

# What's New on the Ranch

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## October 9 – October 13, 2023

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving – No School
Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 7:00 Library (Online Link below)
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1-3 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	

### *This Week in Review:*

Hello Everyone,

To mark Truth and Reconciliation Day Ranch Park welcomed Secwépemc Powwow dancer Janelle Alladina. Ms. Alladina shared the origin of the jingle dress as part of a healing dance and demonstrated two powwow dances to Ranch Park students and staff. She welcomed questions from our students with encouragement and patience. After the assembly she led dance workshops with each of our classes, teaching basic steps and challenging them to use all the steps in a large circle dance. Students had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Thank you to our PAC for helping make it possible for us to bring Janelle to Ranch Park to share her stories and her talents with our students.



Today was our first hot lunch of the year. Thank you to our fabulous team of parent volunteers and student helpers who made it all happen.

Please see the attached ordering information for the annual Pumpkin Carving and Movie Night.

Please the letter below from our superintendent about Halloween safety.

You should all have received a card with from Monday's photo day with a QR code to view and order your child's photos. Please let me know if you did not get the card.

As I shared with you all earlier today, we did have a bear on the grounds this morning, and we needed to activate the "Hold and Secure" protocol. While essential for student safety, these events can be stressful for students. I encourage you to discuss the day's events with your child and reach out if they need additional support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Rob Killawee  
 Principal  
 Ranch Park Elementary





## Parent Information

### PAC Meeting

We have a Parent Advisory Council meeting Wednesday October 11th in the school library at 7 PM. To attend remotely, click the zoom link below.

Time: Oct 11, 2023 07:00 PM Vancouver

[Click this link for the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 896 4599 6872 Passcode: 996211



### Nut Free School

Please be reminded that Ranch Park is a **nut-free** school. Some students have life threatening allergies to nuts. Please do not send your child with nut based products of any kind.



### Library Bus

The Coquitlam Library bus is back! Last year our students enjoyed library bus so much that they are returning! Their next visit is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Your child needs a library card to borrow books; if they do not have one they can get one [at this link](#).

### Library Books

Please send any Ranch Park library books back to school with your child on Tuesday. Please return books at the beginning of each week.

### Reporting Absences

We encourage you to report absences and lates through the "Absence Report" link on the website. It is on the right-hand side, under "Quick Links. You can also [bookmark this link](#) on your phone or browser so you always have it.

### Grade 5 Fundraising

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



### Quick Links

- [Parent eForm](#)
- [Fraser Health - Lice Information](#)
- [PAC Link](#)
- [SD43 Emergency & Inclement Weather Information](#)
- [Absence Report](#)
- [FSA](#)
- [Online Payments](#)

## Student Goal of the Week:

**Core Competency:** Creative Thinking

**Facet:** Generating Ideas

**Goal Statement:** "I get ideas when I use my senses to explore"



### 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 [through this link](#) if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for one of our sites!

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Truth and Reconciliation Day Stat</i>	3 <i>Photo Day Staff Meeting 3:00</i>	4 <i>Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony: Orange Shirt Day</i>	5 <i>World Teacher Day</i>	6 <i>Hot Lunch - White Spot</i>	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	10	11 <i>PAC Meeting 7:00pm</i>	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Library Bus Visit</i>	17	18 <i>FSA Intro Fire Drill</i>	19 <i>Parent Teacher mtgs 1:45-5:30 Interims</i>	20 <i>Provincial Professional Day</i>	21
22	23 <i>FSA Scholastic Book Fair</i>	24 <i>FSA Scholastic Book Fair</i>	25 <i>FSA Scholastic Book Fair</i>	26 <i>FSA Scholastic Book Fair</i>	27 <i>Pumpkin Carving/ Pizza/Movie Night Scholastic Book Fair</i>	28
29	30 <i>Photo Retake Day</i>	31 <i>Halloween Event</i>				



## Pizza Pumpkin Carving & Movie Night

Friday, October 27, 2023

**Order Deadline: Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10:00 PM**

**New Student Sign Up Munch A Lunch Link -**

**<https://munchalunch.com/schools/ranchpark/>**

Menu Items	Price
<b>Pizza One Pizza</b>	
<b>Medium Pizza (8 Slices)</b> Cheese, Ham & Pineapple, Pepperoni, Vegetarian	\$14.00
<b>Large Pizza (10 Slices)</b> Cheese, Ham & Pineapple, Pepperoni, Vegetarian	\$17.00
<b>Drinks</b>	
Bottle Water	\$1.50
Bubly Grape Fruit - Sparking Water	\$1.50
Bubly Lime - Sparking Water	\$1.50
Bubly Strawberry - Sparking Water	\$1.50
Oasis Apple Juice	\$1.50
Oasis Orange Juice	\$1.50
<b>Chips</b>	
Doritos Nacho Cheese	\$2.00
Barbeque Lays	\$2.00
Plain Lays Chips	\$2.00
<b>Pumpkins</b>	
Pumpkin (each)	\$5.00

**Please Select Session Time Slot(s) In Munch A Lunch When**

**Placing Pizza Order(s) For Pumpkin Carving:**

**Pizza Delivery Time & Pumpkin Carving Session 1 – 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Pizza Delivery Time & Pumpkin Carving Session 2 – 6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Movie Time: 7:15pm-8:30pm**

**For Any Questions or Enquiries - Please Email:**

**[rphotlunch@hotmail.com](mailto:rphotlunch@hotmail.com)**



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October 6, 2023

### **A Message to SD43 families: Safe and Appropriate Halloween**

Halloween across all schools in SD43 is a fun and festive day which brings the school community together. Typically, the time around Halloween is incident-free and very respectful.

From time to time, a few students “in character” push the boundaries of what is socially acceptable, or what is appropriate behavior in schools, sometimes at the expense of others. With that in mind, for student safety and school climate reasons, and to ensure that every student and adult in our community enjoys the time around Halloween, we would like your assistance in reinforcing these guidelines with your children:

- Students in costume should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff member when queried. Also, students “in character” are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviors which intimidate, harass, or humiliate members of the community do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hyper-sexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation.
- It is also important to note that costumes which 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.

As a reminder, by law and School District expectations, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. This pertains to students before, during or after school, on or offsite.

With respect for each other, we can avoid any disruption to school communities in the form of vandalism and/or disrespectful, potentially dangerous behaviour. Students and parents need to be mindful that inappropriate behaviour will be addressed by school administration under the authority granted by the BC School Act and with the involvement of police where appropriate.

Please refer to these readily available public websites for more information:

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/286/Fire-Safety-Tips>

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/fire-emergency-services/fire-safety-information/>

<https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/fall-safety-tips.aspx#Halloween-Safety>

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent/CEO



Learn when and  
how to have your

**child's  
eyes, ears  
and oral  
health  
checked.**