



RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Startup is over and 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 completed assessments in language arts and mathematics in their classrooms. We have had our class review processes to get a picture of our students' 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, the Foundational Skills Assessment for grades 4 and 7 have started. 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 have started writing these exams. Thanks for the great parental support.

PAC has been busy with Hot Lunch and trying some new fundraisers.. 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, we reviewed our Positive Behaviour System with all of our students. Our Me to WE leadership group gets going with WE Day activities and our WE Scare Hunger project that runs at Halloween, followed by a Stuffie Drive to help out NRGH.

In extracurricular opportunities, we have football running for both grade 6 and 7 teams. Cross country running for grades 3-7. Soccer for grades 4 and 5 has started. We have reading club, tech club, and homework club, with an after school opportunity for coding for grade 6 and 7 girls starting on Monday.

Thank you again for all your support with School Spirit Wear.

Good luck with your Parent Teacher Interviews.

Yours truly,

D. Brick
Principal

Dates to Remember

Oct 21 - 24	Parent Teacher Interviews
Oct 22 - 24	Early Dismissal 1:00pm
Oct 25	Pro D day - No School
Oct 21 - 31	We Scare Hunger food drive
Oct 30	Cross Country - AM
Nov 1	Hot lunch - Pita Pit
Nov. 4	Me to WE Stuffie Drive
Nov 6	Grade 6 Immunizations
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40am
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - No School
Nov 15	Hot lunch - Pizza Hut
Nov 19	We Day - Vancouver
Nov 29	Hot lunch - Subway
Dec 12	Christmas Concert 1:00pm & 6:00pm
Dec 13	Hot lunch - Pizza Hut
Dec 20	Last day before Winter break

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school-wide Terry Fox Run occurred on Thursday, [September 27th](#). A big thank you is extended to all parent volunteers who helped with marshalling the course! We raised just over \$500. Thank everyone for the donations. Thanks to Ms. Needham for organizing.

Join us at the Randerson Ridge Scholastic Book Fair

When:

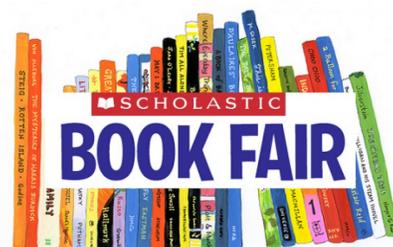
- Monday Oct 21st - 1:30-5:00 PM
- Tues Oct 22nd - 1:00-5:00 PM
- Wed Oct 23rd - 1:00-5:00 PM
- Thurs Oct 24th - 1:00-5:00 PM

Where: Randerson Ridge Library

All funds raised go towards resources for our school library

WE SCARE HUNGER

- Our Me To WE group is collecting non-perishable donations from Oct. 21-31 to combat hunger in Nanaimo.
- All donations can come to the school and will be on display in the front foyer.
- All donations will go to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our school has scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences during the month of October. Conferences will be held Monday, October 21- Thursday, October 24. During this week, students in grades K-7 will be dismissed at 1:22 p.m. on Monday and 1:00 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.



RANDERSON RIDGE SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

We have grade 6 and 7 football teams this year. Pee Wees (grade 6) just finished their season and Bantams (grade 7) will start their playoffs at the end of October. Thanks to Coach Cheryl Ann and Ms. Needham for leading pee wee football. Thank you to Mr. Brick for coaching. Bantams.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Mrs. Rosenau and Mr. Rosenau have approximately 80 students preparing for the cross country zone run-off on Oct. 30th and then Districts on November 5th

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ME to WE @ RANDERSON RIDGE

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

Terry Fox was our first activity.

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. See the first page for more details.

WE Day– 22 Randerson Ridge students will be attending We Day in Vancouver on Nov. 19th 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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

NLPS WRESTLING

Wrestling season has just started but there is still room for new athletes! School District 68's wrestling team/club is open to all students in grades 4 to 12 from all of our schools. The season just started on October 7. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays; grade 4-7s practice from 5 -6:15 PM, and grades 8-12 practice from 6-7:30 PM. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd K-12 (4355 Jingle Pot Road). For more information, please visit the club's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. If you have ever been curious about wrestling, you are encouraged to drop by a practice to check it out!

REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE

YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:

- call the school in advance and leaving a message on the answering machine that is on 24 hours a day if you know your child will not be attending school on that day. It has been very much appreciated this year, some days we have only had to make 2 or 3 calls to parents.
- have after school plans set up with your child before the start of the day so they do not have to use the office phone at the end of the day. Thank you parents for continuing to do this.
- A convenient pick up point is near the flag poles. If someone who does not regularly pick up your child is coming please ask them to wait there and also remind your child(ren) to meet at the flag pole after school.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS (ISLAND HEALTH)

Recently immunization consent packages for grade 6 students were sent home from the school. If you have not already done so, please return the completed consent form to the school in a sealed envelope as soon as possible. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent(s), guardian or representative. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

PAC CHAPTERS NIGHT

Wednesday November 6th From 7pm to 9pm

Where: Woodgrove Centre, 6670 Mary Ellen Drive

How you can help: Shop at Chapters on Wednesday November 6th between the hours of 7pm and 9pm.

Don't forget to mention that you are with Randerson. A percentage of all of our purchases will come right back to our children. So let's get shopping. This a PAC sponsored event

PAC PAINT NIGHT

Here it is, ready to go! Randerson Ridge's very own Paint Nite Fundraiser!! All ages are welcome.

\$15 from each ticket is given back to Randerson Ridge, plus an additional \$100 bonus if we can get 50 people to sign up! So tell all your friends and family and let's rock this event!!

Tickets MUST be purchased by Oct. 13th!

Event details: Monday, Oct. 28th, 7-9pm, at Piper's Pub.

Purchase tickets here:

https://www.yaymaker.com/ca/bc/nanaimo/29763/events/fundraiser-pipers-pub/october-28/10-28-19-paint-nite-fundraiser-for-randerson-ridge-elementary-school-10191095/?_ga=2.158280766.540887606.1569533199-274914370.1569354606

A special thank you to Daniela Bland for organizing this really fun event.

Learning Around the School

