

# RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Since our November newsletter, we have received the chromebooks that the PAC and the school purchased for our student support room. 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 celebrated our winners and all participants for their work with the Legion Remembrance Day contest.

Our PAC has been busy with the Craft Fair, the Purdy's and Poinsettias initiatives, Smencil sales etc. We had our Christmas concert on the 12<sup>th</sup> which raised \$1760 for needy families at Randerson, and a few fun activities to finish off the school year in 2019, while we keep our focus on learning.

For extracurricular activities, games club, Microbits (coding) club, homework room and library helpers continue. Volleyball has taken over the gym. Reading Link Challenge has begun in earnest for our grades 4 and 5. And shortly after Christmas we will be offering some after school sports and circus arts opportunities for our younger students.

Coming up in 2020 (among other things)- Another push to reintroduce the WITS program to teach children problem solving social skills they can use, new uniforms for our extracurricular activities grades 3-7, an eco-club that will lead us in the energy cup challenge and other ecological activities and some extensive work in improving our teaching of mathematics for the staff.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Darren Brick

## REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR (INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN)

Please see the emails that go out every Friday to give you all the details about centralized registration for the 2019-20 school year. Remember that if you are currently a Randerson student, you do not need to register again to go Randerson. If you are in grade 7, you do not need to register to go to Dover, but if you want to go to the other high schools or an academy, you will need to do the appropriate registration process.

## RANDERSON RIDGE SPORTS UPDATE



Our teams are competing well in their respective leagues. Thanks to Mrs. Wynia and Mr. Brick for Pee Wee Boys, Ms. Adelborg for Pee Wee girls; Mr. Hooper and Mr. Rosenau 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](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

## LOST AND FOUND

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

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



## IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

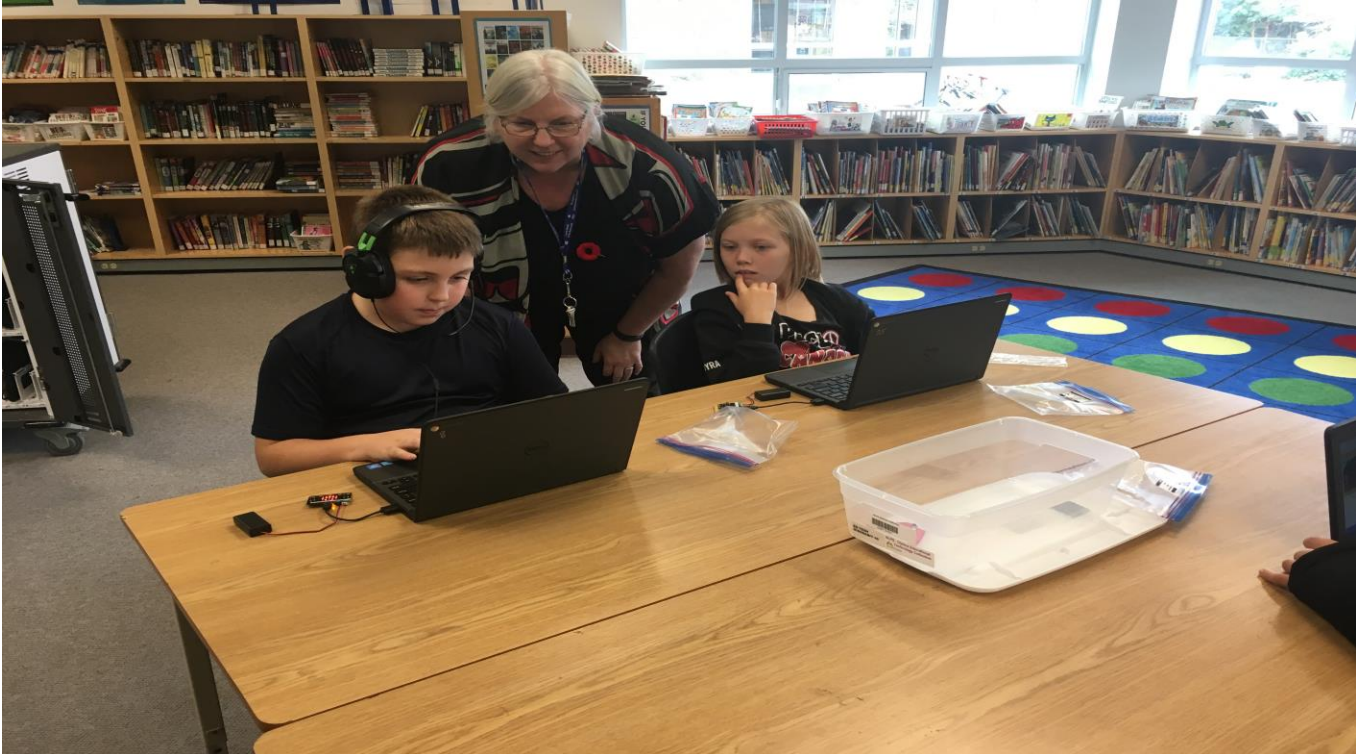
The **Randerson Ridge** on-line calendar of events is always up-to-date and is easily accessible by logging in to our school website at: <http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/randerson/>

Dec. 17	Div 3 & 5 – Fire hall visit Div 11 & 12 – NAC swimming
Dec. 18	Div 8, 9, 10 – Beban swimming Div 13 & 14 – NAC swimming Div 17 & 18 – NAC swimming
Dec. 20	Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens Volleyball practice/games resume
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Screening – Dental, Vision, Hearing 9:00am
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	School visit from Symphony – Grade 4's
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hot lunch – Pita Pit Swim to Survive – Grade 3's school visit
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 4's to the Symphony
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Swim to Survive Grade 3's pool visit
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hot lunch - Subway
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Drill
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 & 7 – Eye exams by Lions Club
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	District Wide Earthquake Drill?
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hot lunch – Pizza Hut Swim to Survive Grade 3's pool visit Report cards issued PAC Movie night
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball begins
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hot lunch – Pita Pit
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day – No School
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day – No School

**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY PRESENTERS**



**LEARNING MICROBITS IN THE LIBRARY**



## ME TO WE SCARE HUNGER FOOD DRIVE



## MATH GAMES IN THE HALLWAY



**REMEMBRANCE DAY POEM ESSAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**



**VIU CULTURAL COLLAGE – DIV. 8**



**HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND RESTFUL HOLIDAY SEASON FROM ALL OF US!**

