



# Ranchero Elementary School



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*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun*

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The First Formal Report this year will be **VIRTUAL** student / parent / teacher conferences. ***Students will be dismissed at 11:05am on Thursday, November 19. Buses will run 3 hours early. Included with this newsletter are directions on how to log onto Parent Connect to book your parent / student / teacher TELEPHONE conference time for November 19. Sign up will open on Friday, November 6.*** This is an important part of how we will be communicating your child's progress to date this year. 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. Your support from home with your child's learning is very much appreciated. Information on changes to reporting (communicating student learning) is included in this newsletter.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremonies this year are on Tuesday, November 10. As with many other activities, these will be done by student cohort groupings. The Golden Eagles (Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Blair and Ms. Cooper's classes) will be at 10:45 am. The Wolf Pack ceremony (Mr. Kroeker and Mr. Mueller) will be at 12:30 pm and the Bears ceremony (Mr. MacKay and Mrs. Seed) will be at 1:15 pm. As this is a very meaningful ceremony, we are requesting that students dress semi-formal on this school day. In past years parents and guardians have been invited to this ceremony. For this school year we are asking parents and guardians not to attend school ceremonies, but to take time at home to remember and commemorate Remembrance Day.

A reminder to all parents and guardians that schools will be closed in School District No. 83 on Monday, November 11 in Lieu of Remembrance Day and on Friday, November 20 for a Professional Development Day.

Winter concerts will look different this year. As large groupings are not allowed at this time, concerts will not take place with parents / guardians in the school. As it is at this point we are planning to have concerts by cohort as we are doing for Remembrance Day Ceremonies. The classes will be informally performing for each other during the day. We will keep all families up to date as how Winter Concerts will look in late November.

Thank you to all families who supported the school Terry Fox Run this year. Together we raised \$382 that will go to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you to Kathy for organizing and leading the Dielman Fundraiser again this year. This raised over \$500 for the school to help support Athletics and RAZ kids. Thank you to those who ordered.

Thank you to Ms. Billiard for organizing a Book Fair that will take place at the school November 9 – 19. Each Learning Cohort will have a day after school to come into the Library to purchase books:

- Wolf Pack on Friday, November 13 from 2 – 4 pm
- Golden Eagles on Monday, November 16 from 2 – 4 pm
- Bears on Wednesday, November 18 from 2 – 4 pm

Safety protocols will be in place that will include health checks, sanitizing hands and masks being worn. Books will also be available to purchase on Line:

### **Ranchero Elementary School, CODE #3906:**

Virtual BOOKFAIR LINK:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5139003>

Thank you for your continued support from home.

Sincerely,

*Doug Cumming*

## Communicating Student Learning on November 19

Student / Parent / Teacher conferences will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's learning 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 in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy (10 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 .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. **Thank you for signing up for a conference time. Your child's teacher will call you at your scheduled time.**

<b>Timeline for Reporting Student Progress to Parents 2020-2021</b>	
<b>September 26</b>	Welcome Back BBQ – Thanks PAC <i>Did not happen - Looking forward to 2021</i>
<b>October 13 - 22</b>	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <i>(informal report #1)</i>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>TELEPHONE / TEAMS</b> Reporting Conferences (parent/student/teacher) Early dismissal at 11:05 am <i>(formal report #1)</i>
<b>February 24</b>	Written Report Sent home <i>(formal report #2)</i>
<b>March/April</b>	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <i>(informal report #2)</i>
<b>June 24</b>	Written Summative report sent home <i>(formal report #3)</i>

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

### Parent Connect Logon Instructions: *Opens Friday, November 6.*

#### Step 1 – Find Parent Connect

- A. Go to Rancho Elementary Home Page - [www.ran.sd83.bc.ca](http://www.ran.sd83.bc.ca)
- B. Scroll Over **Information For...** drop-down menu
- C. Scroll over **Parents**, and then select **SD #83 Parent Connect**

#### Step 2 - Log into Parent Connect

- a) Enter your email (the one the school has on file), select a student and enter your password.
- b) If you cannot remember your password or you have not yet set up a password, click on the "Forgot my Password" link to receive your log in information by email.

*Note: If you cannot log in, it is most likely because the school does not have your current email address. Please contact the office to update this information.*

#### Step 3 – Select the Interview Tab and Parent interview Schedule

- a) Select an interview time with your child's teacher.
- b) Save your entry

#### Step 4 – Repeat the process for siblings.

## 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 November 18 at 6:30 pm.**



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### Healthy Bites: Dinnertime Blues

Feeding children can be a demoralizing experience, especially with young children. But there is light at the end of the tunnel— with years of practice, children do learn to eat a variety of foods and mealtimes do get easier. Here are some strategies for survival:

- **Be Prepared:** Creating a weekly meal plan is a great strategy to reduce mealtime stress. It allows you to have ingredients on-hand, meat defrosted and left-overs on days that you know will be busy. Meal plans can also save you money.
  - **Come to the table hungry (but not hangry):** Hungry kids are always better eaters. Sometimes poor behaviour at supper results from too much snacking after school.
  - **Overtired children:** School can be an overwhelming experience, especially for young children. Add day care or after school activities, and it can be a recipe for disaster. Children eat better when they are relaxed and rested. Consider earlier meal times or reducing scheduled activities.
  - **Check-in with yourself:** Stressed parents usually result in stressed children. If patience is gone by dinner time, find a strategy for self-regulation. This could mean enjoying a glass of wine, allowing yourself some space from your children while you cook dinner, or, worst-case scenario, locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes of meditation!
  - **Try stick to a routine:** Routine and consistency around mealtimes is another great strategy. When children know what to expect, and how they are expected to behave, it helps reinforce positive mealtime behaviours.
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### On the Horizon

A few things to keep in mind ...

- **Hot Lunch Day November 26**
- **Photo Re takes on November 26 at 8:30 am**
- Spirit wear orders will arrive the week of December 14 - 18
- Last day of classes, before the Winter Break, will be Friday, December 18
- Rancho 2000 Time Capsule opened on Friday, December 18 – More information to follow
- Classes are back in session on Monday, January 4
- Silver Star Winter Recreation Program for Division 1 and 2 students will not be happening this year as the Mountain is not offering the program
- Information on Primary swim lessons will be communicated in January. The plan at this time is to have swim lessons in May

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