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Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you to the Ranchero staff for completing Interim reports in October. This is an important part of communicating early in the school year your child's progress. The First Formal Report this year will be **Parent Phone Call** conferences. **Students will be dismissed at 11:10am on Thursday, November 18. 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 conference time for November 18. Sign up will open on Monday, November 8.** 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 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 Wednesday, November 10. 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, with limits on occupancy still in place, 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 Thursday, November 11 in Lieu of Remembrance Day and on Friday, November 12 for a Professional Development Day.

Winter concerts will look different this year. As large groupings are still not allowed at this time, concerts may not take place with parents / guardians in the school. We are planning to have concerts by classes, 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 Ms. Billiard for organizing a Book Fair that will take place at the school November 16 – 18. Check out books that will be available here: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163767>

Books ordered will not be charged a fee this year. Please check the online calendar for times as well.
Bookfair Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30-8:00 am
Tuesday and Wednesday: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Or by appointment.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Monday November 15, anytime of day. Please let us know if you can help volunteer.

I want to thank the Ranchero staff for all their efforts this year with student learning and all of the changes that have been implemented. All the Ranchero staff does is from a place of care, kindness, and patience during this complex time.

Thank you to parents and guardians for your continued support from home.

Sincerely,

Doug Cumming

Communicating Student Learning on November 18

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 through Parent Connect. Your child's teacher will call you at your scheduled time.**

Timeline for Reporting Student Progress to Parents 2021-2022	
September 26	Welcome Back BBQ – Thanks PAC <i>Did not happen - Looking forward to 2022</i>
October 12 - 21	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <i>(informal report #1)</i>
November 18	TELEPHONE Reporting Conferences (parent/student/teacher) Early dismissal at 11:10 am <i>(formal report #1)</i>
February 17	Written Report Sent home <i>(formal report #2)</i>
March/April	Interim reports (paper; text; phone; conference; student led) <i>(informal report #2)</i>
June 23	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 Monday, November 8.*

Step 1 – Find Parent Connect

- A. Go to Rancho Elementary Home Page - 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.

- Please call Kathy at the school if you need help with this

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 17 at 6:30 pm.**



Ranchero Spirit Wear Ordering is Back!

We will be offering Ranchero Spirit wear for purchase from November 3 – 16. The website to order from will be emailed to all families prior to November 3. Hoodies, t shirts and zip up products will be offered in Adult, Ladies, and Youth sizes. The website will have further product pictures and details. All Spirit wear will be available for pick from the school on December 15. Thank you to Kathy for organizing this!

On the Horizon

A few things to keep in mind ...

- **Hot Lunch Day November 17**
- **Photo Re takes on November 9 at 8:30 am**
- **Student / Parent / Teacher conferences are November 18 – Early dismissal at 11:10 am**
- Last day of classes, before the Winter Break, will be Friday, December 17
- Information on Primary swim lessons will be communicated in January. The plan at this time is to have swim lessons in February

The school calendar can be found at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=rancheroelementary030@gmail.com&ctz=America/Vancouver>