

What's New on the Ridge

October 10th Edition



From the Principal:

Celebration of Life - Thank you again for being part of the collective strength of our community. Your thoughts, gestures and words have been very much appreciated as we all deal with the loss of Cynthia. We have been asked by some families if there will be a service and so I want to share that, A Celebration of Life will be held for Cynthia Kroeker on November 15, 2025, at the Coquitlam Alliance Church at 1:00pm.

Personal Devices - As part of our commitment to fostering a focused and respectful learning environment, I'd like to remind everyone of our expectations regarding personal devices such as cell phones and smart technologies, including smartwatches.

In alignment with BC's School Codes of Conduct and Eagle Ridge's policy, **students are not permitted to use personal devices during instructional hours**, unless they have received permission from their teacher for a specific assignment and are under direct supervision. If your child brings a device to school, it must be **stored in their backpack at all times** during the school day.

We kindly ask that you **do not call or text your child during school hours**, as they will not be able to respond. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment.

NEWS AND REMINDERS:

Interim Reports will be sent home Thursday, October 16th. If you do not receive yours, please contact your child's teacher. These are informal mid-term reports to let you know about your child's progress so far this school year.

Hat Day – Friday, October 17th is Hat Day, our first Spirit Day of the school year. We invite students to wear any kind of hat they wish - favourite, funny, silly, outrageous, home-made, beach - any kind of hat!



Early Dismissal – we have a 1:43pm early dismissal on Thursday, October 23rd.

Pro-D Day – Reminder that Friday, October 24th is a Pro-D Day; students do not attend school.

Learn2Ride Grade 4/5 Bike program: Grade 4/5 students will be participating in their outdoor session on Tuesday, October 14th. Please see the list below of items students need for this day:

- Bike*
- Water Bottle
- Rain gear & warm clothing, and gloves (we bike rain or shine!)
- Helmet*



***Learn2Ride will bring some bikes and helmets in case your child needs to borrow one however, we ask any student that does own one to please bring their own.**

At drop off, students will bring bikes to the gravel field through the gate closest to Falcon Drive (near daycare building). Please have your child park their bike near their division number as it will help keep bikes organized. Bikes will be supervised on the gravel field as our instructors are on the field with teachers from 9-2 pm as well as our regular supervision at recess and lunch. Bikes can be picked up after school. Students participating in Grade 5 volleyball will be moving their bikes into the undercover area at the end of the day and can pick it up once practice ends at 3:30 pm.

Pokémon Cards: We have noticed an increase in the number of students bringing Pokémon Cards to school. We do not encourage this, as it leads to many upsets. There is NO trading or buying/selling of cards while at school, including before and after school. Thank for helping your children understand this expectation.

Treats and Snacks for Sharing: Students are welcome to bring treats to school during the following four designated days: Halloween, Last Week before Winter Break (one day), Valentine's Day, and End of the School Year. Classroom teachers will co-ordinate this and send more information to families near those days. The reason for limiting the number of treats shared is that it is very challenging for teachers to monitor dietary restrictions and respect all parent wishes for food choices given to their child.



Westcoast Lunch and Recess: We Are Going Outside to Play Students should be prepared to be outside each day at lunch and recess. We will only stay inside if it is extremely inclement weather. **Proper boots, water-resistant jackets with hoods, and optionally umbrellas will help keep children warm and dry.** Please send your child with a full change of clothing to be left at the school, including an inside pair of running shoes. It is important to dress your child appropriately for the weather conditions. **With close to 400 students we cannot call home for extra clothes.** Please label everything with your child's name.

Halloween Activities: On Friday, October 31st, students will be permitted to wear their costumes to school. If wearing a costume, students should dress at home, arrive at school in costume, and have their everyday clothes on underneath. They should also have an extra bag for the costume if they decide they don't want to wear it. Those students who do not have a costume, or who do not want to wear a costume, are invited to wear orange or black clothing. Each class will have their own plan for activities. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Parents and caregivers are welcome to watch our "Halloween Parade" at approximately 9:20am outside the gym at the under-cover area. Classes will be seated in the gym, but each division will have a turn to parade outside then back into the gym.



Regarding costumes at school – weapons and toy weapons are not allowed; costumes that portray negative stereotypes or that demean or make fun of any group of people are inappropriate. Costumes should not make light of anyone's religious, cultural, ethnic or racial group.



Eagle Ridge Elementary is on Facebook and Instagram. We post ongoing Eagle Ridge information for parents on these social media platforms. It's @eagleridgeSD43 for both – please follow, like, and share.



CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Date	Activities and Events
<i>Monday, October 13th</i>	<i>Thanksgiving (School is not in session)</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 14th</i>	<i>Learn2Ride Grade 4/5 Bike Program Grade 5 volleyball Practice 2:45-3:30 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 15th</i>	<i>Grade 5 volleyball Game (home) 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Thursday, October 16th</i>	<i>Interim reports coming home Great BC Shakeout Core Competency Assembly (Wolf)</i>
<i>Monday, October 20th</i>	<i>Div. 1 and 3 Soil Workshop (Coquitlam Parks) Div, 2,4,5 Young Actors' Workshop</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 21st</i>	<i>PAC Hot Lunch (Sushi Mori) Div. 2,4,5 Young Actors' Workshop Grade 5 volleyball practice 2:45-3:30 pm PAC Meeting (online) 6:30 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 22nd</i>	<i>Div.2,4,5 Young Actors' Workshop</i>
<i>Thursday, October 23rd</i>	<i>Div.3 fieldtrip Div.16 fieldtrip Early Dismissal @ 1:43 pm Grade 5 volleyball game (away @ Pinetree Elem.) 4:00 pm</i>
<i>Friday, October 24th</i>	<i>Pro-D Day</i>
<i>Monday-Wednesday October 27-29th</i>	<i>Haunted Library with Mr. Drake</i>
<i>Monday, October 27th</i>	<i>Div 1,6,9 Young Actors' Workshop Div 14 fieldtrip</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 28th</i>	<i>Div 1,6,9 Young Actors' Workshop Photo Retakes Grade 5 volleyball practice 2:45-3:30 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 29th</i>	<i>Div 1,6,9 Young Actors' Workshop Div 7 & 8 fieldtrip Grade 5 volleyball game (home) 4-5 pm</i>
<i>Thursday, October 30th</i>	<i>Div 12 fieldtrip</i>
<i>Friday, October 31st</i>	<i>9:20 Halloween Parade (Guests Welcome Outside) PAC Hot Lunch (Fresh Slice)</i>

NEWS FROM THE PAC

What's New with the PAC:

Join our monthly meetings to hear updates from the principal and voice any feedback.

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The agenda will be posted on our website a week in advance. If you would like to add an agenda item, please contact us 10 days prior to the meeting.

Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 21 @ 6:30** (on teams)

If you would like to volunteer, join a committee, or have any questions please contact us at eagleridgepac@gmail.com

Stay connected:

eagleridgepac@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/EagleRidgeElementarySchoolPAC/

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge

Oct 31 FRESH SLICE PIZZA Lunch

Order now for lunch on October 31. Orders must be placed through <https://munchalunch.com/home.html>

Orders are **due October 24** – late orders will not be accepted.

Up coming lunches: **October 21** Sushi Mori; **November 7** Pasta Polo; **November 18** Boston Pizza; **November 28** Red Robin; **December 9** Little Ceasar's

The Craft Nest Holiday Market – Saturday November 22nd from 10am-4pm inside the school gym.

There will be face painters and a photo booth for seasonal photos!

There will be Raffle Baskets with donations from our vendors. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the event and the proceeds go

towards Eagle Ridge PAC for supporting teacher classrooms and technology upgrades.

Do you know a local handmade vendor or perhaps a kidpreneur? Please send them to our application site: <https://forms.gle/mSb8hB1NHwFzNbUn9>

Bring the whole family and shop for the Holiday Season!



Movie Night Thursday, October 23rd

Lilo & Stitch (2025 version)

Join us for our first movie night of the year. Doors open at 5:45pm
PAC is organizing the concession. (Fri Oct 24 is a pro day).

This is not a drop off event, students must be accompanied by a
parent/guardian.

Movie night pizza orders on Munch-A-Lunch close 11:59pm
October 16. You'll have the option to order whole pizzas or
individual slices. There will be limited slices available for purchase
on the night of, so we recommend ordering in advance on MAL!



Popular fundraiser alert! Community Values
Coupon Books are available for purchase on
MunchaLunch now until Oct 28.

www.munchalunch.com/schools/eagleridge

View a sample coupon book online:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/brfqs/wmib/>

Over \$5,000 in savings to businesses in the Tri
Cities! Purchased books will be sent home
November 4th.

UP COMING PAC Fundraisers

**Created By Kids Art Cards Oct 14 – 27 – Order by Nov 4 for delivery by the end of
November**

Neufeld Farms Frozen Foods Nov 3 – 5 – Delivery Nov 26