morning only. At Lunch, the students will have a chance to change into their regular clothes. After Lunch, we will hold our annual Halloween Coin Carnival. The teachers and the Grade 7/8 students will organize and run several fun carnival style games for the students to enjoy. Information that is more detailed will be sent home, closer to October 31.

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## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

All parents, with children in the public school system automatically become members of the school's Parent Advisory Council. Please feel free to join the PAC executive, on **Monday, October 15 at 6:30**, to show your interest and learn more about this vital part of our school community.



A big "thank you" goes to our PAC executive and parent volunteers who helped to ensure our Ranchero Family BBQ was a success!! It's wonderful to have the opportunity to bring the whole school community together – thank you!!

## On the Horizon

The school calendar can be found at:

<https://ran.sd83.bc.ca/school-calendar/>

