

THE BULLDOG September

Dates:

Sept 2 - First day

Sept 16 - Meet the Teacher BBQ 5-6:30

Sept 17 - Picture Day

Sept 29 - Pro D Day (No school)

Sept 30 - Truth & Reconciliation (No school)

Welcome back to a new school year at Yarrow Community School! I am so excited to begin this journey together with our students, staff, and families. At Yarrow, we believe in creating a caring and supportive learning environment where every child feels valued, challenged, and inspired.

This year, we will continue to focus on building strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, while also nurturing creativity, collaboration, and kindness—qualities that help our Bulldogs thrive both in and out of the classroom.

I look forward to working together with you to make this a year filled with growth, connection, and celebration. Thank you for being such an important part of our Yarrow community.

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!

School Supplies

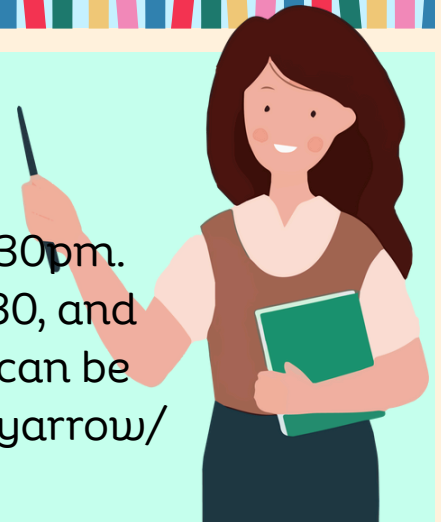
School supplies will be ordered by classroom teachers, you do not need to send any supplies to school. We are charging a \$60 school supply fee. This fee can be paid online at studentquickpay.com/sd33/

If you require financial support please do not hesitate to contact the school as we have funds to support families in need.



Meet the Teacher BBQ

Tuesday, September 16th, families are invited to check out their child's classroom from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:00-5:30, and outside from 5:30-6:30. Hot dog, drink, and chips can be ordered for \$6.00 at: munchalunch.com/schools/yarrow/ please complete by the 12th



Picture Day

Mountain West Photography will be taking individual student photos on Wednesday, September 17th. Photo retakes will be done on Wednesday, October 17th.



Fresh and Fast Food Cart

Last year we were one of 15 schools to receive a food cart to support barrier free access to food. This year we will continue to have it stocked for students that need an extra snack. We asked that students take only what they need. Attached to this newsletter is also a list of places where you can go if you are struggling to make ends meet. We are also more than willing to help and support families that may be in a struggling season. Please feel free to reach out if you are needing any support.



Combined Classes

In today's classrooms, learning goes beyond facts—it's about building skills, attitudes, and the mindset of a lifelong learner. Students are encouraged to ask questions, share ideas, work with others, and apply their knowledge in creative ways.



What is a Combined Class?

In a combined class, one teacher works with students from two grade levels. Learning often happens through theme-based units, where outcomes from both grades are woven together. Teachers use Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to support each student's needs and strengths, with a mix of whole-class and small-group instruction.



How Families Can Help?

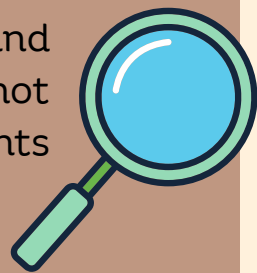
No matter what class your child is in, families play an important role. You can help by:

- Showing interest and staying positive about your child's learning.
- Encouraging them to try new things and be open-minded.
- Talking with your child's teacher about their strengths, challenges, and goals.



Myth Busting: "Split Grades"

Sometimes combined classes are called "split grades." This can sound like the teacher divides their time between two groups, but that's not the case. A combined class is about blended learning, where students learn together and in flexible groupings based on their needs.



Will a Combined Class Affect My Child?

Research shows that students in combined classes achieve just as well academically as those in straight-grade classes. In fact, they often gain extra benefits such as:

- Leadership opportunities
- Stronger self-confidence
- Social responsibility
- Positive friendships across grades



Library News

Super Reader

Super Reader is back this year! Check your planners and start marking off your days of reading. For every 50 nights that you read you will receive a small prize from Mrs. Falk. When you reach 100 nights and 250 nights of reading, we will celebrate you with your class and you will receive a bigger prize donated by the Kiwanis Club. Please read at least 20 minutes a day, do not check off more than one box a day and make sure to keep track and hand in one sheet at a time throughout the school year. Happy reading!

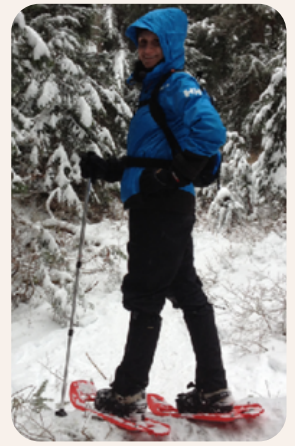


Library Books

We will start checking out library books this week! Library books are due back every week on the student's library day. There are renew slips for Grade 2-5 students so they can have the book longer if there are not finished reading it. Please make sure to take care of books when you bring them home, making sure they don't go missing or get damaged. Books that are not returned for 3+ weeks will have an overdue form sent home with the cost to replace the book. We have so many new and exciting books in our library, let's make sure to keep it that way so everyone can enjoy them!

