



# Ranchero Elementary School



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**Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun**

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## Principal's Message

School District #83 students' artwork will be on display at the Piccadilly Mall in Salmon Arm from March 1 – 8. We are very proud of the artwork our students have completed. Look for the Ranchero display in the mall, the art on display is worth the trip to the mall. Thank you to Mrs. Blair for her time organizing this event.

Schools in our District will be closed for two weeks, from Monday, March 18 through Friday, March, 29. Students return to school on Monday, April 1 (this is not an April fools day joke!). Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

A reminder to all parents and guardians, the next formal report will be home at the end of the school year in June. A second informal report will be sent home following Spring Break. As always, at any time please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns with your child's progress at school.

The redesigned curriculum, with its focus on Big Ideas, Core Competencies, Curricular Competencies, and Essential content, is intended to be an enabling framework, giving teachers space and flexibility to innovate. The curriculum design respects the unique nature of disciplines while supporting cross-curricular learning. Redesigned provincial curriculum supports student-driven, inquiry-based approaches to teaching and learning by placing an increased focus on concepts and content that address "real-world" issues and problems. In this newsletter we highlight the core competencies. It is important that parents know that students, over their years at Ranchero, will be completing self-assessments on the core competencies. The self-assessment process for students will be taught and explained by our teachers and reported on the final report in June.

On behalf of the students and staff of Ranchero Elementary, I would like to thank Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union for their generous support of \$1500 to support the purchase of new cross-country ski equipment for Ranchero students. SASCU's generous support makes it possible for even more of our students to participate.

I also want to express my appreciation of your support for the Pirate Loppet committee and their work. They have been an active partner in supporting our students with financial support from SASCU and with their hard work in organizing the Pirate Loppet. Thank you Pirate Loppet committee and all volunteers!

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support from home with your child's learning.

Sincerely,

*Doug Cumming*

Principal

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**Important Dates – All dates are on the Ranchero Website home page and at:**

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

- March 5 Ready, Set, Learn at 1:00 pm, in the Library
- March 10 Daylight Savings – clocks move ahead 1 hour
- March 15 Last day prior to Spring Break
- April 1 School reopens from Spring Break
- **April 11** **Renewed Curriculum Presentation for Parents – 6 pm at Shuswap Middle**
- April 19 Good Friday – Students do not attend
- April 22 Easter Monday – Students do not attend
- April 23 Professional Development Day – Students do not attend
- May 17 Professional Development Day – Students do not attend

## Curriculum Night at Shuswap Middle on Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm

All Rancho parents and guardians are invited to attend a presentation on how the new curriculum is being taught in our School District. There will be a presentation by School District staff as well as presentations by School District teachers. A Gallery of student work that reflects the new curriculum will also be on display. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

## 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 our next **PAC meeting on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 pm**. If you are interested in becoming involved with the PAC this year, please attend this meeting to show your interest and learn more about this vital part of our school community.



## Ready, Set, Learn

Ready, Set, Learn is coming to Rancho Elementary on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 pm. Ready, Set, Learn is a free early learning event for families and caregivers with preschool-aged children who are 3, 4, or 5 years old. All families who attend will receive free books and a kit of materials/resources to help support their children's early learning experiences. All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event by calling Rancho Elementary at 250.832.7018. The School District's early learning coordinator, Jen Findlay, will facilitate the event.



## Core Competencies in the Renewed Curriculum

The three Core competencies that students will be completing self-assessments on over their years at MV Beattie are:

**Communication** -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

**Thinking** - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

**Personal and Social** - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

To view more about the Core competencies there is a Ministry of Education You tube video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uP4ndQ5ckoY&list=PLxJp08koqUATdJ7psQWr83ivs5nY\\_oqGH&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uP4ndQ5ckoY&list=PLxJp08koqUATdJ7psQWr83ivs5nY_oqGH&index=2)

**Thank You SASCU for you generous donation of \$1500 to purchase New Ski Equipment for Rancho Students! Thank you Pirate Loppet Committee and Parents Volunteers!**



### **Dress Code Reminder: The Warmer Weather May be is on Its Way**

As the weather begins to warm up, please take the time to review the School District Dress Code with your child. Thank you for your support from home with this and in keeping the school a respectful and safe learning environment.

***Dress Code:***

The North Okanagan-Shuswap School District expects all students to dress in a respectful manner, which is appropriate and conducive to a positive as well as safe learning environment.

Appropriate dress is considered that which:

- Is safe;
- Is free of any reference which promotes alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism/discrimination, sex and/or violence;
- Is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting;
- Is similar to office or retail workplace attire.
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*Students who do not meet dress code expectations will be required to replace or cover up inappropriate articles of clothing (school will provide clothing), and / or will be sent home to change then return to school.*

