

What's New on the Ranch

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May 15 - 19, 2023

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, May 15 th	
Tuesday, May 16 th	Fire Drill / Grade 5 Basketball 2:45 - 4 - Gym / Art Planet - 2:45 - 4:15
Wednesday, May 17 th	Kids Yoga-2:45- 4:00
Thursday, May 18 th	Panorama Photo
Friday, May 19 th	

This Week in Review:

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fabulous sunshine!

We were delighted to meet our new kindergarten students who will join us in September! Thank you, Mark Notting, for representing the Parent Advisory Council at our Connecting to Kindergarten event Thursday afternoon. Thank you Ms. Pare, Ms. Wong, Ms. Caverly, Ms. Lee, Ms. Whitely and Ms. Petrucci for helping support and connect our new families!

Congratulations to Kayla and Eloise, who represented Ranch Park at the district public speaking final. We were fortunate enough to be able to host the North Zone finals, and our grade 3, 4, and 5 classes could to watch their fellow students perform their speeches.

Please mark your calendars for our **Sports Day on June 9th**. Parents are welcome to attend to help out or cheer on students. Sports day will go rain or shine. It will also be an early dismissal, with school dismissed at 1:45.

Each year we review our school calendar and daily schedule. This coming year there is one very minor change due to district requirements; the school day will start at 8:52, rather than 8:51. Please find below the schedule of holidays and professional days for your reference.

Thank you to Ms. Kripps for preparing the butterflies for all our classes, and to PAC for covering the cost. Our students are looking forward to watching the process of growth and change!

As we come to the middle of May, we will soon begin the process of building classes for next year. This is a careful, thoughtful process, focused on the very best interests of your children. I have included more detailed information below about our considerations in the process of placing students. Please read and contact me if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rob Killawee
Principal
Ranch Park Elementary



Parent Information

Mathematical terms

Decompose - to break a number into smaller parts.

Round to - make a number friendly by finding the closest multiple of 10.

Subitize - to recognize the number of a small group of objects without counting.

Count on - to count up or down from a number given.

Pattern - a sequence of repeating objects, shapes or numbers

Digit - a number from 0-9, forming part of a number

Place Value - a digit's value is determined by its position in the number



Reporting Absences

Please report absences and lates through the "Absence Report" link on the website, under "Quick Links. You can also [bookmark this link](#).

Grade 5 Fundraising

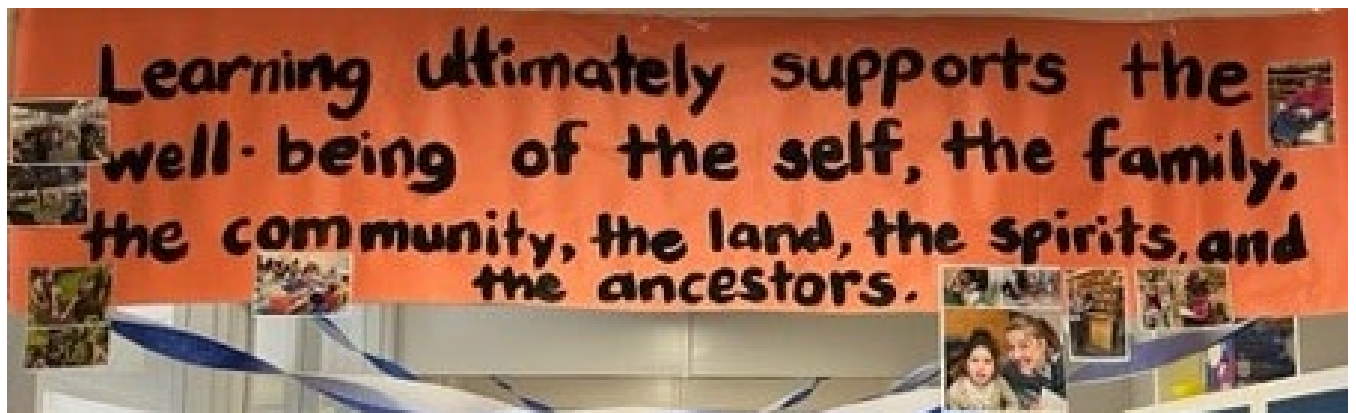
You can support our Grade 5 activities through purchasing Tru-Earth laundry products at <https://fundraising.tru.earth/RPGrade5>.

Student Goal of the Week:

Core Competency: Personal Awareness and Responsibility

Facet: Well-being

Goal Statement: "I can take some responsibility for my physical and emotional well-being."



STUDENT CLASS PLACEMENT



Placing students in the most appropriate class for an academic year is an important and complex process. We put a lot of consultation, care, and effort into ensuring each student is best placed to meet their academic and social-emotional needs.

The class building process is a team effort. This team includes the principal, student services teachers, classroom teachers and non-enrolling teachers. This process is not finalized until after the first week of school in September, once an accurate enrollment has been determined. The following factors are considered when forming classes:

- adherence to BC Ministry of Education criteria
- needs of student services (EAL, learning support, EA supports)
- learning style and intellectual/social/emotional/physical needs
- student leadership
- social relationships
- grade and gender balance

Parent Information

The unique educational, personal, medical or social needs of each child are our priority in placement planning. Social and emotional needs are important to the success of a child in school, and each child's positive social connections are considered. Please note that parent information is not a request for specific placement, and requests for specific teachers cannot be considered. The final placement decision rests with the principal.

If you know of significant considerations relating to your child's educational needs, please outline them in an email directly to Mr. Killawee before the end of May.

We know there is sometimes anxiety and worry about starting a new school year. We ask you as parents to encourage and support your children in this. The goal is for each child to receive a placement that will best meet all of their needs. Fortunately, experience proves that the vast majority of students quickly accept their new placement, become involved and look forward to being part of a class community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Ranch Park Bell Schedule

2023-24

Time	Activity
8:52	Morning Bell
8:52- 9:05	Power Up (Monday & Friday)
9:05-10:25	Class
10:25	Recess Bell (Start)
10:25-10:40	Recess
10:40	Recess Bell (End)
10:40-12:00	Class
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:25	Lunch Bell (Eating Time)
12:45	Reminder Bell (Teacher Supported Time)
1:00 – 2:45	Class
2:45	End of Day Bell

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 22, 2023
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Common District/ Common Provincial Day)	Friday, October 20, 2023
School Closure Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Schools Close for Winter Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
BC Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 23, 2024
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28, 2024

1st School Based Non-Instructional Day: February 3, 2024

2nd School Based Non-Instructional Day: June 3, 2024

Length of your school day: 8:52 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.