

SCHOOL: Randerson Ridge Elementary

YEAR: 2024-25

PRINCIPAL: Derek Snowden



OUR SCHOOL

Randerson Ridge Elementary currently has approximately 480 students arranged into 20 divisions, which makes us one of the largest elementary schools in Nanaimo. We are located on the unceded traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people, and consider ourselves very lucky to work, learn, and grow together on this amazing land.

Randerson Ridge celebrates children succeeding academically, physically and socially in a multicultural setting of diverse learners. We have welcomed many new students and families to our school over the past year, many of which have come from overseas and have added to the diversity of language and culture we see at Randerson Ridge. Even though we are such a large school, we have a strong sense of school community and pride which is shown throughout the halls, in the classrooms, and whenever we assemble as a school. Our staff and students have high expectations around education and learning. We see high levels of student achievement in academic subject areas, and we encourage students to take risks with their learning. This success can be attributed to the students' hard work, but also the excellent planning and delivery of instruction by our classroom teachers, support specialists, and assistance from a very supportive parent group. Although we come together as a community, we also celebrate the differences that our students, staff, and families bring to our school. We are thankful for the differences in culture, language, history, and family that our community brings as it creates a rich and vibrant school for our students. We try to offer various enrichment and extracurricular opportunities to allow students to enjoy school more and have new experiences. Our Parent Advisory Group has always been very active, working with the school, in providing funds to upgrade student safety, enrich learning experiences and help bring families together socially. All of these factors, and the combined efforts of the staff, students, and parents, make Randerson Ridge a wonderful place to learn.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

Student Success

Increase literacy success rates for all students

Increase expertise in differentiated instruction of Numeracy.

Truth and Reconciliation

Increase awareness of and access to resources available to support hul'q'umi'num language learning

Increase the visibility and learning around indigenous culture, language, and ways of knowing.

Student and Employee Wellness

Increase the number of Students who feel welcome, safe and have a sense of belonging in their school

Increase the positive connections our students have with the adults in the school so that they feel more comfortable, safe, and ready to learn.



OUR CELEBRATION STORY

There are many things to celebrate at Randerson Ridge each day. Our students arrive at school enthusiastic, happy, and ready to learn. They generally have a high level of academic achievement across all grades, and work collaboratively with staff and their peers to learn and grow in all subject areas. Our students are often excited to participate in different clubs and groups, and we often do well in our district sports leagues and competitions. We have very supportive parents and guardians at Randerson Ridge. Parents often volunteer to help out in the classrooms, on field trips, and at extra curricular activities. As always, our PAC is also incredibly supportive.

Our PAC provides fun events for our students such as hot lunches, Christmas Craft Fair, dances, and movie nights. Through their fundraising, they support our school by assisting with field trips, technology purchases, food programs, and so much more.

Teaching and support staff work collaboratively to help our students succeed at all levels. Teachers plan academic instruction to support all learners at their individual learning levels, but also teach about issues such as equity, human rights, and environmental stewardship.

Our support staff work in classes and small groups helping students on their individual goals while building trusting relationships with our students. When students need extra support, whether with academics or wellness, our school based team works with teachers and families to create and implement plans to help our students succeed.

The hard work of the staff, parents, and students make Randerson Ridge a successful school and a great place to learn and grow.