



Ranchero Elementary School



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Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun

Principal's Message

All of the staff have certainly enjoyed the first weeks of school as they have welcomed their students for the year. We have missed the students and are grateful to have them back. The teachers and support staff have commented on how well the students have settled into new routines and expectations in classes and around the school. We are all doing our part.

Students will be receiving support and instruction on the new daily routines that are in place. If at any time you have any questions or concerns with the current return to school routines please email me at dcumming@sd83.bc.ca or call me at the school.

At this time we are asking all parent / guardian visitors to not enter classrooms without an appointment. If you need to pick up your child early or are dropping off late please call the school and let Kathy know. For office inquiries at the school we now have a new office window that is just inside the front entrance to the right. Please sanitize hands and complete the visitor health check upon entering the front entrance prior to talking with Kathy. Your support with this is appreciated.

At the start of the school day we are asking students to wait in their designated areas by cohort. Students in Mr. Kroeker and Mr. Mueller's classes having been doing a great job waiting out back of the school by their classroom doors. Students in Mr. Mackay and Mrs. Seed / Ms. Allen's classes are to wait on the north side of the school outside their classroom entrances. Students in Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Blair classes can line up outside their classes. Mrs. Mueller's students and parents are asked to wait out front of the school until the 8:02 am bell rings.

There is important information in the newsletter on Personal Consent Forms that need to complete each year. Please complete this process by September 30. If you would like paper copies please let us know and we will send some copies home to you.

Thank you for your continued support from home, it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Doug Cumming
Principal

Important Dates:

September 23 PAC meeting at 6 pm in Library

September 29 Terry Fox run by cohorts

September 30 Orange Shirt Day – All students encouraged to wear Orange to school

October 12 Thanksgiving Day – Students do not attend

October 23 Pro D day – students do not attend

October 27 Student photo day

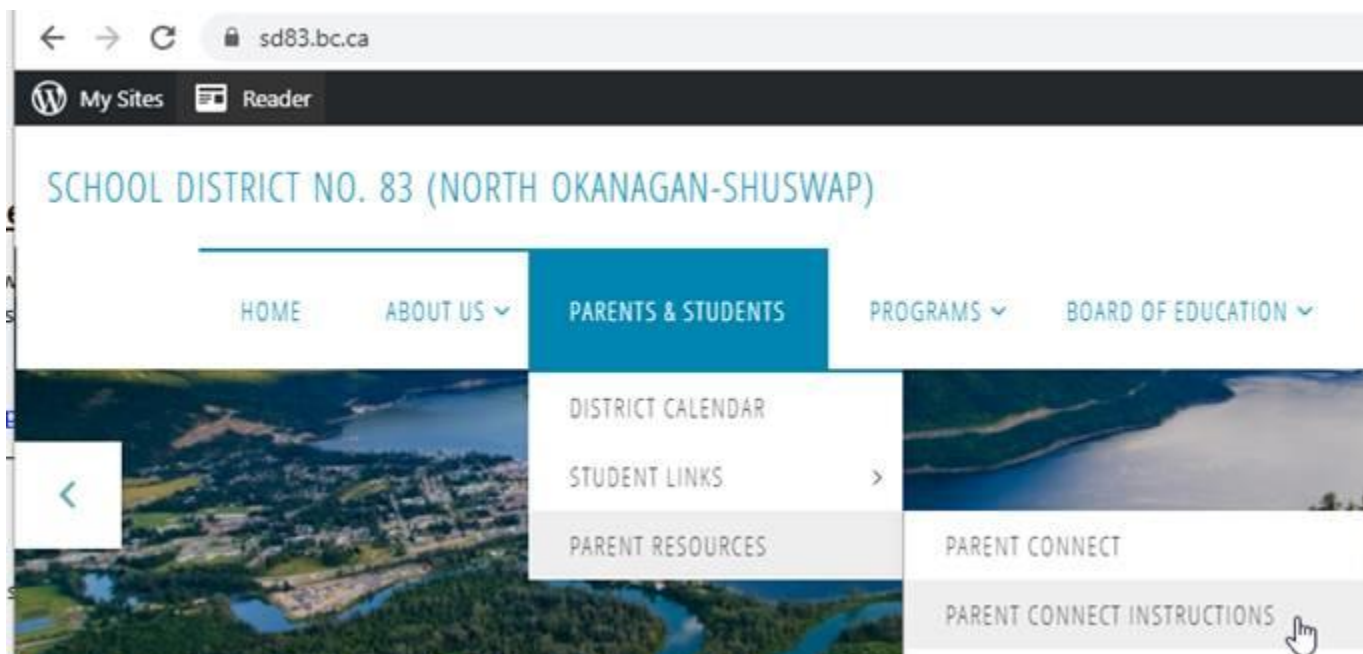
Personal Consent Forms

Last week, each family received an email from Mr. Cumming on how to complete Personal Consent Forms on line through Parent Connect. Please carefully review the forms, and complete each section. These forms are extremely important to ensure all students have permission to participate in certain events. **Please note that for the verification Form we have sent hard copies home as this cannot be completed on line.** Please complete both sides and return to your child's teacher.

