



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.

Since our November newsletter, we have received the chromebooks that the PAC and the school purchased. You can see some pictures below of the students in action. Our results for Foundational Skills Assessments have gone back to the grade 4 and 7's. Our Satisfaction Survey results for last year have been discussed with staff and PAC. We have had all kinds of artists in the school working with the students- much of the art with a First Nations lens. We've had our NED assembly focusing on positive behavior. We have implemented our regular P.B.I.S. prize draws.

Our PAC has been busy with the Craft Fair, the Purdy's and Poinsettias initiatives, the Family Movie Night etc. We have our Christmas Craft Night on the 13th, the Deck the Halls initiative for Loaves and Fishes and a few fun activities to finish off the school year in 2018, while we keep our focus on learning.

For extracurricular activities, games club, tech club, homework room and recess guardians continue. Volleyball has taken over the gym and we have instituted some grade 6 and 7 basketball. Reading Link Challenge has begun in earnest for our grades 4 and 5. And our counsellor, Ms. Kuffler has been busy in many classes teaching Zones of Regulation (a self regulation program) to a majority of our students.

Coming up in 2019 (among other things)- Some more after school opportunities in sports and the arts (maybe even circus!), a push to introduce the WITS and LEADs program to teach children problem solving social skills they can use, an initiative to tweak our Randerson Ravens logo, our first multicultural celebrations of Chinese and Korean culture, a possible new club called Hackergals; along with our school focus on P.B.I.S; assessment, mathematics and core competencies.

One important piece of breaking news- the school district just announced that report cards will be going out on February 1st, 2019.

Have a great holiday season.

Darren Brick

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR (INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN)

Please see the attachments that go 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.

RANDERSON RIDGE SPORTS UPDATE



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

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, 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

LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found articles will be displayed in the main hallway Dec. 19th. 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:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>



IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

The **Randerson Ridge** on-line calendar of events is always up-to-date and is easily accessible by logging in to our school website at: <http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/randerson/>

Dec. 14-Dec. 19	Deck the Halls continues
Dec. 14	Scientists in the School
Dec. 17	Green and Red Day
Dec. 17	Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Winners assembly- 12:50 pm
Dec. 19	Holiday Wear
Dec. 20	Silly Socks/Slipper Day
December 21 st	Hot lunch – Pizza Hut
December 21 st	Last Day of School before winter break
January 7 th	School Re-opens
January 8 th	Volleyball games resume
January 14 th	PAC meeting- 7 pm
January 24 th	Safire Motivational Circus assembly
January 24 th	Swim to Survive for grade 3's begin
Feb. 1 st	Fire Drill

GRADE 3 AT THEIR POTLACH



KINDERGARTEN AT THEIR TALKING CIRCLE



ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOL POTTERY



GRADE 3 WINTER ART



GRADE 6 WINTER ART



KINDERGARTEN/1 HANUKKAH



SCIENTISTS IN THE SCHOOL



GRADE 5 CODING

GRADE 1 RAZ KIDS READING



HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!