

RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello all:

Wow, June already.

Typically, in this last newsletter, I tend to reminisce about the year that was and try and point out a few upcoming highlights.

Academically, we continued all our initiatives in formative assessment, reporting (and teaching) about core competencies, had numerous science guest presenters and adopted some more math and science technology in a number of classes. We greatly expanded our use of Google Read and Write as a tool for numerous students in our school, Google Classroom for all students and the RAZ reading program for some of our primary students.

Overall, the staff greatly increased the weaving of First Nations Principles into many subjects, which is one of the foci of the new curriculum. We were featured on the School District Webpage for our work.

The Trades Trailer was a huge hit this year for intermediate students and we hope to have the program back next year for our primary students (with their big buddies helping them along).

For Social Responsibility, we had Ryan Laird, Sir Real, N.E.D.(the yoyos) and a concerted push to learn about P.B.I.S (Positive Behavior Intervention System) that we will roll out in September. Much more importantly, we had countless social justice activities (three clothing drives!) through Me to WE and the School Spirit Committee. New activities like our We Are Silent and Walk for Water campaigns were inspiring.

Extracurricularly, we had great success with our after school sports. Many thanks to the coaches, sponsors and parent drivers who make that program happen. We are still finishing up with Track tomorrow. We added intramural sports for our grade 4 and 5 students. We had a beautiful Christmas concert. And, we broadened our offerings- Library Hangout, Yoga, Reading Link Challenge, after school Art, Gym and Science. The school spirit committee had numerous fun days like "Break a Rule Day" and we still have FUN DAY coming up.

We even had some Vancouver Island and national success- with our Vancouver Island winning team for Reading Link Challenge, a national essay winner in Morgan Flint and, through the hard work of some of our intermediate students, we were the number 1 school in Canada to learn about the science of immunization and sponsor the most Unicef immunizations of children in Africa.

And, as always, a huge thank you to our PAC, especially president Tracey Dent and all the executive, for all their hard work- not often you have the most successful Craft Fair and Fun Fair in one year! Also, we broke ground with our on-line hot lunch program that turned out to be very successful. That money goes directly back into your children's education! Thanks to all for your dedication. (And a special thanks for the Staff luncheon every year!)

Add to that all the usual great Randerson teaching, student projects, presenters/performers and other activities too numerous to mention- it's been a great year with great students, families and staff!

Mr. Brick

Very TENTATIVE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2018/19

K- Ms. Noesgaard
K-1- Ms. Rounis
1- Ms. Cornthwaite
1- Mrs. Thompson
1/2- Ms. Uhlmann
2- Ms. Hooper
2/3- Ms. Rutherford
3- Ms. Burnham
3-4- Ms. Dimter
4- Mrs. Rosenau
4/5- Mr. Rosenau
5- Ms East
5-6- Vice-Principal TBA
6- Mr. Nixon
6/7- Ms. Hepples
7- Ms. Adelborg

*****The School organization changes almost daily, so grades indicated may change a lot by September.**

PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school, as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, they should have been into us by June 1st. (Advertised in the last two newsletters). We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered, but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become, however, an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers. If there is something emergent, please contact Mr. Brick by Friday, June 8th, as we are starting the process shortly.**

ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?

If you are moving (and your child is changing schools) please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. **If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register before June 15 as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school.** After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.



ERASE BULLYING WEBSITE

If you have not already checked it out, there is a great website that provides lots of information regarding bullying. The information is for parents, youth etc... The website link is:
<http://www.erasebullying.ca>.



IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR MAY/JUNE

The **Randerson Ridge** on-line calendar of events is always up-to-date and is easily accessible by logging in to our school web site at: <http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/randerson/>

Wednesday, June 6	Parent Appreciation Muffin Morning (8:00 – 8:30am)
Wednesday, June 6	Grade 7 Swim to Survive @ Westwood Lake (12:10 – 1:50)
Thursday, June 7	District Track Meet – All day
Thursday, June 7	Division 10 Fieldtrip to Nanaimo Museum
Friday, June 8	Division 9 Fieldtrip to Beban Pool (10:15 – 12:50)
Friday, June 8	“Rainbow Day” to support PRIDE week – dress colorfully!
Friday, June 8	Freezie Friday (2:20 – 2:30 p.m.)
Monday, June 11	Whole school photo (8:45)
Monday, June 11	Division’s 14 & 15 Swimming lessons @ Kin Pool
Tuesday, June 12	Division 13 Fieldtrip to Piper’s Lagoon (9:45 – 1:15)
Tuesday, June 12	Dover Bay Performing Arts Academy Auditions for Grade 7’s
Wednesday, June 13	Division 5 “Trash to Treasure” @ Departure Bay beach (8:40 – 10:05)
Wednesday, June 13	Division 11 Fieldtrip to Huddleston Park/Sebastian Beach (10:00 – 1:15)
Wednesday, June 13	Division’s 3 & 4 Fieldtrip to NAC and Bowen Park (10:40 – 1:00)
Wednesday, June 13-15	Camp Capernwray trip for grade 7’s
Friday, June 15	Freezie Friday (2:20 – 2:30)
Monday, June 18	Division’s 14 & 15 Swimming lessons @ Kin Pool
Tuesday, June 19	Division’s 12 & 13 Fieldtrip to BC Forest Museum in Duncan (8:50 – 1:25)
Friday, June 22	FUN DAY!!! (am)
Friday, June 22	Hot lunch – Pita Pia
Friday, June 22	Freezie Friday (2:20 – 2:30 p.m.)
Monday, June 25	Kindergarten Celebration & wrap up in gym (12:30 – 1:25)
Monday, June 25	Grade 7 Wind Up- Jumping Jiminy’s – 6-8 pm
Wednesday, June 25	Divisions 1, 2, 4, & 10 Fieldtrip to Transfer Beach (9:00 – 1:30)
Wednesday, June 25	Divisions 5 & 6 Fieldtrip to Jumpin Jiminy’s (9:50 – 1:00)
Thursday, June 28	Last Day of Classes/Report Cards Home
Thursday, June 28	Final Assembly- 9:30-11 am
Friday, June 29	School Admin Day- No school for students

