

BACK TO SCHOOL

"THE BULLDOG SEPTEMBER"

DATES TO NOTE:

Sept 8 - First Day - Early Dismissal - 7:55-10am

Sept 22 - Meet the Teacher BBQ - 5-6:30pm

Sept 23 - Picture Day

Sept 25 - PAC Hot Lunch - order on [munchalunch](#)

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Oct 1 - First PAC Meeting - 7-8pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome back - or welcome to our new families! I am so excited for this school year. It feels wonderful to be returning to my roots. Although it is a different physical building from when I was a student at Yarrow decades ago now, it still has the same amazing feeling of community and connection. Thank you in advance for your partnership with us as a school. I look forward to getting to know all of you more and working together to make this an amazing school year full of growth and learning for our students.



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 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 can support families in need.

Meet the Teacher BBQ

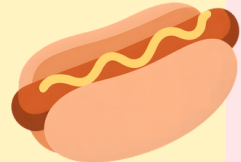


Tuesday, September 22nd, families are invited to check out their child's classroom from 5-6:30pm.

Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:00-5:30pm and outside from 5:30-6:30pm.

Hotdog, drink and chips can be ordered for \$6 at: munchalunch.com/schools/yarrow/

Please order by the 18th



Picture Day

Mountain West Photography will be taking individual student photos on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Retakes will be Monday, October 19th.



Fresh and Healthy Food Cart

We will be continuing to stock the food cart to support barrier free access to food for students who need an extra snack. We ask that students take only what they need.



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

The Super Readers program is continuing this year! When you get them, 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

As a district, we have a new computer system to check-out and manage our library books. This will take a bit of time to get up and running. We will keep you posted on when school library books are available to check-out for home use. Thank you for your patience as we work hard to get this going. In the meantime, we encourage you to keep reading at home and use the public library to access lots of wonderful books as needed.



From the
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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FACILITY RENTALS

Our spaces are available for rent evenings and weekends throughout most of the year. Great spaces and very reasonable rates.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

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

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

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

OTHER COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Who can operate an **ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTER?**



IT'S THE LAW

Police can issue you a
VIOLATION TICKET
and **\$109 FINE** if you
break the rules

Your parent or guardian
can also get a ticket
and fine if you are
underage

**YOU MUST BE AT LEAST
16 YEARS OLD
TO OPERATE AN
ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTER**

It's illegal to ride as a
passenger on an electric
kick scooter



**Scan for the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project
rules and participating
communities**



Ministry of
Transportation
and Transit

Please Note: Students must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-scooter in B.C.. To align with provincial laws, students are not permitted to bring e-scooters or e-bikes to our elementary or middle schools.