



Ranchero Elementary School



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Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun

Principal's Message

The Ranchero PAC has continued to support students and staff in many important ways. Thank you to the PAC for purchasing the new Laminator earlier this year. The Staff loves it! The PAC also supported year-end class field trips with PAC raised funds. The PAC earlier this year also supported our swim lessons for grade K – 4 students and the Grade 5 – 8 Winter Recreation trips to Silver Star. Thank you to our PAC executive for all of your support this year. The Ranchero PAC executive is Cathy Optland, Nicole Sedman, Jane Barton, Victoria Derby and Kerry Miller.

I have had a few calls from local residents concerned about traffic during peak times of the day. The area around the school is most busy from 7:40 – 8:15 am and 1:45 – 2:15 pm. This is when students are biking and walking to and from school and the school buses are on the road. I am asking all parents and guardians to show extra caution during these times of the day. The speed limit in the school zone is 30 Kilometers per hour. Driving this limit from Mellor's to the school will help keep all safe. I have had specific concerns with drivers not fully stopping at the stop sign on the intersection of Ranchero Drive and Hudson Road. With students biking, walking, and the roads being busy, please take the time to complete a full stop at this intersection.

Each Tuesday morning there is a school wide assembly in which all staff and students attend. We as a staff have let students know that if they are riding to and from school they must wear a helmet. We have also reviewed the rules of the road for riding, walking, and encouraged students to walk on the left side of the road and ride on the right side.

All Ranchero teaching staff is on duty at the end of each school day. Students, walking or biking, are consistently reminded to be safe and follow the rules of the road. Bike riders are not dismissed from Ranchero on their bikes until the school buses have departed, again for safety reasons. We remind students not ride bikes on the school property and that student's use the sidewalk and not to walk through the school parking lot. Thank you to staff, parents/ guardians and community members for doing their part in ensuring students are safe on the roads in our community.

School staff around the province, School District # 83 and here at Ranchero have been working with students and educating them on the Core competencies that have been developed based on the Ministry of Education vision of an "Educated Citizen". These underpin the renewed curriculum being implemented in BC schools. The competencies are Communication, Thinking and Social Responsibility. All students will have completed one or more of the core competency self-evaluations by the end of the school year. Teachers will communicate on the final report card the core competency for which your child completed a self-evaluation. The student's self-evaluation may not be included in the final report because a self-evaluation may not be in written form (it could be a play, an oral presentation, spoken reflection, a question, photo, etc.). It is important to note that teachers do not evaluate students on the core competencies as mandated by the Provincial Reporting Order. The process of student self-evaluation is a very important part of their continuous learning.

Many students have been cross-country running with Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Blair, Hannah Spencer and Ally Coubrough . The School District Cross Country Meet is on Wednesday, May 9 in Salmon Arm at Little Mountain Park. We wish all of our runners' success at this meet. Track and Field practice will begin soon! We are looking forward to the School District Track Meet on June 4 in Salmon Arm.

We are class planning for next school year! If your family has attended Ranchero this year, and you are relocating to another school next year, please call Kathy in the office and let us know. There is information in this newsletter regarding student placement for next year, please note the May 24 deadline for parent requests for placement. Let us know if you have any questions regarding any information on this newsletter.

The School District has set the calendar for the 2019 – 2020 school year. It can be found here:
<https://sd83.bc.ca/2019/03/14/2019-2020-calendar-set/>

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

Sincerely,
Doug Cumming
Principal

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

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

- May 6 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in Library
- May 9 School District Cross Country Meet at Little Mountain
- May 9 PAC Hanging Baskets orders picked up at Rancho between 2 – 3 pm
- May 9 The Magnificent Thing Open House 5:30 – 7 pm
- May 16 RAN Run – parents and guardians are invited
- May 17 Professional Development Day – Students do not attend
- May 20 Victoria Day – Students do not attend
- May 24 Last day for class placement request for 2019 – 2020
- May 27 Kindergarten Orientation – 12:30 pm
- May 30 Class photo day
- May 31 Spring Parent / Guardian Appreciation Tea
- June 4 School District Track and Field meet at Little Mountain
- June 5 – 7 Division One to Eagle Bay Camp
- June 21 School Wide Fun Day
- June 25 Student Recognition Assembly
- June 27 Year End Celebration Assembly at 9 am – Students dismissed at 10 am

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, May 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.



Classroom Placement for 2019 – 2020

With projecting our student enrolment for the school year, 2019 – 2020 it presents, as we will have the following grade configurations:

Kindergarten / Grade 1
Grade 1 / 2
Grade 2 / 3
Grade 4 / 5
Grade 5 / 6
Grade 7 / 8

This may change depend on if new students arrive or current students move. It is important to note that we will do our best for each Division to meet the student placement criteria listed below. If your child is placed in the lower grade of a two-grade class this is not a reflection of their previous academic ability. Just as we have done in previous years, we will strive to create classes that best meet the needs of all students.

Student Placement:

A group comprised of the child's present teacher, other teachers who have been involved in the student's learning, along with the administrative staff, carefully discusses the placement of each child. The resulting placement will take into account the whole child.

The following factors are considered when grouping students:

- Class composition including special needs/requirements
- Social and behavioural issues
- Diversity in development (academic, social, emotional)
- Physical/social maturation

- Siblings and relations
- Friendships / peer relations
- Gender balance
- Teacher-learner compatibility
- Class size
- Parent information

Requests for classroom placement must be in writing (email OK) to Mr. Cumming by **May 24, 2019.**

We will do all that we can to accommodate parent requests but the *final decision must remain with the school team that decides the best educational placement for each child.* Thank you for your support from home in honouring our final decisions.

Students will report to last year's classroom on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3. We will attempt to have students in their regular classrooms by Wednesday, September 4, but some changes may need to happen depending on new students moving to our area and present students moving out of our area. As was done this past school year, we plan to let students know of their 2019 – 2020 class on the morning of Wednesday, September 4.

Thank you for your support from home with this process.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry for September 2019

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Date	Start Time	End Time
Wednesday, September 4	8:05	9:55
Thursday, September 5	8:05	9:55
Friday, September 6	8:05	9:55
Monday, September 9	8:05	11:35
Tuesday, September 10	8:05	11:35
Wednesday, September 11	8:05	11:35
Thursday, September 12	8:05	11:35
Friday, September 13	8:05	11:35
Monday, September 16	8:05	2:00
Tuesday, September 17	8:05	2:00

Lost and Found Items

Lost and found clothing, gloves and hats are on display in the school hallway outside the office. We have encouraged students to look through the items. Any items unclaimed by Friday, May 10 will be donated to a local thrift store.

