

Community News Flash #17

December 13, 2024



Important Dates

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| December 16 | - Festive Sweater Day |
| December 17 | - Santa Hat Day |
| | - Band and Choir Concert 11:00 - 11:40am |
| December 18 | - Grinch Day |
| December 19 | - Tropical Tuesday Day (Summer in December) |
| | - Blaze Pizza Fundraiser 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| December 20 | - PJ Day |
| December 23 -
January 3 | - Winter Break - School Closed |
| January 6 | - School Opens after Winter Break |



Megan Short is Retiring!

We would like to congratulate Ms. Short on her amazing career as an educator and express our gratitude for all her contributions to the Rosemary Community. In her 15 years at Rosemary Heights, Ms. Short has helped build a culture of leadership and mentorship. She has led the student "Managers Team" for many years at Rosemary where she inspired students to get involved in giving back to their community and raising funds for numerous charities both here in Surrey and abroad. Ms. Short has helped collect food for the Food Bank, new Christmas PJs for children in need, donations to build water wells in Africa, and donations for Children's Hospital and Peace Arch Hospital. She inspired countless students to "think globally, act locally."

Ms. Short helped students build their entrepreneurial spirit by hosting several Entrepreneur Fairs where student would build a 'business of their own'. Over the years she has helped prepare countless students for winter and spring concerts, band performances and coached a number of school sports teams. She was most passionate about coaching the girls' basketball teams. Ms. Short has sponsored a number of Student Teachers, giving them a warm, nurturing place to hone their skills as beginning teachers. Many of her student teachers have gone on to be wonderful teachers, and some of them (such as Ms. Lewis, Ms. Dhinsa and Ms. Terepocki) have even come back to Rosemary! Ms. Short also continued to work closely with former students once they had moved on to high school. Her classroom was always open to students wanting to come back to volunteer or run special programs tied to the high school courses. It is a true testament to the connections she made with her students that so many chose to come back to her classroom.

As a colleague, Ms. Short has fostered a sense of connection and belonging. She was on our staff Mentorship Team where she worked to provide opportunities for staff to come together and form vital connections. Ms. Short will be missed at Rosemary Heights.

We would like to wish Ms. Short all the best as she begins a new journey and embarks on new adventures.



Winter Showcase

The students sang beautiful and played the ensemble of different instruments with precision during our Winter Showcase Special thanks to Mr. Huberdeau for teaching and organizing the festival of music.

Band Concert and Choir Performance on Tuesday, December 17th at 11am in the gym

We would like to invite our families to our Gr. 7 Band Performance and our Choir Performance on Tuesday, December 17th at 11am. Please note we have moved the performance from 10:45 to 11am. The doors will open at 10:45 and we ask that our families enter through the rear gym doors.

Sock and Mitten Drive



This year, Division 6 will be holding a sock and mitten drive, along with Ava Walker, a grade 11 Science Co-Op student at Grandview Heights Secondary. Ava is a former Rosemary Heights student.



New socks and mittens will be collected between December 9th and 20th to help those in need of winter gear when facing harsh conditions this winter. The donations will be delivered to the White Rock Warming Centre for distribution to those in need.

There will be collection bins in classrooms and donation boxes in the foyer of the school to place donations in during the drive. You may also choose to donate to School Cash Online ([SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)) if you would like to make a cash donation.

Sock and mitten donations will also be accepted at the entrance to the Winter Showcase. All donations will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Division 6

Spirit Days for December

December 16 - Festive Sweater Day

December 17 - Santa Hat Day

December 18 - Grinch Day

December 19 - Tropical Tuesday (Summer in December)

December 20 - PJ Day



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Rosemary Heights Elementary Grade 6/7 Group

Date: December 19, 2024

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Unit # 50 2433 161 A Street Surrey BC V3S 0M6

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

On line and App Code: 1304 A

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1304 A** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation. **VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP & CARRYOUT.**

For orders on blazepizza.com or Blaze Pizza App **PROMO CODE: 1304A**

VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.





