



# RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To be honest, I find with the emails that we send out, the exercise of the newsletter does become a little redundant and repetitive. I'm endeavoring to keep the newsletters short and celebratory. So, here goes.

Another fantastic fall at Randerson.

We've had cross country, football and volleyball for our sixes and sevens. That's thanks to some fantastic community volunteers and Ms. Jamont, Mr. Rosenau (2X), Mrs. Rosenau, Ms. East and Ms. Adelborg. Mr. Seaman has been a great community volunteer to keep us going with basketball since September. Ms. Adelborg and Ms. Jamont have given our grade 7's lots of leadership opportunities through We Day, Festive Food Drive and the Remembrance Day assembly.

We have a Stop Motion Tech Club, a Games Club and now, Yoga for our grades 1-3.

There are other leadership opportunities for grade 6 and 7 students through our leadership program.

Our grades 4 and 5 students have 8 different teachers coaching them through the Reading Link Challenge. I am really looking forward to the culmination of this in February.

Our whole staff is offering Hour of Code this week to all grades. We've all read with the Clippers. And 100 of us cheered as loud as we could at the Clipper Cheer Off again.

We've learned to be champions (and some great yoyo tricks) by Never giving up, Encouraging others and Doing your best. In the new year, we hope to hear from Pacific Sport about some after school classes for primary.

Our PAC has been outstanding this year with all its activities. Our best ever Craft Fair, new athletic wear, baking and Poinsettias and Purdy's chocolates are being picked up as I write this. Our new hot lunch has been very successful. Look for ordering information and the new menu in the next couple of days.

Thank you to all those who have come out to PAC, our grade 7 parent leaders and especially our executive who have gone above and beyond.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank all of the staff, parents and students for keeping Randerson a caring place.

All the best of the season,

Darren Brick

## REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR (INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN)

Please see the attachment that goes with this email to give you all the details about centralized registration for the 2018-19 school year.

## READING LINK CHALLENGE- KEEP READING THROUGH DECEMBER

Please see the attachment about how to access books through the Vancouver Island Library System over the holidays, if your child is in grade 4 and 5 and looking for books to read. And, if they are in any grade and have a library card, instructions on how to access Tumblebooks are included.

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# We Need a Little Christmas



Please help make the season a little brighter by taking part in our  
Christmas food drive!

You can help by donating non-perishable food items.  
Each class will have a bin for donated items. We also collect  
clean coats, scarves, toques and mittens as well.

We will be collecting items until  
**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ( INCLUDING AT THE CONCERTS).**  
Thank you for your support

## RANDERSON RIDGE SPORTS UPDATE



Our teams are competing well in their respective leagues. Thanks to Mr. Brick for Pee Wee Boys, Mr. Rosenau for Pee Wee girls; Mrs. Flint, Mrs Wynia and Ms. East for Bantam girls and Ms. Adelborg for Bantam Boys. Play continues right up to Christmas break and resumes the first week back.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us at 12:45 pm or 6:30 pm for our Christmas concerts. Doors will be open at 12:15 pm and 6:00 pm. It will be crowded, so please be prepared for parking issues. Carpool and/or walk if you can. Students need to be at the evening concert (so that we can have an evening concert ☺).



## SNOW CLOSURES

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations. Finally, there is the SD 68 APP that you can sign up for off of the school district website- it would give you up to date messages.

**We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighborhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.**

## SNOW RULES

We'd like to remind parents of the "snow" rules at Randerson Ridge School. The following rules are enforced for the safety of students:

- There is "no snowball throwing" on the grounds
- Students are not to participate in activities that may injure other students – face washing with snow, kicking chunks of snow/ice, etc.

It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury.

## COLDER WEATHER

Rain, drizzle, frost! A reminder that our lunch recess break is 40 minutes long...please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather. We promote fresh air and physical activity and the lunchtime recess is, barring torrential downpours, always spent outdoors. Mittens, hats, warm dry footwear and coats will keep your child happy and healthy playing outside. Also please consider sending in a change of old clothing to be kept in your child's class



## KAIN'S ARCADE



## LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found articles will be displayed in the main hallway Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> until **Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We invite students, parents, etc. to claim lost articles. Unclaimed articles will be delivered to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop prior to the Christmas break

## 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 DECEMBER

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/>

December 12	Clipper's Visit- Grade 4 and 5
December 13	Reading Link Challenge Switching Day
December 14	Christmas Concert- 12:45 & 6:30 pm
December 15	Wear your Holiday Wear- Spirit Day
December 18	Share the Warmth- Donate Clean used or new clothing
December 20	Reading Link Challenge Switching Day
December 20	Deck the Halls- Hallway reading with your class or buddy class
December 21	Legion Award Winners Assembly – 1:45 pm
December 22	Hot Lunch- Pita Pit
December 22	Pj/Stuffie and a movie afternoon
December 22	Last Day of School before winter break
January 8	School Re-opens
January 10	Registration for 2018/19 year begins

