



# RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello all:

Lots of good stuff to highlight again this month. We have a lot of social responsibility projects that have occurred/will occur this month. We are seeing our Me to WE students take huge leadership strides, our grade 4/5 class step up with "Therapy Dog with Lily" and our recess guardians are going to put their year long learning to work on our playgrounds. Along with that, next week, we will be holding a school- wide review of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) . Sexual Health classes are finishing up for grades 6 and 7, and I know many other classes took this opportunity to teach similar content in their classes. Our Reading Link Challenge team just placed third in the City Championship.

In athletics, Splash and Dash is this Friday. Basketball is just finishing up, with our Bantam Girls and Boys still in the elite eight. Track and Field has already started (we will be looking for volunteers). Our grade 4 and 5 intramural team handball league fires up this week as well.

Finally, our PAC is as busy as ever, organizing our Fun Fair coming up on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. Our new logo is at the clothing supplier right now, and we should have school clothing to sell by the end of the month.

Take a peek through the newsletter- lots more to see.

Have a wonderful spring.

Darren Brick

## MEASLES IMMUNIZATION CATCH UP PROGRAM FROM ISLAND HEALTH

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic.

Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

## Learning Survey 2019– Grade 4 and 7 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 has been administered to students in grades 4 and 7, and is available to grade 4 and 7 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.

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

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/ParentSurvey.asp> Grade 4 and 7 parents will be provided with a log in number. 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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

ERASE WEBSITE has been greatly updated. Topics include bullying, online safety, substance use, mental health, gender issues etc. . The information is for parents, youth etc... The website link is: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>



## RANDERSON RIDGE RAVENS SPORTS UPDATE

### BASKETBALL

Basketball has finished for Pee Wees and Bantams have started the playoffs this year. The coaches and sponsors for this season are: Pee Wee Girls- Ms. Adelborg and Mr. Brick; Pee Wee Boys. Ms. East and Mr. Rogers;; Bantam Girls- Coach Cheryl Ann and Ms. Needham and Bantam Boys- Mr. Seaman and Ms. Rounis. Thank you to all the volunteers and good luck to our Bantams.



### SPLASH AND DASH

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5 pm, grade 3-7 students interested in trying a fun introduction to triathlon were invited to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Splash and Dash at Beban Park sponsored by White Rapids swim club. About ten schools are participating . We have 54 athletes participating!

### 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 1st** 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. **On April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> for those students that qualify and the District meet is on Thursday June 6th for those that qualify from the zones.

### TRACK AND FIELD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school track meet (Grade 3-7 students) is happening Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-2:00 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.

## **ME TO WE/SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We have a number of social justice projects coming up- most of them led by our grade 7 Me to WE teams- (with very little teacher input). The idea is to create students who feel confident being leaders on their own.

1. Collecting clothes for another elementary school in Nanaimo. This project ended on Wed. Apr. 10. This was very successful and the clothing will be delivered to the school next week.
2. Cupcake sale on Thurs. Apr 11. This will be for raising money to supply clean water to a village in India.
3. We Walk for Water- Randerson Ridge will join 20 other elementary schools to do a district wide Walk for Water (using the E and N walking path) on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. Tape the Principal to the Wall- still in the planning process ☺
5. Related to this, Mr. Roger's class is doing a cupcake sale ( I know, this will be the last one) to raise money for a local child to get money for a sensory therapy dog. This child has a connection to our school. That cupcake sale will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **PBIS WALKTHROUGH**

Related to social responsibility, we will be having our second PBIS walkthrough and review, where we remind students of all the ways that we want them to behave in different areas of the school. We will follow this up with another R-note blitz. The walkthrough will occur April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **MATH NIGHT**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, Mr Rogers and Ms. Needham will be having a Math night where their students will teach their parents math games that they learned in class that can be played at home, which enrich math learning. Looking forward to this event.

## **TALENT SHOW**

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Randerson Ridge will be having a Variety Show called "Randerson's Got Talent" where grade 5, 6 and 7 students will be able to showcase their talents. They can dance, sing a song, play a musical instrument, or perform an act of your choice that is no more than 3 minutes long. The show begins at 10:30 am and spectators are welcome. Teacher sponsors are Mrs. Rounis, Mrs. Rosenau, Mrs. Dimter and Ms. Burnham.

## **PAC UPDATE**

Thank you for your support of the Purdy's chocolate sale. It was a success. Our next two projects are the sale of school clothing (with the new logo) and our Fun Fair happening on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The new logo is at the clothes suppliers right now and we should have sample clothes for students to try on and order by the end of the month. Fun Fair was wonderful last year and we hope to make a few little improvements, but have something similar this year. Watch for more information to come out in May. And, speaking of May, we will have our PAC meeting , WHICH INCLUDES ELECTIONS FOR OUR PAC EXECUTIVE, on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

## GRADE 7 PLANT SALE

Along with the PAC initiatives, our grade 7 parents hold fundraising activities to fund the year-end trip to Camp Capernwray. They will be selling their left over popcorn on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and have plants for sale. The deadline for orders is April 24<sup>th</sup> with delivery just before Mother's Day. There are extra order forms in the office or orders can be submitted online at <https://randersonridge.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

## 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 11	Grade 7 Parent information meeting at Dover 6:30 – 8:00pm
April 12	Hot lunch – Pizza Hut Splash and Dash at Beban Park 2:00 – 5:00pm
April 15-18	Talent show auditions
April 16	Science World biologist presentation – Div's 4 & 5
April 17	Grand Wazoo at Dover Bay 5:00 – 7:00pm
April 19	Good Friday – NO School
April 22	Easter Monday – NO School
April 24	Cupcake Sale – “Service Dog for Lily”
April 26	Hot Lunch – Pita Pit Randerson's Got Talent 10:30am – 11:45am
April 30	Welcome to Kindergarten 12:30 – 1:45pm
May 1	Artist in the School – Div's 6 & 7 Track and Field day Grades 3-7
May 2	Math Games Night – Div's 12 & 14
May 3	Freezie Friday Superintendent visit 9:00am
May 7	District wide earthquake drill
May 8	Grade 7 tour of Dover Bay
May 9	Firedrill #6
May 10	Curriculum Implementation day – NO School
May 13	Whole school photo
May 14	Swim to Survive – Grade 7's at NAC
May 14-16	Trades trailer visit- Intermediate classes
May 15	Healthamongus – Div's 5, 6 & 7 Science World visit – Grades K to 3 9:00am, Grades 4 to 7 10:40am
May 16	Grade 6 immunizations
May 17	Freezie Friday Healthamoungus – Div's 1, 2 & 3
May 20	Victoria Day – NO School
May 21	Swim to Survive – Grade 7's at NAC
May 22	Zone Track Meet- grade 3-7
May 24	Freezie Friday Hot Lunch – Subway “We Walk for Water” Div's 14 – 17 9:45am – 12:30pm
May 27 - 31	Bike to Work Week
May 31	Author Visit – Grade's 2 – 7 PAC Fun Fair Night



## Images of April

Trades Trailer in Ms. East's room



Rad Readers at the RLC City Championship



Have a great rest of April!!!

