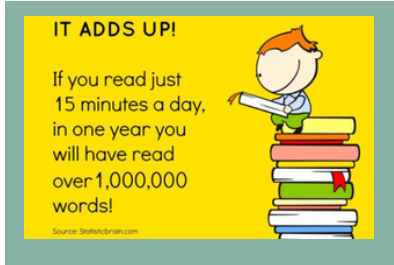


# THE BULLDOG



## YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL



## WHERE DID SEPTEMBER GO?

Here we are already in October and you can feel it in the weather. Students are well into routines and teachers have set expectations for optimal learning. The calendar this month is full so it is important to keep up with things. A great way to stay current is through the planner. This is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher and with the events of the school. The office sends out weekly updates and the PAC has a facebook page. Hopefully we can all stay connected.

●	<b>October</b>
●	<b>5 &amp; 12 Cross Country Run</b>
●	<b>6 Pro D Day 9 Thanksgiving 18 Student Conferences</b>
●	<b>19 Early Dismissal 10:55 20 Pro D Day</b>
●	<b>24 PAC meeting 26 Hot Lunch 27 Picture Retakes</b>
●	<b>31 Orange &amp; Black &amp; costume day Pumpkin Carving</b>

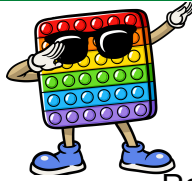


Every child matters. On Friday we stopped to remember that not all children have had the same kind of education that we have. Students took a moment of silence and placed an orange rock on the field to remember those children.

## School Pictures

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is: THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH 2023 (after the date a late fee is applicable )
- About Retakes:
- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH 2023
- Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/yarrowelementary> and sign up by TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2023





## ITEMS FROM HOME

Recess and lunch are times for active play.

There have been a number of students that are bringing items from home to play with. We have a lot of activities at recess and lunch for students and ask that all toys stay home or in backpacks during break times

Also Pokeman is for looking at recess, there is no trading at school. Stickers are also becoming a hot commodity. If students trade stickers it is at recess only. There is no selling or buying items at school amongst the students.

**Dress for the weather**  
Fall is definitely in the air and that means that recess and lunch can get wet. Please make sure that your child has the proper clothing and footwear on. We tend to go outside even if it is raining. This year we are discouraging umbrellas, as they often break or get missused.



### IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME FOR OUR PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

**THIS ANNUAL CONTEST IS DONE AT HOME. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THEIR CREATIVE JUICES AND COME UP WITH A UNIQUE PUMPKIN.**

**ENTRIES ARE BROUGHT IN THE MORNING OF THE 31 TO THE OFFICE.**

**CLASSES WILL WALK THROUGH THE DISPLAY AND VOTE ON THEIR FAVOURITE PUMPKIN. THERE ARE PRIZED FOR THE TOP 5 PUMPKINS.**

### OCTOBER 31

**This is a fun day to dress in a costume or wear orange and black.**

**We ask that students DO NOT wear masks or carry any props. We also ask that costumes are appropriate for ALL school aged children Kindergarten to Grade 5.**



# MATH CORNER



Improving numeracy is one of Yarrow's school goals. A good way to do this is through games. Each month the newsletter will include a game that you can play at home. Games can help build strategic thinking and problem-solving skills. Students learn to solve problems together, think strategically about what moves to make. Throughout a math game, students make a lot of strategic decisions as they problem solve and plan their next move.

## CUP -STACKING PLACE VALUE GAME

You need styrofoam cups (or any cups with a lip so you can write a digit on the lip). Label each cup with a digit from 0-9 (I used a sharpie for this, and write the digit on both sides of the lip). Repeat for the number of cups you have. The number of cups you need depend on the number of people playing, and how high you wish your numbers to go. For a group of 3, playing to the hundred thousands, you will need 18 cups. (To work with numbers in the billions, students would build a pyramid with 10 cups.

As quickly as they can they need to stack 2-6 random cups in a pyramid, then collapse the pyramid so they have a stack of 2-6 cups. The first person to read the 2-6 digit number the stack makes, wins. To get all participating and keep the motivation going, you can give the first person 2 points, and everyone else in the group that reads their number correctly 1 point.



Upon "Go" make a pyramid or take 2 cups (depending on the age) stack and call out the number

## CURRICULUM UPDATE WHAT ARE CORE COMPETENCIES?

### Unpacking the three Core Competencies



**Communication** -The Communication competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, processes and dispositions we associate with interactions with others. Through their communication, students acquire, develop and transform ideas and information, and make connections with others to share their ideas, express their individuality, further their learning, and get things done. The communication competency is fundamental to finding satisfaction, purpose and joy.



**Thinking** - The Thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness. These are used to process information from a variety of sources, including thoughts and feelings that arise from the subconscious and unconscious mind and from embodied cognition, to create new understandings.



**Personal and Social** - The Personal and Social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses what students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Communication, thinking and problem solving are weaved into all the subject areas. These competencies support student engagement and break down the process. Students focus on inquiry, exploration and discovery. A great example of this is our school wide portrait building in October. Students will visit our Art Studio and create a self portrait using loose parts. Come and check these out at the conferences on October 17.

## Student Conferences

October marks the halfway point of term 1. On October 17th teachers will be inviting parents to come and have students showcase their work. Each teacher does this a bit differently. Please look for specific information from your child's teacher.



## Cross Country Running Series

Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. Sinclair are coaching the cross country team. There has been one meet already and congratulations to those who ran. There will be 2 more meets- one on the 5th and another on the 12th. Thank you to the coaches for giving up their lunch time to practice with these runners.



