



RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school year is off and running. Lots going on to tell you about. First, in our Professional Learning Community time, we are mostly working on mathematics from grade 2 up. We also have groups looking into improving the teaching of core competencies and the kindergarten group is looking at learning how to include more outdoor education into their teaching. We have concluded our screening assessments and our provincial exams and will be working with the information gleaned.

As far as safety goes, we have had two earthquake drills, two fire drills and a lockdown/hold and secure practice. On the social-behavioural front, we have reviewed our Positive Behaviour Intervention System (P.B.I.S.). We have already had a Me to WE initiative, and our school spirit committee has started. This week, we will have a group attend We Day Vancouver. We have a few friendship groups and Rainbow groups going through our Child Family Youth Support Worker and our counsellor has been busy with students and families. After our great Remembrance Day assembly, all the posters and essays were just handed in this week for the Legion contest and we are starting our Reading Link Challenge for grades 4 and 5 this week.

On the technology front, our google classrooms are up and running. Many classes have added Mathletics or Prodigy to their math program and we have a few more classes supplementing their literature with Raz Kids. The whole school is accessing Mystery Science to supplement the classwork. Also, we have our intermediates working on STEM projects in conjunction with our district Careers leader. We have also added another set of chromebooks to the school.

On the extra-curricular front, football and cross country have wrapped up. Volleyball is about to start for the grades 6 and 7's.

Our PAC has their big Craft Fair fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22nd and 23rd. You can support them by baking, helping fill the raffle baskets and/or donating your time. Also, Purdy and Poinsettia sales close on Nov. 26th.

Finally, we have a whole school assembly entitled "How The Raven Stole the Sun" set for Nov. 25th and save the date for our and Christmas Concert- Dec. 12th – 1:00 pm OR 6:30 pm.

Have a great November,
Darren Brick

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 SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our Bantam and Pee Wee football teams on their short, but fun season. Thanks to Mr. Brick for coaching Bantams and Ms. Kelly and Ms. Needham for Pee Wees. Thanks to the many parent drivers.

CROSS COUNTRY ZONE AND DISTRICT RESULTS

In late October, Randerson Ridge sent 50 participants to the Zone Cross Country meet. Our students represented us very well. The District competition was held on Nov. 5th with 17 athletes participating. All students did well and we had 2 finish in the top 10 in the district. Thanks to all who supported us in getting the students to the competition and a huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenau and Mr. Brick for coaching and organizing.

VOLLEYBALL

We have our students signed up and have teams in all categories- Bantam boys (2 teams)- coached by Ms. Hepples and Ms. Needham; Bantam girls (2 teams)- Mr. Hooper and Mr. Rosneau Pee Wee girls- Ms. Adelborg and Pee Wee boys. Games begin this week. As always, Pee wee boys and girls play on Tuesdays, Bantam boys go on Wednesdays and Bantam girls on Thursdays. Go Ravens!



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL- Kindergarten to Div. 12

Our Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 12th at 1:00 pm and goes to 6:30 pm. The performance is approximately 35 minutes long. Div. 13-18 will put on a band concert in the New Year.

Admission is BY DONATION- FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT RANDERSON FAMILIES IN NEED WITH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS!

Everyone is welcome.

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.

RANDERSON RIDGE SAFETY PLAN:

As part of our safety plan, Elementary schools are required to conduct fire drills, earthquake drills, lockdown drills (and we are adding “hold and secure” drills) at various times throughout the school year. These planned drills are important in ensuring that staff and students are aware of how to appropriately respond in the event of a real emergency. If any deficiencies or problems are noted, then changes are made to the plan.

We would like to share information on the following drills so that you are informed of what we are teaching your children.

Drill snapshots:

FIRE DRILL: fire alarm is pulled and students exit the building to meet in classes. Attendance is taken and when the “all clear” is given, children return into the school.

EARTHQUAKE DRILL: earthquake sounds come on the PA system, students duck and cover, count for 60 seconds, and another 60 seconds (in case of aftershocks), then exit the building to marshal on the field. Attendance is taken and when everyone is accounted for and the “all clear” is given, children return back to the school.

HOLD AND SECURE/SHELTER IN PLACE: PA announcement, students remain in the school, instruction continues, exterior doors are locked, and no one is permitted to leave or enter the school until the “all clear” is given.

LOCK DOWN: (potential threat within the school) PA announcement, all students and staff proceed to nearest classroom or office, classroom doors are locked (as are exterior doors), blinds lowered and everyone is instructed to stay away from doors and windows and to be silent. Instruction resumes when the “all clear” is given. In addition to the information about our drills, these are the procedures we have in place in the event of a real situation regard-ing potential threats to schools.

