



RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

At this time of the year we begin to plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Our student population at Randerson Ridge has remained stable this year and we expect to have the same number of divisions for September 2016. How classes will be ultimately arranged will depend upon at which grade levels students are situated. **Therefore, it is extremely important to notify the school office if your child (ren) will not be returning next year.** Also, parents are always interested in knowing how classes for the coming school year will be arranged. In assigning students to their next class, the staff works together at placement meetings. **The decision for placement is based primarily on the recommendation of the child's present teacher, the person most familiar with his/her educational needs.** In arranging new classes we endeavour to achieve an optimal class composition by balancing such factors as ability, work habits, behaviour, gender, learning style, teaching style, previous placement, contractual obligations, and other social factors. This process ensures students are placed in the very best learning environment where all students' potential are realized. Parents, who have specific concerns should discuss their child's future academic and behaviour needs with their child's current teacher. Following a discussion with the teacher, parents may put their educational concerns in writing to the principal by May 27, 2016. **Parents are advised that requests should focus on the specific needs of the child and not on placement with a specific teacher. All letters submitted will be shared with staff. More importantly, parents must realize that the process is a complex one and individual requests do not guarantee class placement.**

The staff and principal will soon be working on class composition for next year.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Mazzei

SCHOOL GOALS FOR 2016-2017

Our staff has reviewed Randerson Ridge's school goals. We have decided to focus on Literacy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 20	Hot Lunch/Freezie & Fudgesicle Friday
May 23	Victoria Day
May 24	Zone Track Meet
May 27	Freezie & Fudgesicle Friday/ PAC Fun Fair
June 1	Popcorn Day
June 3	Hot Lunch/Freezie & Fudgesicle Friday
June 6	PAC Meeting—7:00 p.m.
June 8	Grab n Go Café
June 9	District Track Meet
June 10	Freezie & Fudgesicle Friday
June 17	Fun Day/Freezie & Fudgesicle Friday
June 22	Popcorn Day
June 24	Grade 7 Band Concert
June 29	Final Assembly/ Last School Day

TAKING CARE OF OUR SCHOOL

As the weather becomes warmer and the night sky lighter, individuals may return to our Randerson Ridge School grounds after hours. If you see activities that are dangerous or destructive to the building or to others, please do not hesitate to call our police number or the school district security (250-741-9222). In this way we can ensure that our school grounds remain a safe place for everyone and our building remains secure.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PARENTS!

Randerson Ridge staff will be showing their appreciation towards parents and guardians on the morning of Wednesday, June 8. Please come join us from 8-8:30 am at the *Grab 'n' Go Café*. There will be coffee and treats out front of the school - hot and fresh delivered right to your car! We are truly grateful for all that you do to support Randerson kids!

STUDENT PLANNERS

Teachers continue to stress the importance of preparing for today's world by teaching the skills of organization and time management. The student journal/planner is an effective tool in realizing these goals as it encourages interaction and communication between the child, the parent and the teacher. **In September 2016, all students in grades 2-7 will use a planner.**

FOCUS VIRTUE THIS MONTH - INTEGRITY

What is Integrity?

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right, living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You are integrous when your words and actions match. You don't fool yourself into doing what you know is wrong. You fill your life and your mind with things that help you to live a good, clean life.

Why Practice It?

Without integrity, no one would be able to trust each other to do what they say they are going to do. Integrity helps us to listen to our conscience, to do the right thing, to tell the truth. When people act with integrity, they stand for something. Others believe them and rely on them. Integrity gives us self-respect and a peaceful heart.

How Do You Practice It?

You practice integrity by thinking about the virtues that matter to you and doing your best to live by them. When you make a mistake, you clean it up. You don't follow the crowd. You think for yourself. You don't say one thing and do another. You do the right thing even when no one is watching. Even when it is hard to do the right thing, you stand strong.

What Would Integrity Look Like If...

- All your friends are going to a movie your parents don't want you to see?
- You promised your friend you would keep her secret?
- The teacher has left the room?
- You find a jacket at school and it's nicer than yours?
- You have agreed to do a job and it becomes too hard?

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Integrity when you...

- Think about what virtues you care about
- Stand strong for what you believe
- Willingly clean up mistakes
- Do the right thing even when it is hard
- Think of yourself and avoid temptation
- Are your own leader



STUDENT DRESS CODE

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to maintain the type of appearance that is not distracting to teachers or other students to the detriment of the educational process of the school. Students are to wear attire which:

- is safe
- is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism/discrimination, sex and/or violence
- is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting
- tops must meet bottoms
- shorts/skirts should be at a minimum of a reasonable mid-thigh length
- half tops and/or "beach wear" such as crop tops, halter-tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps and short shorts are not appropriate attire for a school setting. Hats are not to be worn in the building. When a student's appearance is felt to be detrimental, the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing for the student. If the problem persists, a parent/administrator conference may be requested.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Question: How does classroom discussion of literature affect student literacy achievement?

