



# Ranchero Elementary School



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*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun*

## Principal's Message

Thank you to all Ranchero families and staff for their exceptional and amazing support this year. Everyone has contributed and been supportive and kind with a continued focus on students and their well being. Ranchero students have continued to be the amazing, supportive and kind students they are throughout the pandemic. Thank you to all for the amazing support!

Recent news has given the indication that September 2021 will look different than this past school year for students and there is hope that school will return to look like it did prior to the pandemic. We will communicate with all families in late August as to how school will look to start the school year.

We are hosting a "Parking Lot" celebration for our grade 8 students and their families on Thursday, June 24 at 9:30 am. We want to thank and recognize these students for being excellent positive role models for all our students over this school year. The students have been encouraging, led by positive example and have contributed greatly to a positive school culture. We will miss having our grade 8 students at Ranchero. We wish all of our grade 8 students best of luck as they move onto JL Jackson campus of Salmon Arm Secondary; we know you will do amazing!

Final Report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, June 24. For students not in attendance on these days we will mail home the final report cards. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, teachers will be available Friday, June 25 to talk with parents and guardians.

Mrs. Mueller will be hosting our Welcome to Kindergarten on Tuesday, June 8 at 10:30 am. This will be an outside event. All families of September 2021 Kindergarten students are invited.

There will be a slight change to our bell schedule next year to ensure we meet the required instructional minutes. Our start of day will remain with the first bell at 8:05 am. Our end of day will be two minutes later and will now be at 2:09 pm for grade K – 6 and at 2:14 pm for our grade 7/8 class as they are on secondary school instructional minutes.

Thank you to all families again for your support over the past school year.

Sincerely,

*Doug Cumming*

Principal

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

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

- June 8 Welcome to Kindergarten for our September 2021 families – 10:30 am in the Ranchero Parking Lot
- June 15 School Wide field trip to North Fork Wild
- June 17 Grade 8 visit to JL Jackson
- June 18 School FUN Day in Cohorts
- June 24 Grade 8 Celebration at 9:30 am in Ranchero Parking lot
- June 24 Last day for all students. Dismissal at 11 am – buses run 3 hours early
- August 31 New Student registration Day - Office open 8:30 am – 2 pm
- September 7 Schools Open – Opening Bell at 8:02 am and students dismissed at 11 am

## Staffing Update

Currently, we have only one known change to our staffing next year. Mrs. Seed will be returning to the grade 3/4 class full time and so Ms. Allen may not be on our staff next year. We thank Ms. Allen for her dedication and support of Rancho students and their learning over the past year.

We will keep all homes up to date with any new staff or returning as this process continues.

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## Class Placements for 2021 – 2022

Thank you for all parents who submitted class placement request prior to the May 24 deadline. ***Students will go to their last year classroom on the first day of school, September 7, in case we need to move students or change our grade divisions.*** On Wednesday, September 8, we hope to let the students know their class placement for the 2021- 2022 school year. We will keep all homes updated through email after new student registration day in September as to any changes to class configurations.

As it is now we will have the following classes next year:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Mueller
Grade 1 / 2	Mrs. Blair
Grade 2 / 3	Ms. Cooper
Grade 3 / 4	Mrs. Seed
Grade 4 / 5	Mr. MacKay
Grade 6/7	Mr. Mueller
Grade 7 / 8	Mr. Kroeker / Mr. Cumming

***We will also keep all families informed if students will be in cohorts next school year.***

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School District No. 83 bus drivers take student safety very seriously. We would like to remind students, parents and staff about the **'Danger Zones'** around a school bus.

When school is opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, it is a busy and crowded area. There are children being dropped off or picked up by either school buses or parents. We ask that all pedestrians cross the parking lot at designated crosswalk areas and NOT in between the school buses.

Bus drivers can not see you if crossing in the **'Danger Zone'**.

***Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!***

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## **Kindergarten Gradual Entry for September 2021**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students this fall. Mrs. Mueller has emailed to all families the gradual entry schedule for September 2021. If you need more information on this, please contact the school.

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## **Planning Ahead for 2021 – 2022**

The School District has set the calendar for the 2021 – 2022 school year. It can be found here:

<https://sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/District-Calendar-for-Website-2021-22.pdf>

*Be Safe, Be Kind and Take care this summer, we are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year!*