## Intramurals

Your child has been placed on a colour house team. Over the course of the year your child has the opportunity to play an organized game at lunch time. Mr. Wickman is giving up his lunch times to coach these activities. Currently the game is indoor soccer. Colour teams that play are on the announcements. Encourage your child to be a part of this.



## Family Calendar Handbook

In the next couple of days every family should receive a calendar for Yarrow Community School. This calendar has a lot of important information in it, plus it is another way to keep organized. The oldest in the family is the family courier.




## Library News – October

**Super Reader has begun! This program is to help encourage students to read at home for at least 20 minutes a day. They will be so proud of themselves to see what they have accomplished by the end of the year when they make it to 250 nights of reading! Students can hand in their first 50 nights on Wednesday, October 25.**

**Bookmark Contest – October is Canadian Library Month! To celebrate, students have the chance to design a bookmark that will be used throughout the year as free bookmarks for other students to use. Think outside the box and use your creativity to enter a winning bookmark. Entries will be accepted in the library until Thursday, October 26.**

**Book Care – Now that the weather is changing it is very important that library books are cared for on their way to and from school. We have already seen some books come back soaking wet. Mistakes can happen, so please just make sure to pay for a new copy if the book cannot be repaired. There will be lots of new books coming into the library in the next couple weeks so let's make sure they stay in great shape for the next person wanting to check them out.**



# September



Here is the land  
Here is the sky  
Here are my friends  
and here am I

Hands up  
Hands down  
We are on Sto:lo  
ground.

Thank you hands







OCTOBER 2023  
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# YARROW PAC NEWS

## YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- ### Important Dates
- Oct. 2 - Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School**
  - Oct. 6 - Pro-D Day - No School**
  - Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving - No School**
  - Oct. 9 - Neufeld Farms Orders Close**
  - Oct. 17 - Last Day to order Hot Lunch**
  - Oct. 18 - Student Led Conferences**
  - Oct. 18 - Neufelds Order Pick Up @ 2:30PM**
  - Oct. 19 - Early Dismissal @ 10:55am**
  - Oct. 19 - Movie Night @ YCS @ 6pm**
  - Oct. 20 - Pro-D Day - No School**
  - Oct. 24 - PAC Meeting @ YCS library @ 7PM**
  - Oct. 26 - Hot Lunch - Sushi from Rivers Restaurant**
  - Oct. 27 - Photo Retakes**
  - Oct. 31 - Costume Day & Trunk or Treat (evening)**

September just flew by, the routines have started back up and fall is here! Thank you to all who came out to the Meet the Teacher BBQ, it was great to see so many families connecting and have a look at the kids classrooms. Thank you also to those who came out to our first PAC meeting of the year, the minutes have been posted on the [Yarrow Community School PAC Facebook Page](#).

Be sure to join the page if you're not already on there, we use it to communicate regularly. We are also trying to use it as a spot for volunteers to sign up for events...there's a bunch of events posted right now looking for volunteers. We are looking for a DPAC representative to attend monthly district PAC meetings and report back to us. Munch-a-lunch will be set up this week for the first few months of hot lunch ordering. [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com)

*Thank you!*



THANK YOU TO OUR MEET THE TEACHER BBQ VOLUNTEERS!  
 THANK YOU TO DANAE HAVILAND FOR RUNNING OUR SMOOTHIE PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR.  
 THANK YOU BRENT BOWKER FOR ORGANIZING GO BY BIKE WEEK & COORDINATING MONTHLY POPCORN DAYS THIS YEAR!  
 THANK YOU TO UNITED WAY FOR SPONSORING OUR FIRST MOVIE NIGHT THROUGH A LOVE GRANT! (MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON.)



October 16-29 is this fall's Go By Bike week(s). This event is celebrated in the Spring and Fall and aims to inspire and celebrate getting around by bicycle. Those who already bike to school are encouraged to keep doing it and those who don't are encouraged to give it a try! On the first day, October 16, there will be a table set up by the bike racks at the rear of the school before the morning bell with some snacks and prizes for those who bike that day. More details to follow on the Yarrow PAC Facebook page! You are also encouraged to participate by visiting [gobybikebc.ca](http://gobybikebc.ca), registering as a rider (on behalf of your child) and signing up on the Yarrow Community School team for the opportunity to win more prizes.

## Fundraiser

Our Neufeld Farms fundraiser is going on until October 9th. Orders will close online after this date so please share with your family and friends and get your orders in. We really appreciate your support!

Order pick up October 18.



PRESENTED BY YARROW COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND UNITED WAY

A Halloween-themed illustration. In the background, a large, grey, cratered full moon hangs in a dark green sky. Several black bats with orange eyes are flying around the moon. In the foreground, a black silhouette of a haunted house with yellow-lit windows and a door sits on a dark green hill. To the right of the house is a black silhouette of a bare tree. In the bottom right corner, a green zombie hand with yellow eyes and a pink tongue reaches up from a pile of brown dirt.

# YARROW

## TRUNK OR TREAT

GATE FOR  
VEHICLES  
OPENS AT

TRUNK OR  
TREAT FROM

**4:30PM**

**5:30-7:30**

WIN PRIZES  
FOR THE BEST  
TRUNK!

Join us On October 31st from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the front parking lot of Yarrow Community School for Trick or Treating from car trunk to car trunk!

Everyone welcome!

Free hot dog / drink from 5:30 - 7:30, while supplies last!

Rain or Shine. Parking in lot only for those with decorated trunks.

THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE TRUNKS PLEASE RSVP BY  
OCTOBER 29TH TO : [katie\\_moran@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:katie_moran@sd33.bc.ca)