



RANDERSON RIDGE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello all:

School is well underway and we are well into our new reality. Almost all of our Transition students have returned to Randerson Ridge and we are near our full complement of 442 students. We have just finished our week of IEP meetings and support plans are being implemented and written up. All the different changes that we went through for safety protocols have been clarified and seem to be a little more stable. Reading and Math assessments have taken place in all our classes and the information is being used to inform instruction. Formative Assessment Conferences are coming up immediately and we are starting to have a few more fun activities to try and raise school spirit. The playground and gym are definitely more active now that we can use equipment. We have almost all our chromebooks back from when they were handed out in the spring. School photos have occurred!

Looking into the future- the school district has surveyors on our playing field exploring solutions to the perennial drainage problems. The final touches are being put on our portable. Foundational Skills Assessments (Provincial Formative Assessments grade 4 and 7) have been postponed until January in BC, but that will come soon. We will have a Remembrance Day Assembly, Rem. Day Legion Art contest, Reading Link Challenge and Book Fair coming up.

Thankfully, we have all made it through safely so far and hopefully that will continue, and we will be able to find ways to keep learning and teaching well, and offer more social/fun activities that contribute to making Randerson the great place it is.

Thank you for all your support over this time!

Darren Brick

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES (PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS)

A reminder that our conferences run from Oct. 19-22. School is dismissed at 1:10 pm each day. All our conferences are virtual TEAMS meetings that you can join through desktop, mobile phones or just a phone call. All instructions have been sent out four times through listserve. Hope you have a good experience and hope we can make it through the inevitable hiccups.

PAC MEETING/ELECTIONS

We have our PAC elections on Monday, Oct. 19th at 7 pm via TEAMS. If you are interested in taking part, please let Mr. Brick know at dbrick@sd68.bc.ca

COLDER WEATHER

Rain, drizzle, frost! A reminder that our lunch recess break is 35 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 unsafe 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

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>



HALLOWEEN

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.

There will be no costume parade this year and unfortunately, there will be no pumpkin carving contest, but students are free to dress in orange and black or wear their costumes on Oct. 30th. Just a reminder that families should NOT be sending food to share with others on that day.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Just a notice that even though there is a COVID 19 pandemic, grade 6 immunizations still will occur this year. More information will come later in the year as we get information from the Health District.

SAFETY DRILLS

As part of our NLPS 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 on the basketball court or the back field. 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, then exit the building to marshal on the field/court. 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 regarding 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.

*If we ever have to evacuate off-site, we would use school district communication to let parents know of the process to pick up your children. Our evacuation sites are Dover Bay or secondarily, the Neighborhood Church.

LIBRARY AND BOOK FAIR

Hello Randerson Families:



It is wonderful seeing all our students back in school and enjoying reading. We have a robust collection in our Randerson Library. Although most classes are getting books via our travelling carts, we are still able to get great books into the hands of our students. Students can request any book they don't see on the cart. Please encourage students to bring their books back on their library day so they can exchange for new ones.

Library days are as follows:

Monday Mr. Rosenau
Ms Burnham
Ms. Adelborg

Wednesday Mrs. Rosenau
Mrs. Rounis
Mrs. Baldwin
Ms. Needham

Tuesday Ms Pickerell
Ms. Noesgaard
Ms Welsh
Ms East
Mrs. Hooper
Ms Uhlmann

Thursday Mr. Hooper
Ms. Hepples

Friday Mrs. Dimter
Mrs. Thompson
Ms. Riley
Mr. Nixon

Scholastic Book Fair – Virtual Version 2020

This year our scholastic book fair will be held virtually from **November 2nd – November 13th**.

Randerson will receive a link specific to our fair that will go live on November 2nd

You have 2 weeks to look, browse and shop on the online book fair.

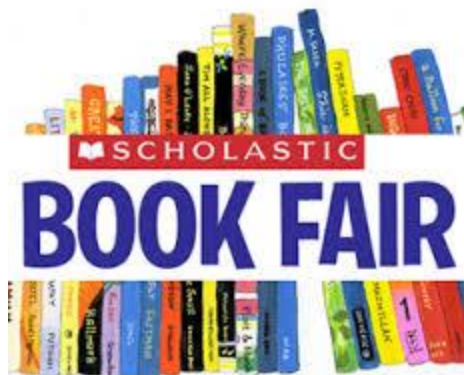
Purchased items will be delivered directly to your house.

More details, including our Randerson link will come shortly.

If you have any questions regarding library or library resources please contact me at vmartineau@sd68.bc.ca

Happy Reading!

Mrs. V Martineau



REMEMBRANCE DAY POEM ESSAY POSTER CONTEST AND ASSEMBLY

It has been a strange year, because usually I spend a lot of time letting you know about all the activities going on at Randerson. It is one of the greatest things about our school. This year is so different, but we are slowly building in some more of the fun things that we can safely do. Just wanted to let people know that our school historically has very high participation in the Remembrance Day Art contest, and we will be doing that again. We will also have a TEAMS Remembrance Day assembly at 10:40 on Tuesday, Nov. 10th.

READING LINK CHALLENGE

Another activity that we will be doing this year is we have joined up for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Reading Link Challenge. We usually have the most teams in the city and it is a fun activity to get grade 4 and 5 students reading in a team format. We are just waiting to hear if other schools are going to join as well, but that should be something to look forward to from November to March.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

M.-Th. Oct. 19-22	Formative Assessment Conference- Early dismissal at 1:10 pm
Fr. Oct. 23	Provincial Pro.Dev. Day- No school for students
M. Oct. 26	Photo Retake Day
F. Oct. 30	Black and Orange Day or Wear your Halloween costume
M. N. 2-13	Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
F. N. 6	Crazy Color Day- be as colorful in your apparel as you can!
T. N. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly-10:40 am
W. N. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday- No school for students
F. N. 13	Hat Day
M. N. 16	PAC meeting- 7 pm
F. N. 20	School Spirit Day- wear Randerson colors- Black, White, Teal

Students are creating lists in their classrooms this week of Friday “themes” we can do all year. Watch for those to be a regular Friday (and the odd Thursday) event.