The Context: The role discussion plays in the classroom has been the focus of many studies.

Recent research has found that student performance improved when teachers used a combination of authentic questions (i.e. questions designed to help students explore new understandings), open discussion and whole-class discourse, and teacher scaffolding based on student discussions (i.e. teacher questioning that builds on previous student statements). Teachers can use discussion as a tool to expand students' "envisionment" (understanding of a text) by viewing all students as capable of positively contributing to classroom discussion; using discussion to expand, rather than evaluate understanding; viewing student questions as a component of the learning process, not as an indication of a failure to learn; and helping students examine multiple perspectives, rather than reach a consensus interpretation.

Past research also indicates that successful teachers use "curricular conversations" (ongoing conversations that trace curricular themes across lessons) to provide students with an expanding framework on which to build meaning and understanding.

The Focus: Making connections to classroom learning during library time is one goal worthy of attention. Providing quality literature, both fiction and non-fiction, with links to current themes and projects will enhance opportunities for students to personalize meaning and deepen their understanding.

RANDERSON RIDGE PAC NEWS

FUNFAIR! - Friday May 27 5pm-8:30pm

The Randerson Funfair is shaping up to be EPIC this year! We will have Pony rides, a Giant Slide, Zorb Balls, Rock Climbing Wall, Bouncy Castles, Dunk Tank, Cakewalk, BBQ concession and so much more! Tell your friends and neighbours! We really need:

- Cakes for the Cake Walk (cupcakes are great -especially split into 6's)
- Bottles (full) for the immensely popular bottle game - get creative! Flavoured water, Gatorade, juice, bubblebath, etc.
- Volunteers! The most important piece! Please return the volunteer form ASAP

Frozen Friday

New and different treats all the time! A fun way to end the week! Frozen treats are available on Fridays after school outside the school foyer. \$1-\$2 each.

PAC Elections

Thank you to the Randerson parents who have taken on PAC roles:

Secretary: Mandy Brown

Treasurer: Michelle Brown

Vice President: Allyson Prescesky

President: Tracey Dent

Committee Heads and Project Volunteers:

Craft Fair: Carrie Blood

Funfair: Danielle Moore

Grade 7 Liaison: Etsuko Carson

Popcorn Coordinator: Tanya Evans

Our school and our students have been so very lucky over the years to have so many benefits and opportunities. Please let's keep up the great work and support our PAC!

Popcorn Day \$1/bag Wednesday June 1, 2016

Final PAC Meeting Monday June 6, 2016 at 7pm in the school library. We welcome all Randerson parents to attend!

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS AND VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers working in the schools and all volunteer drivers must complete a criminal record check in order to be permitted to work with students or drive students on field trips.

The Ministry of Justice, through their Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) will conduct a vulnerable sector check **at no cost to you** through a streamlined online format. Once you are provided clearance through the CRRP, **the criminal record check clearance is good for a period of five (5) consecutive years** from the date of issue, unless a criminal offence should occur. We must inform you that if you happen to have the same combination of gender and date-of-birth as a known sex offender whose record has been suspended, you must then be fingerprinted to confirm your identity. This is a federal RCMP requirement that applies to all Canadians. You will be required to visit your local police agency for fingerprinting. **Note: There is a fee for this process which you will be responsible for.**

Please use the following web address to complete and submit the form for your criminal record check to become a school volunteer: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> You will be prompted for the NLPS access code which is as follows: **Access Code: UQ4T7XXBHE**

Once you have completed and submitted the form for the online criminal record check, **please provide your school principal with your full name and date of birth.** Your results, once approved will be added to the district's database of volunteers. The district will then inform Mr. Mazzei of your approved criminal record check and he will inform you.

Thank you, on behalf of Randerson Ridge Elementary School, for supporting our school through your volunteerism. It is with your support that Randerson Ridge is able to expand curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

VANCOUVER ISLAND SUMMER READING CLUB 2016

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp, it's also a smart idea to include reading as part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0-12 years to join the Summer Reading Club. Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, compasses, and medals.
- Chances to win cool prizes—the more they read, the more chances to win.

Best of all, Summer Reading Club is free!

You can register your children online starting June 20th at www.virl.bc.ca or you can drop by your local branch.