TRACK AND FIELD

Our track and field athletes have been doing wonderfully again this year. We had close to 60 students participate in the zone meet and we now have over 35 going to Districts on June 7th! Good luck to all the athletes, thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped out and a special thanks to Ms. East and Mr. Brick.



PARENT APPRECIATION MUFFIN MORNING

Hope you enjoyed the muffins/cookies/fruit supplied by the staff of Randerson. Our way of saying thank you for all your support and the privilege of working with your children this year. Thank you to North Nanaimo Tim Horton’s for the coffee.

GRADE 7 LEAVING/ AWARDS AND FINAL ASSEMBLY

- Thursday, June 28th at 9:30 am
- At this time, recognition will also be given to teachers and staff who will be leaving Randerson Ridge
- We will give special recognition to our Grade 7's and present Grade 7 Awards.
- Parents and members of the school community are welcome to attend

SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Remember that **for all students (except kindergarten) Tuesday, September 4 will be one hour of school! Wednesday, September 5th will be a full day. Kindergarten is on gradual entry. The first full day of kindergarten is Thursday, September 13th. Your individual schedule for start up will arrive in August.**

BELL SCHEDULE 2018-2019 (SAME AS THIS YEAR)

Monday Bell Schedule

8:30 – 10:15 am

10:15 – 10:30 am *Short Recess*

10:30 – 11:45 am

11:45 – 12:20 pm *Long Recess*

12:20 – 1:22 pm **Early Dismissal**

Tuesday to Friday

Bell Schedule

8:30 – 10:15 am

10:15 – 10:30 am *Short Recess*

10:30 – 11:45 am

11:45 – 12:20 pm *Long Recess*

12:20 – 2:30 pm

CAMP QWANOES

Here is a free (by donation) family activity happening on Sat June 9. This is an absolutely amazing day and worth going to if you have never been before. If you have been before, I am sure you will be there again. Truly fantastic!!!

<http://www.qwanoes.ca/events/openhouse/>

RANDERSON RIDGE LIBRARY UPDATE

Thank you to all who participated in the Book Fair that finished on Tuesday. A huge thank you to staff and parents who volunteered to help out. I will let you know later how successful the fair was.

We want to finish out the year with a Book Swap- see details below.

Year-End Book Swap!!

Looking to refresh your bookshelves before the summer? Already read your brand new books from the Scholastic Book Fair? Need a few new-to-you books to get you through the last two weeks of school?

If so, the year-end book swap might be just what you need!

Here's how it works:

- 1.) Bring your previously read, but good condition books to Ms. Windecker in the library and receive a yellow ticket to use at the swap.
- 2.) Students who donate books have first pick.
- 3.) After the ticket holders' advance shop, the swap will be open to the entire school.

When can I donate books?

Before school, after school, or during open book sign out times on any day **before Monday, June 18**

Where do I bring my books?

The library sign-out desk

When will the swap occur?

For ticket holders: **Tuesday, June 19th**

Everyone else: **Wednesday and Thursday (June 20th and 21st)**

Where will the swap be held?

In the main foyer area

Please only donate books that are a maximum of ten years old, and in good or fair condition.



Safe Travel Routes

Active and Safe Routes to School project update!

Using input from parents, administrators and stakeholders, HASTE has developed DRAFT Best Routes to School Maps for Nanaimo schools participating in the School Travel Planning process. These maps show the best walking and cycling routes to school, along with information about key infrastructure and safety concerns.

We're looking for input from the community to make sure the maps are accessible and accurate. Please take a few minutes to go check out the map and provide any feedback you might have for improvements.

The maps can be found online at <http://hastebc.org/nanaimo/>

HASTE will present to the school/parent community about the routes and the action plan going forward at a time TBD (but it will be this June). Look for more information to follow!