

RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

That has been one busy September! However, it looks like things are up and running smoothly. October is usually a good month as things heat up at the school while the weather cools off.

Students have been completing assessments in language arts and mathematics in their classrooms. We have had our class review processes to see to examine the students for academics and social emotional skills, so that we can ensure that we deploy our support resources properly. The assessments also help guide some individual learning in the classroom.

And speaking of assessment, this year, the province has moved the Foundational Skills Assessment for grades 4 and 7 to the fall. Those exams done by students across the province of BC have been updated to meet the new curriculum and the best knowledge in assessment practices. Students will be writing the exams in the middle of the month.

PAC has been busy setting up the Hot Lunch, organizing the spirit wear order and selling pastries. PAC has also started our budgeting process to support the education of your children, in conjunction with the staff. If you would like a say in how the PAC uses the funds they raise or would like to bring new ideas and energy, a reminder that we meet every 1st Monday of the month.

As far as social responsibility goes, our Me to WE leadership group gets going with WE Day activities and our WE Scare Hunger project that runs at Halloween. We plan to have an even busier year than last year!

In extracurricular opportunities, we have football running for both grade 6 and 7 teams. Cross country running for grades 3-7, drop in basketball for grades 4-7 and choir practice for grades 3-7 are also being offered. And, we thank the Clippers who are coming to read in our classes for Drop Everything and Read on Oct. 30th, doing classroom visits in November and December and giving us the great Fun Family opportunity to try a second time be the Loudest School in Nanaimo at a Nanaimo Clippers game on November 3rd. Tickets will go on sale next week at the office for \$5. Hope to see a large, loud crowd out. (We even have cheers to practice).

Finally, welcome to three more additional staff- EA's Sofia Saries, David Murray- Butler and teacher Kira Rollheiser.

Have a great Thanksgiving and a great October.

NANAIMO CODING CLUB

VIU is partnering with University of Victoria's Science Venture, a non-profit organization that offers hands-on learning opportunities for children, to host the Nanaimo Coding Club. The Nanaimo club runs on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 pm from October 5 to November 9. The club is for Grades 5, 6 and 7 and people can [register](#) for \$60. See the attached [Media Release](#)

Dates to Remember

Oct. 6	-	Pro.D, Day- School closed
Oct. 9	-	Thanksgiving - school closed
Oct. 12	-	Lockdown practice #1
Oct. 13	-	Hot Lunch- Pita Pit
Oct. 16	-	Parent Teacher Interview- 1:22 pm dismissal
Oct. 17-19	-	Parent Teacher Interview 1:02 pm dismissal
Oct. 18	-	WeDay Vancouver
Oct. 19	-	BC Shakeout EQ drill
Oct. 20	-	Provincial Pro.D (No school)
Oct. 24	-	PM- Cross Country Zones
Oct. 27	-	Hot Lunch- Subway
Oct. 30	-	D.E.A.R. with the Clippers
Nov. 2	-	Cross Country Districts
Nov. 3	-	Clippers Cheer Off
Nov. 10	-	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 13	-	Remembrance Day- School Closed
Nov. 14	-	Reading Link Challenge Begins
Nov. 14	-	Clippers Reading visit
Nov. 17-18	-	PAC Craft Fair- Dover Bay

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school-wide Terry Fox Run occurred on Friday, [September 29th](#). (The few hours it rained, of course :) All students participated in this event. A big thank you is extended to all parent volunteers who helped with marshalling the course! We will announce the total at a later date.

BC SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

On October 19th , in the morning , we will be doing our second EQ drill of the year as part of the provincial initiative. We will do duck and cover and then evacuate the building. We will also be working on our emergency communication to be better prepared if something untowards should ever occur. Thank you also to our PAC who is spending considerable resources this year to ensure that all the supplies in our earthquake kiosk are up to date.

