What's New on the Ranch

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September 11 - 15, 2023

Date	Activities and Events			
Monday, September 11 th				
Tuesday, September 12 th	Fire Drill			
Wednesday, September 13 th	Parent Advisory Council Meeting – 7:00pm - Library			
Thursday, September 14 th				
Friday, September 15 th	Kindergarten Gradual Entry Ends			

This Week in Review:

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the end of our first week! For those of you new to Ranch Park, this is our weekly newsletter with essential information about school events. **Please read it fully.** Your child's teacher will also send out regular emails and information to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in class. It's wonderful to have everyone back in class, connecting and learning, and we will continue to make the best of all our opportunities to support our students' learning together.

Class placement

We have finished setting permanent classes, and your child's new teacher will email you late this afternoon or evening to welcome your child to their new class, which starts Monday. If you have not received an email by Saturday morning, please contact me. Class placement is a process we take very seriously, and each student's placement is individually planned, based on information and participation from teachers, the counselor, the student services teacher, the principal and parents and guardians. We have carefully considered the best fit for each student, first for their learning needs, and for their social needs. Even with such a thorough process, some students may perceive that they are not with a particular friend, or there is some other concern. We ask that you sit down and discuss the situation with them, letting them know sometimes it takes time to feel comfortable, and they will be well cared for in their class.

We have a number of afterschool programs for our students. Please see below for information.

Please take some time to review the additional information items below for parents. Each week I will share information about what is happening at school, as well as additional opportunities for students and families to be involved and support Ranch Park.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Rob Killawee Principal Ranch Park Elementary



Parent Information

Parent Advisory Council

We would like to invite you to come out to the first Parent Advisory Council meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Ranch Park Library, which is large and spacious. This is an excellent place to get connected to other parents and the details of school life. We also have a Zoom link which will be sent out separately. Email: RPExecutive@ranchparkpac.ca

Morning Drop Off

Please only go into the lower parking lot if there is a stall available to park in. It is not a suitable place just to drop off or turn around. If the parking lot is full there is often room to park nearby and then walk to school Some families also park in the church parking lot at the top of the street and walk down to school.

Class Locations

The locations where teachers meet their classes are indicated on the map on the next page. Please consult the map to find where to meet your child's teacher.

Parent e-Forms

Please sign into KEV to complete this year's Parent eForms. This information needs to be completed for all students. There are also forms to complete if you plan to volunteer at school this year.

West Coast Recess

A reminder to always send your kids dressed for the weather. We will be outdoors every day at lunch and recess (rain, snow or sun) unless the weather is extreme.

Indigenous Self Identification

If you have questions about Indigenous Self Identification, please see information below.

Grade 5 Fundraising

The Grade 5 Tru-Earth fundraiser is continuing throughout the year. 20% of every purchase of Tru-Earth laundry materials comes back to Ranch Park to support our grade 5 end of year events. You can support our Grade 5 activities through purchasing Tru-Earth laundry products at https://fundraising.tru.earth/RPGrade5.

BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public

questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism
So, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.

Student Goal of the Week:

Core Competency: Positive Personal & Cultural Identity

Facet: Relationships and cultural contexts

Goal Statement: "I can describe my family and community."

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR SD43

SD43 is looking for permanent Noon Hour Assistants to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) within an assigned zone at one of our schools. (Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset.)

Please submit your resume <u>through this link</u> if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for one of our sites!

Teacher Map

Please see the map below to see where to meet your child's teacher on Monday morning.



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This fall we are very excited to offer a range of paid afterschool programs for your children! If you are interested in one of the programs, please click the image below. Follow the directions to register. If finances are concern, please reach out to me directly before registering.

All programs are held onsite at Ranch Park. On program days students will go directly from their class to the program. Most of the programs will be held in the gym, though the soccer program may also include outdoor time on the field. For all programs students should wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. At the end of each program, students will be picked up at the front entrance. Program times are included on the registration page. Punctual pickup will be important. Program staff are separate from Ranch Park.

Programs:

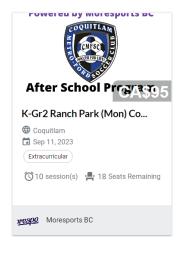
Monday: Soccer - Kindergarten to Grade 2

Tuesday: Multisports – Grades K - 5

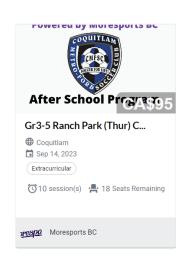
Thursday: Soccer – Grades 3 - 5 Friday: Hip Hop – Grades 1 - 5

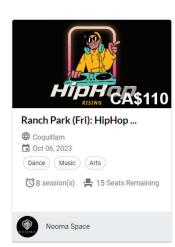
Please let me know if you have any questions.

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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day No School	5 First Day of School	6	7	8	9
10	11 Class charters begin	12 Fire Drill 2:10	13 PAC Meeting 7:00pm	14	15 Kindergarten Gradual Entry Ends	16
17	18	19 Earthquake Drill 2:10 Parent Welcome BBQ 5-6 BBQ 6-7 Meet the Teacher	20	21 Hearing Testing	22 District Professional Day No School	23
24	25 Lockdown Drill	26 Terry Fox Presenta- tion 11:00am	27	28 Terry Fox School Run	29	30



Student Name:



Coquitlam School District 43

Indigenous Education Department

1432 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3K 1G5 604-945-7386

> abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca http://www.sd43.bc.ca/AbEd

Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nation, Metis or Inuit)

Please fill out only if student has Indigenous Ancestry – one form per child Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status/Non-Status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation other than this self-identification is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.

Student Name:			Indigenous Ancestry:(Yes)			
Specify Ancestry if known: _		(e.g.	(e.g. Coast Salish, Sto:lo, Cree, Metis, Inuit, etc.)			
School Name:		Grade:				
D. O. B.:	(Mon	th/day/year)	ear) Gender:			
Home Phone #:	Cell #:	Email:				
Siblings:(with ancestry)		_ School:	Grade	2:		
Parent	/ Guardian Consult Indigenous Education E	Enhanced Suppo	ort Services			
(some services may be limi ☐ Academic / Social / Emotional Support			□ Cultural Enrichment			
☐ Home-School communication (letters, phone calls, etc.)			☐ Community Events			
☐ Monitoring of academic progress and attendance			☐ Leadership / Conference			
☐ Graduation/Scholarship/Bursary/Post-Secondary Info			☐ Breakfast / Lunch Program / Snacks			
☐ Rites of Passage (transition)			☐ Field Trips			
Comments:						
*By signing below, I acknowledge the *I give consent for my child to access *This signature is considered conses *Consent can also be given verbally contact the Indigenous Program off	ss the programs and services nt for the duration of the stud by phone or by email to your	available through dent's enrollment Indigenous Youth	the Indigenous Program. in their current school. I Worker. To revoke the consi	ent, you must		
(Parent/Guardian Signature or Youth W	Torker Communication Consult)		(Date Signed)			

^{*}Please return this form to your child's school ASAP. If you have any questions, please call 604-945-7386.