Hold and Secure will be activated if there is a **potential threat/security concern outside the school** (such as a police incident in proximity of the school). **Shelter in Place** will be activated if there is a potential environmental concern outside the school (such as bear, cougar, gas leak in area). In these situations, the police/conservation officers typically contact the school and direct the school to go into Hold and Secure/Stay in Place. When there is no longer a threat outside the school building, the police/conservation inform us that we can resume regular activities.

If our school is in Hold and Secure, the following procedures will apply:

- All exterior doors will be locked.
- NO ENTRY signs will be placed on each door.
- No one will be permitted to leave or enter the school until school administration announces that Hold and Secure is over.

Lockdown will be activated if there is a **potential threat inside the school building**. Again, this procedure is typically by initiated by the RCMP.

If the school is in Lockdown, the following procedures will apply:

Exterior doors are locked

- All students and staff will proceed to the nearest classroom or office.
- All doors to classrooms and offices will be locked and/or barricaded by the supervising adult.
- Students will be kept away from windows and doors and instructed to remain silent and still.
- No one will be permitted to leave their room until the Lockdown is over.

If you hear about a serious emergency at your son/daughter’s school through media reports or other means, **DO NOT PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL. Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER’S CELL PHONE during an emergency**, particularly in a Lockdown situation where it is critical to remain silent, still, and not draw attention from any threat makers that may be in the building or distract staff from their priority of keeping students safe.

News from the Library

READING LINK CHALLENGE

This week, we start a fun program that encourages our grades 4 and 5 students to read in a book club format and then compete against teams in the school, the city and on the island- the Reading Link Challenge. Student sign-up is tomorrow. We have at least 10 teacher volunteer coaches ready to go.

FREE WEEKLY PUBLIC SKATE (LIONS CLUB) FRANK CRANE

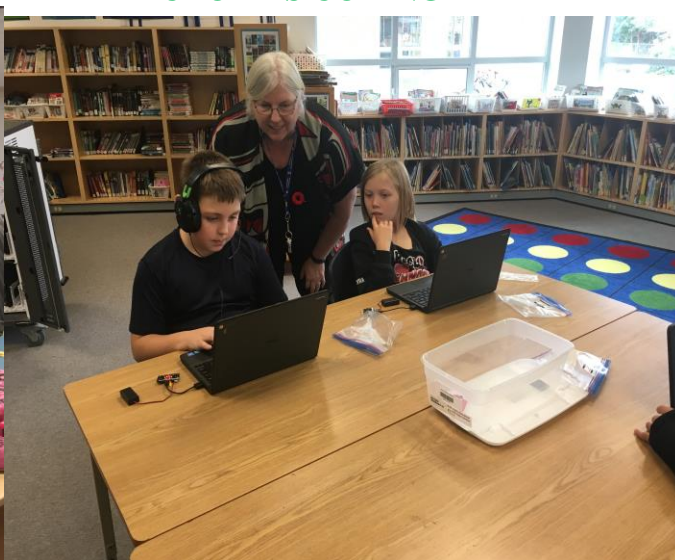
Frank Crane Arena hosts free Sunday skates between 12:00 and 1:30 pm thanks to the LIONS club. It's a great event, but you need to get there early to avoid the crowds! Check to make sure the time has not been changed because of an early Clipper's game.



SEARCHING FOR OUR LOST HEDGEHOG



MICROBITS CODING



DICE MATH WITH BUDDIES



MATH IN THE K ROOM



IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR NOVEMBER/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/>

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| November 22 nd | Randerson Craft Fair at Dover Bay 6-9pm |
| November 23 rd | Randerson Craft Fair at Dover Bay 10am-4pm |
| November 25 th | How the Raven Stole the Sun performance 8:50am |
| November 26 th | Order deadline for Poinsettias and Purdy's |
| November 27 th | Order deadline for Hot Dog day |
| November 29 th | Hot lunch – Subway |
| December 2 nd | Hot Dog Day |
| December 3 rd | Fire Drill #3 |
| December 10 th | “It’s a No” presentation for grades 6 & 7 |
| December 11 th | Hackergirl Hackathon |
| December 12 th | Poinsettia and Purdy's pick up- after school |
| December 12 th | Christmas Concert – 1pm and 6:30 pm |
| December 13 th | Hot lunch – Pizza Hut |
| December 20 th | Last Day of School before winter break |
| January 6 th | School Re-opens |