Thank you very much to these dedicated volunteers.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

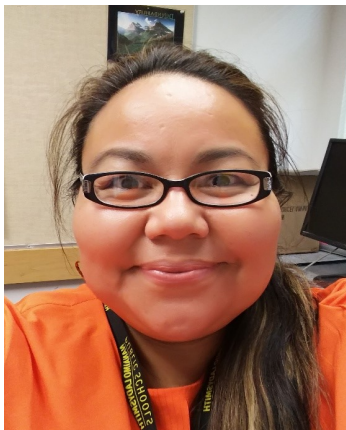
Our school has scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences during the month of October. Conferences will be held Monday, October 16– Thursday, October 19. During this week, students in grades K-7 will be dismissed at 1:22 p.m. on Monday and 1:02 pm Tuesday to Thursday. Most families will have signed up already at Open House. For those who couldn't, information regarding conferences has been sent home this week.



NEW STAFF TO RANDERSON RIDGE– Aboriginal Education

Dear Randerson Ridge families,

My name is Rachel Walls. I am the new Aboriginal Education Assistant here at Randerson Ridge School. I am from Snuneymuxw First Nation Territory (Nanaimo). My Aboriginal ancestry consists of Snuneymuxw, Wet'suwet'en, Cowichan First Nations and Greek as well.



I am very excited to get know everyone here at Randerson Ridge School and I look forward to working with your children and assisting them with their learning journeys. I am at Randerson Ridge on Friday's. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. Thank you,
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NEW STAFF TO RANDERSON RIDGE– Child Family Youth Support Worker

Greetings Randerson Ridge Families,

My name is Kristen Buckland and I am the new Child, Youth, and Family Support Worker at Randerson Ridge Elementary! I am very excited to get the opportunity to work with your children.

I have been working with children and youth for over ten years in a variety of settings such as elementary schools, secondary schools, preschools, and private clinics. I have my BA in Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria, and I have two young children of my own.

Throughout this year, I will be focusing on the social and emotional needs of the students by running small groups, working 1:1 with students, and visiting classrooms when necessary.

Another wonderful aspect of my job is connecting with families and helping parents access many community resources that may benefit them. If you need assistance navigating community resources, let me know! I would love to help.

I am excited to get to know the Randerson Ridge Community! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me via email, phone call, or text!

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Handwashing for Health— From Island Health

Germs spread easily in a classroom. Handwashing is the best way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza (flu), diarrhea and other sicknesses. It is important that children learn how and when to wash their hands to lower their risk of getting sick.

How to Wash Hands:

Wet hands under warm running water

Scrub with plain soap for a count of **20**, all over hands and between fingers

Rinse under running water for a count of **10**

Dry hands with a clean paper towel

Turn off taps with a paper towel

When to Wash Hands:

Before and after eating or handling food

After using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses

How long is 20 seconds?

Slowly singing “Happy Birthday” twice takes about 20 seconds

For more information contact:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

[HealthLinkBC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)

[Do Bugs Need Drugs?](#)

Health Unit:

Nanaimo /Ladysmith Public Health 250-755-3342

RANDERSON RIDGE SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

Our grade 7 boys and girls have combined to play football this year. We have three more league games and then playoffs start the week of Oct. 30th. Thanks to Mr. Brick for coaching. We also have a pee wee football team this year. They are also in the middle of league play. Thank you to Ms. Jamont and Ms. Kelly for coaching.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenau have a lot of students preparing for the cross country zone run-off on Oct. 24th and then Districts on November 2nd.

ME to WE @ RANDERSON RIDGE

Mrs. Adelborg, Ms. Jamont and Mr. Brick will be working with our grade 7 students to have an active Me to WE group at Randerson this year.

Two events coming up quickly:

We Scare Hunger– This is a project our grade 7’s will be organizing the entire school community to participate in collecting food for our local food bank as part of Halloween celebrations. Our most passionate students may choose to collect food for the food bank in addition to, or instead of, candy on Halloween night. More information to come.

WE Day– Randerson Ridge students will be attending We Day in Vancouver on Oct. 18th. This is always a great event where students are inspired by celebrities and world leaders to understand that they can change the world for the better, both locally and globally.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

A few words about Halloween costumes

Since we are a school, and a school that has children as young as 5 years old, we ask that parents and students keep this in mind when preparing costumes to be worn at school. Costumes should not have guns, swords (weapons of any kind) nor excessive gore. We do have a school parade and costumes have to be age appropriate even for our youngest students.

Also, our school dress code still applies even on Halloween, so there should not be excessive skin showing or a costume that would be overtly sexual.

This is one of those things that we ask for parents and students to use good judgment and to pick costumes that respect the viewer and the wearer.