Rosemary Heights Rockets Spirit Wear

Select items available for purchase at
the Winter Concert Thursday, December 12th

(or until supplies last at the main entrance on the clothing rack)



Order online for arrival in the New Year!

<https://rosemary-heights-elementary-school.square.site/>



**CHRISTMAS
TOY
DRIVE**

UNTIL DEC 20TH 2024

**HELP DONATE GENTLY USED OR NEW TOYS TO SPREAD
CHRISTMAS CHEER TO KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

📍 DROP OFF LOCATION
Grandview Heights Secondary
Drop off times: 3:10-4:10 pm every
Wednesday
more info : call 604-910-3795

Rosemary Heights will collect donations outside the office for the Grandview Heights Toy Drive.

KINDERGARTEN

Please join us for this informative series for families with children entering Kindergarten in September 2025.



No RSVP Required

Online Session #1: Registration & Beyond

- How and when do I register?
- What are Choice Programs and how do I register?
- What can I expect in September?

January 8th, 10am-11am

OR January 9th, 7pm-8pm



Scan the QR code for the meeting link

Online Session #2: Helping my child be “school ready”

- What do schools expect in terms of learning? In terms of independence?
- How can I support my child to have a successful transition to Kindergarten?

February 4th, 10am-11am

OR February 6th, 7pm-8pm



Scan the QR code for the meeting link

In Person Session #3: Emotional Well Being and School Readiness: How play and attachment are key!

- How does a strong attachment with my child provide safety at school and readiness for learning?
- How is play one of the most important, well-researched and effective ways to help my child be “school ready”?

April 15th, 6.30 - 8pm

District Resource Education Centre

14123 92 Ave

Child Care Provided Ages 2-10



Scan the QR code to request child care

Further information please contact:

Leah Christensen, District Principal Early Learning and Child Care

Tel. 604.595.5164

Student Absences

If your child is going to be away from school or late to school please email the office at rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division

Important Safety Reminders

To ensure the safety of our students, we kindly ask all families to use the crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the school. Please **DO NOT block the crosswalk** when dropping off your children. If there are no available parking spots during drop-off and pick-up times, please continue to circle the school. It's crucial to maintain a steady flow of traffic and avoid stopping in the parking lot or cul-de-sac to wait for your children. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

Visitors at Rosemary Heights

A reminder that all visitors or volunteers coming into the school need to sign-in at the office. If you would like to meet with a classroom teacher, please email and make an appointment to ensure the teacher is available to meet with you.

Student Lunches

It's important to remember to pack utensils for your child's lunch and snacks, as the office won't be providing them. Also, don't forget to include a recess snack on hot lunch days. Many students come to the office looking for snacks on Thursdays.

Mobile Apps

Surrey Schools has a ne/w mobile App that is now available in the Apple and Android app stores. Anyone can download the app and subscribe to District or School Notifications, News and Events.

In the app store search for 'Surrey Schools' or use the links below.

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey>

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585>



Rosemary Heights Elementary Instagram

Join our Rosemary Heights Elementary Instagram Account. We want to celebrate all the amazing events and learning opportunities that are happening at Rosemary Heights. Please give us a follow!!

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ROCKETS SPIRIT WEAR AT
OUR ONLINE STORE!**



<https://rosemary-heights-elementary-school.square.site/>

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**SURREY SCHOOLS
IS HIRING**



Great opportunities exist in your own community.

Surrey Schools is currently seeking people within your local neighbourhood to work as:

Lunch Hour Supervision Aides

What is every child's favourite time of the day? Lunch! This job is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth, that are free during lunch hour to head outside and spend time with kids at schools. Be part of their favorite time of day!

Supervision Aides work 1 hour per day.

The rate of pay is \$26.00/hour.

Follow this QR Code to view job posting!



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