If you require paper copies please email or call the school.

Personal Consent Forms need to be complete by September 30.

Instructions on Personal consent forms can be found here:



Forms that can be completed through Parent Connect: <https://parentconnect.sd83.bc.ca>

1. Parent Information Code of Conduct
2. Parent Personal Information Consent
3. Student Daily Health Check Form (NEW for September 2020)
4. Parent Outside Media Consent
5. Parent Network Permission (Parent Wifi permission – student consent required in Student Connect as well)
6. Verification Form (contact information verification)
7. myBlueprint Consent
8. Walking Parent Permission
9. District Cloud Services Consent
10. Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) permission form (for each parent/guardian)

A direct link to the instructions is here:

https://sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ParentConnectInstructions2020_09.pdf

School Newsletters

We want to keep you informed of school activities and events. School newsletters will be available to families during the first Monday of each month. Newsletters will be e-mailed to families. The school newsletters will also be available on the school website. Our goal is to reduce the amount of paper distributed by the school, so we would like to encourage as many families as possible to receive newsletters via e-mail. Of course, families who do not have access to e-mail will receive a paper copy of the newsletter.



Very Important... if you do not have access to the Internet and require a paper copy of the school newsletter, please call the school or write a note letting Mr. Cumming and Kathy to let us know you want to receive paper copies.

No Nuts Please in Mrs. Seed / Ms. Allen's class and Mrs. Blair's class

We have students in Mrs. Seed / Ms. Allen and Mrs. Blair's classes who have severe allergies to nuts. For some of these students, the allergy is so severe, even the odor of peanuts can cause constricting of the bronchial tubes, and require immediate use of an epipen and hospitalization.

We are requesting parents in these classes not send nut products to school with their children. If we all do our part, we can keep everyone healthy and safe. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

School Website

The school website can be found at <https://ran.sd83.bc.ca/> . Our website is consistently updated. The school's on-line calendar will be kept up to date, showing upcoming school events and days that students are not in session.

Scent Considerate School

The school district has adopted a regulation regarding chemical fragrances. We are asking all staff, students and parents to be **scent considerate**. Scents can cause serious health problems for people with allergies, multiple chemical sensitivities and asthma. If you have any questions regarding chemical fragrances, please feel free to pick-up a brochure from the school.



"No Scents Make Good Sense"

Inside Shoes

To assist with keeping our school clean and children safe from injury, all students are asked to remove outside shoes and wear inside shoes at all times when they are in the school. The summer custodians did a wonderful job of giving our school floors a nice shine. Let's all do our part to keep the floors looking this way! A pair of runners would be the best choice for inside shoes, as they provide the best support during PE activities. Slippers, sandals, and Crocs do not provide the same safety and support as runners during physical activity.

School Supplies and Fees

The school fee schedule will be emailed to all homes soon and will be available on the school website. Thanks for your patience as we adjust our fees for this school year. School fees are due October 1. **This year we have added Etransfer and Visa / MasterCard to our payment methods.**

Please keep in mind that a **financial hardship policy** is in place at Rancho Elementary for families unable to afford school fees. Please contact Mr. Cumming for further information. If you do not pay your fees and you have not contacted Mr. Cumming to discuss the financial hardship policy, you will receive regular reminders to pay the supply and activity fees.

Individual Student Photographs

Practice those smiles, as Mountain West Photography is scheduled to visit our school on **October 27**. **Retakes have not been scheduled at this time.**

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

All parents, with children in the public school system automatically become members of the school's Parent Advisory Council. The staff and students of Rancho Elementary would like to thank the PAC for all of their contributions to help make our school the best school possible!



Our PAC executive consists of the following supportive people:

- ▶ Cathy Optland – President
- ▶ Nicole Sedman– Vice President
- ▶ Jane Barton- Treasurer
- ▶ Victoria Derby– Secretary

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Custody

If there are legal issues regarding your child's custody, please bring the up to date legal documentation and photos to the school office. With this information, we can develop any necessary safety plans.

Keeping you informed on important Dates so you can plan.....

The school calendar can be found at: <https://ran.sd83.bc.ca/school-calendar/>

