



RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello all:

Lots of good stuff to highlight again this month. Just this past week, our staff worked on developing a school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System). We hope to develop this system for September 2018. We welcomed the Rutherford students who are coming to our school in September 2018, to our school this past Wednesday. Our grade 6's are one of 10 schools in BC participating with the Public Health Association of BC and UNICEF to do the Booster U pilot project. Students learn about the science and social studies of immunization, while their learning actually pays for vaccinations in third world countries through UNICEF. Sexual Health classes just finished up for grades 4-7. In more science news, Ms. Uhlmann/Ms. Evans' grade 3's release the salmon they have been growing in our lobby this spring. We hosted (and won) the Vancouver Island Championship for Reading Link Challenge and used technology to be in real time communication with Duncan, Port Alberni and even Korea.

In athletics, Splash and Dash was a success and I believe we had the largest team in the district. Basketball is just finishing up, with our Bantam Girls still in the final four. That means Track and Field will be starting soon. Our grade 4 and 5 intramural soccer league really fires up this week as well.

We started study clubs on Wednesday to add to robotics club on Monday and games clubs on Thursdays to go along with yoga on Friday to give other non-sport options for students to gather. We also have grade 4-7 art and Mad Science for grades K-6 after school starting the week of April 16th.

In the Social Responsibility vein, our entire school will take part in a grade 7 organized Me to We project called "We Walk for Water" (please see below), which will raise money for clean water overseas. And we welcomed Ryan Laird, with his "Bigger Than That" anti-bullying message.

Towards the end of the month, our grade 4-7 students will be doing some manual "hands-on" work when the NLPS Skills and Trades Exploratory trailer comes and our primary students are getting visits from the Poultry Barn and the UVIC Scientists in the School program.

Finally, our PAC is as busy as ever, organizing our Fun Fair coming up on Friday, June 1st, organizing hot lunches (orders have closed), helping you celebrate Mother's Day and helping fund author visits to our primary students next month as well.

Lots going on. Hope you have a wonderful spring.

Darren Brick

GETTING EMAILS

If you are not getting school emails... Go to our homepage -<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/randerson/Pages/default.aspx> and take two minutes to enroll. Then you will get the weekly (at least) reminders. Thank you for your interest and sorry for any information you may have missed.

Learning Survey 2018 – ALL Parents Give Us Your Feedback!!!!



The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month, the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, and available to ALL parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/ParentSurvey.asp> Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The e-survey site will be open until **April 30th**.

REQUESTS FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

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 you would like us to consider about your child, please contact Mr. Brick (in writing or email) as soon as possible, but **no later than May 31st**. 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.*

NEW REGISTRATION

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 co-operation 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>. Please see attached brochure from DPAC.



RANDERSON RAVENS SPORTS UPDATE

BASKETBALL

Basketball finished well with all groups this year. The coaches and sponsors for this season are: Pee Wee Girls- Mr. Brick; Pee Wee Boys- Ms. Jamont and Ms. Kelly; Bantam Girls- Ms. Adelborg and Bantam Boys- Mr. Seaman and Ms. Rounis. Thank you to all the volunteers.



SPLASH AND DASH

On April 7th, from 3-5 pm, grade 3-7 students interested in trying a fun introduction to triathlon were invited to attend the 6th annual Splash and Dash at Beban Park sponsored by White Rapids swim club. About a dozen schools participated. We had around 40 of the just over 400 students swimming and running.

TRACK AND FIELD

SCHOOL TRACK MEET GRADES 3-7

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on **Monday, May 7th** at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives to school on time as the buses leave for the Rotary Bowl around 9:00 am. Even though the sun may be out it can get quite cold at the Rotary Bowl. **All students should have a jacket, hat and pants in their backpacks, available to wear when needed.**

Students will ride on school buses for the return trip back to Randerson Ridge as well (approx 1:20 back at the school). Please note parking is an issue around the Rotary Bowl; there is pay parking beside the baseball field. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water. **In a couple of weeks**, a permission slip will be sent home with students in Grades 3-7. Thank you to Ms. East and Mr. Brick for organizing this for our students. The Zone Track meet is on Thursday May 24th for those students that qualify and the District meet is on Thursday June 7th for those that qualify from the zones.