MEET THE P.E. TEACHER MRS. PARKER

HELLO! MY NAME IS MRS. PARKER. I AM THE P.E. TEACHER AT YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF HERE AT YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL THIS YEAR.



About Me:

I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to do my teaching practicum's here at Yarrow Community School in 2009/2010. I began my journey as a Physical Education teacher at Strathcona Elementary School in 2011, and I started teaching PE at Yarrow in 2019. I strive to help children develop a love for being healthy and active. I believe it is important to live a healthy lifestyle and participate in a variety of physical activities throughout your life.

My Favourite Activities/Hobbies

I love swimming, surfing, wakeboarding, kayaking, paddle boarding, snowboarding, snow shoeing, running, biking, skating, playing soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, badminton, archery, tennis, traveling, reading, taking pictures and organizing!

My Favourite Book

What I do Best! By Miki Sakamoto. It is a book about children who all have unique talents that they can feel good about. Diversity is a beautiful thing.

My Family

My husband loves sports (especially football) and being active with our children. Our son is 12 years old and loves math, science and reading, and loves playing hockey, swimming, and riding his bike. Our daughter is 8.5 years old and she loves to skate, swim, ride her bike, dance, read and draw. As a family we love to cheer on the New York Islanders!

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PAC

Newsletter

Growing and
Learning Together

Yarrow Community School

September 2025

Welcome Back, Yarrow Families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer full of rest, play, and sunshine. As the school year kicks off, the PAC is excited to welcome both new and returning families to another year of learning, growth, and community. September always feels like a fresh start—new classrooms, new routines, and new opportunities to connect. Our team is already busy planning events, fundraising activities, and fun ways to support our students, staff, and school spirit. We're looking forward to a great year together, and we can't wait to see what we'll accomplish as a community when we all pitch in.

Meet the Teacher BBQ

September 16, 2025

Join us from 5:00–6:30 pm for our first big event of the year! Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:00–6:00 pm, giving students the chance to proudly show their families around. After visiting classrooms, head outside for a BBQ dinner hosted by the PAC.

👉 Pre-order your meal on Munch-a-Lunch (now open!) so you don't miss out.

Volunteers Needed!

★ We're looking for helping hands to grill, set up, serve, and clean up. If you can lend a little time, we'd love to have you join in—these events are only possible with your support!

Email the PAC: yarrowpac@gmail.com



PAC Meetings:

When are PAC Meetings?

PAC Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the YCS Library.

Who can attend?

Everyone! All parents and guardians are welcome—we'd love for you to come out, share your ideas, and show your support for our school community.

Why come to a meeting?

It's a great way to stay informed about what's happening at the school, connect with other families, and have a voice in the activities and programs that benefit our kids.

First Meeting: October 7, 2025 @7pm

📢 Important Meeting – All Parents Encouraged to Attend

The Preliminary Boundary Review Meeting will take place on:

📅 Wednesday, September 24, 2025

🕒 6:00 PM

📍 Yarrow Community School

This meeting will provide important information about the boundary review process and how it may affect our school community. Your input and attendance are vital—please join us to stay informed and have your voice heard.

From the
Community School

604-823-0257 | sallylum@shaw.ca

Try Tennis

It's not too late to get registered for the upcoming Try Tennis program. Please see the attached form below for more information.

Sew Fun

Now registering for September Sew Fun! Kids in grade 4 and 5 can register for beginner sewing with Mrs. Bergen, forms are available at the office.

Licensed Child Care

Registration has re-opened

Puddle Jumpers Daycare - for children 30 months - 5 years old

Jellybeans Preschool - licensed 3 and 4 yr. old programs. Please email jellybeanspreschool@gmail.com

Out of school care - Out of school care for school age children. Full and Part time rates available this year.

All programs have waitlists this year!

Facility Rentals

Our spaces are available for rent afterschool, evenings, and weekends year-round for community use. Please call coordinator Sally Lum at 604-823-0257 or sallylum@shaw.ca for more information on the following programs or to inquire about facility rentals. We are always interested to hear from anyone with new ideas or proposals for programs or events.

Family Place

Family Place – Is a Free drop-in program for caregivers and their little ones. Tuesday mornings 8:30 – 10am in the multi-purpose room. Come by for a cup of coffee while the little ones play.

Try Tennis

Yarrow Community School 4595 Wilson Rd



Beginner Skills Program

For Kids 6-12 yrs.

\$175. for 8 weeks Wed. Sept.. 24th - Nov. 12th
5:30 - 6:30 in the gym - all equipment supplied.



Tennis Canada Certified Coach

Payment: cash or cheque - made out to YCSS

Space is limited so don't delay in getting your form with payment
returned to the school office. Call Sally at 823-0257 with any ?'s

Name_____Age_____

Parent's email_____

Parent's phone #_____

Parent's

Signature_____