



# Ranchero Elementary School



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*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty & Fun*

## Principal's Message

Field trips, field trips, field trips!! All of our students have recently participated in a variety of wonderful field trips.

Last week, Ms. Hamilton and I had the pleasure of taking our class to Eagle Bay Camp for three days. The students had an amazing experience as they challenged themselves at archery, wall climbing, zip lining, paintballing, blobbing (playing on a huge water pillow), kayaking, and gaga (style of dodge ball). The students were very respectful and responsible, as they represented themselves and our school well.

Last Thursday, Ms. Lussin, Mrs. Tenveen and Mr. MacKay's classes travelled to Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, where the students released the Chinook salmon Ms. Lussin's class had been raising. Each student had an opportunity to release a salmon into the Shuswap River and wish the salmon well on its journey to the ocean.

On Thursday, Mr. MacKay's class travelled to Kamloops to visit the Kamloops Wildlife Park. The students enjoyed their day as they toured the park via train and saw a variety of animals. The wolves seemed to be the highlight for many students!

Mrs. Tenveen's class will be visiting her home on June 22nd, as the children will spend time exploring her amazing garden and riding their bikes.

I would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents who have volunteered to join our students on these field trips. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated, and you help make these experiences positive and successful for the teachers and students.

Please read on for details about the other great events that have or will be happening for our students.

Sincerely,

*Joel Menzies*  
Principal



## Ranchero Student Garage Sale

During the afternoon of Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the students of Ranchero Elementary will be having their annual Student Garage Sale. Students are welcome to buy, sell or trade items. **All money and items brought to school must be approved by the parents/guardians, and items should be priced at home.** The students should remember to bring coins, as other students will not be able to make change for large bills. Students have the option of keeping their profits or donating the profits to Ranchero's Free the Children Fund (Me to We). We're looking forward to seeing the students in action, as they buy, sell and trade.



## Appreciation Tea

Ranchero Elementary's annual Appreciation Tea will take place on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Each class will have the opportunity to showcase a dance or musical selection they have been working on with our music teacher, Mr. Izik-Dzurko. The event is the school's way of saying "thank you" to all of the parents, family members and community members who contribute to the students' and the school's success.



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## Fun Day

Our annual Fun Day will be on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A notice will be sent home the day before, reminding students to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Our final Hot Lunch day will take place on Fun Day. An order form will be sent home on Monday. The students will receive 1 hot dog, 1 piece of watermelon, and 1 bottle of water for the cost of \$2.



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## Year-end Assembly

Our year-end assembly will be held on the final day of school, Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the assembly at 8:20 am. There will be a year-end slide show and we will say farewell to our Grade 7 students and some staff members. All family members are welcome and encouraged to attend our final assembly.

After the assembly, the students will meet with their teachers and the teachers will hand out the report cards. The students will be dismissed at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## Track & Field

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, eighteen of our students represented Ranchero Elementary at the School District #83 Track and Field competition. Even though the athletes were all a little soggy from the rain, our students demonstrated a strong competitive spirit, displayed great sportsmanship, and had a fun day!

Students who placed in the top six in some of the events include: Tyrel/Owen/Jessica/Taylor (4<sup>th</sup> place in 2004 Mixed Relay Team), Isabelle (2<sup>nd</sup> in 2004 Girls' Long Jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2004 Girls' 800m), Jayden (3<sup>rd</sup> in Girls' 2003 Ball Throw), Carson (6<sup>th</sup> in 2004 Boys' 100m Sprint), Jessica (2<sup>nd</sup> in Girls' 2005 100m Sprint and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2005 Girls' Long Jump), Katie (6<sup>th</sup> in Girls' 2004 High Jump) and Lukas (1st in Boys' 2003 800m).

We are proud of all our athletes!!



## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

This year's final meeting of Rancho Elementary's PAC was this past Monday. At the meeting, we had the school's PAC executive voted in. Congratulations to the following: Kyla Sherman (President), Angela Ferguson (Vice-President), Kerry Miller (Treasurer), and Allison Winkler (Secretary). We would like to thank this group of ladies and we are looking forward to working with them, as they will lead our PAC throughout the 2015-2016 school year.



A big "thank you" goes to our PAC for doing a wonderful job of supporting our school by providing such things as: direct classroom financial support, Accelerated Reader program, gymnastics and swimming lessons. The PAC's big goal for the year was to raise enough money to purchase picnic tables and benches for the school grounds. Their goal was successfully achieved, as two picnic tables and three benches have been ordered and will be installed for September.

The staff and students would like to thank the PAC for their continued support throughout the year!

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## On the Horizon

The school calendar can be found at: <http://www.ran.sd83.bc.ca/RANCalendar/?FormID=158>



## Fee Schedule for 2015-2016

### Permissible Fees:

- Listed below are the permissible school fees in compliance with provincial legislation. A **financial hardship policy** is in place at Rancho Elementary for families unable to afford school fees. Please contact Mr. Menzies (250.832.7018) for further information. If you want to work out a payment plan, please contact the school secretary.

- *Due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015*

➤ <b>School Supplies:</b>	<b>Gr. 6 - 7</b>	<b>\$35</b>
	<b>Gr. 4 - 5</b>	<b>\$30</b>
	<b>Gr. 1 - 3</b>	<b>\$25</b>
	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>\$25</b>

These are approximately prices. The prices will be finalized by the end of June.
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- **Student agenda: \$5** (Agenda replacement: \$5)
- **Kindergarten Cooking Fee: \$10**
- **Band:** Instruments can be purchased or rented (privately or through the school district)

### Requested Fees:

- Provincial legislation does not allow schools to charge a mandatory activity fee. Our PAC and staff believe these programs and activities are important for our students. We are requesting parents continue to pay these fees, so these programs can continue. Our ability to provide these programs will depend on the response from parents. No student will be denied access to a school sponsored program/activity for financial reasons. If circumstances do not permit payment at this point, please contact Mr. Menzies.

- **Cultural Performance and Activity Fee \$15.** The district books excellent cultural performances, each year for our school and we pay the district \$6 per student for all students enrolled in our school. The activity fee supports events such as cross country running entry fees.
- **Field Trips:** as determined by teachers (can include transportation, entry fees, accommodation, food, equipment rentals, lift tickets, etc.).

Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Menzies 250.832.7018, if you have any questions regarding fees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support.