TRACK AND FIELD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school track meet (Grade 3-7 students) is happening Monday, May 7th at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS) and we can certainly use extra adults to help. If you are available to help out that day (either AM, PM or both), please let Ms. East and Mr. Brick know through the permission form that will be coming home in advance of the track meet. Please indicate on the form if you are able to volunteer and the time(s).

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN SEPTEMBER 2018

There will be an event for students starting Kindergarten in September 2018 on **Friday, May 4th from 12:30-2:00 pm** Please ensure you have registered your child for Kindergarten, as well as please reply to our e-invitations if you plan to attend. We have contacted you if you have registered here and are in our catchment.

We Walk for Water

Our grade seven “Me to We” leaders are organizing a fundraiser to raise money for the millions of women and children who walk hours daily to collect water. By improving access to clean water, girls can attend school, parents can run sustainable farms and communities can lift themselves out of poverty with improved health, nutrition, education and opportunity.

Classroom teachers will be collecting donations from April 23rd – April 26th.

On the morning of April 26th, K-4 students will be walking around the school and grades 5-7 students will be walking around Westwood Lake. This is to help remind students what it means to have access to clean water and how this walk and the money they’ve raised will create real impact in developing communities around the world.

Event: “We walk for Water”

Date: April 26th 2018

Donations: April 23rd -26th 2018

Grades 5-7: Bus to Westwood Lake (walk/run 6k loop)

(Permission slips needed)

Grades K-4: Walking around the school

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR MARCH/APRIL

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/>

April 16	Mad Science program starts 1:30pm to 2:30pm
April 17	Class Photos
	“Bigger than That” Anti bullying presentation 12:45pm to 1:30
April 19	After school Art program starts 2:55 to 3:55
April 26	“We Walk for Water”
	Swim to Survive starts for Grade 7’s
April 27	Freezie Friday
April 27	“Flyin Bob” performance 9:00 to 10:00
April 30	Skills and Trades Exploration for Div’s 1 – 6
May 2	Grade 7 tour of Dover Bay
May 4	Welcome to Kindergarten for those registered at Randerson 12:30pm – 2:00pm
May 7	Track and Field – Grades 3 to 7
May 9	“Sorcerer’s Apprentice” performance 9:00am – 10:00am
May 9	Rutherford K-6 students visit
May 9	Author visits – Quin Leng and Barbara Reid 1:00pm – 1:50pm
May 10	Curriculum Implementation day – NO School
May 10	Grade 7 Dance at Dover Bay 6:30pm – 8:00pm
May 11	Pro D Day – NO School
May 14-18	Healthamoungus week
May 21	Victoria Day – NO School
May 23	Spirit Day – Dress up/bling day
May 23	Vibe dance performance 9:10am – 10:15am
May 24	Track and Field day
May 31	Showcase of learning 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Images of April
Reading Link Challenge in Action- Island Champs!



Pottery



Splash and Dash



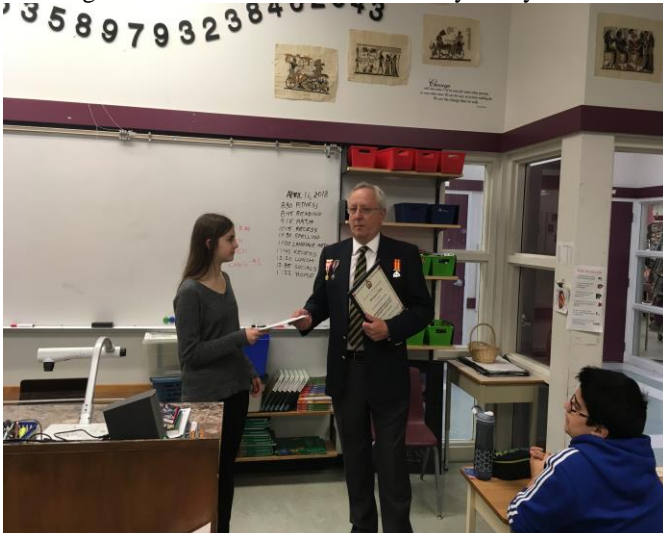
Bigger Than That Anti-Bullying (with singer and guitar player helpers)



Grade 7 Spell-A-Thon



Winning BC/Yukon for Remembrance Day Essay



Have a great rest of April!!!

