

Community News Flash #27

March 14, 2025



Important Dates

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| March 17 th - 21 st | - Spring Break |
| March 24 th - 28 th | - School Closure Days |
| March 31 st | - School Opens after Spring Break |
| March 31 st - April 11 th | - Rollerblading |
| April 3 rd | - PAC Magic Show 6:30pm |
| April 9 th | - PAC Meeting 7:00pm |

Principal Message

To our Rosemary Heights Community,

As we approach Spring Break, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the hard work and dedication each of you has shown throughout this school year. Your commitment to learning, growth, and community has been truly inspiring.

Spring Break is a wonderful opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones. Whether you're traveling, enjoying local activities, or simply taking a break at home, I hope you find joy and rejuvenation in this time away from school.

Please take care of yourselves, stay safe, and return with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing everyone back and ready to continue our journey of learning and discovery. Wishing you all a restful and relaxing Spring Break!

Warm regards,

D. Bradley & V. Wiebe



Rollerblading

Thank-you to the PAC who have organized for our classes to have rollerblading come to Rosemary Heights! Students will be rollerblading with their classes in the gym for two weeks. Students are welcome to bring their own helmets (bike is fine) to use at school. Can't wait to see some sick moves!

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province - in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604 541 1613

D. Bradley
Principal

A graphic with a light gray background. The text "READY, SET..." is in green, sans-serif font. Below it, the words "SPRING BREAK!" are written in a large, colorful, hand-drawn style. "SPRING" is in pink, orange, yellow, green, and blue. "BREAK!" is in green.

READY, SET...
SPRING BREAK!



Division 19 Leprechaun Traps



ROSEMARY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PAC PRESENTS



THE MAGICIAN

WWW.MAGICSHOWS.CA

**JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING NIGHT OF
MAGIC AND HILARIOUS COMEDY!**

WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD 2025

WHERE: ROSEMARY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY GYM

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM, SHOW IS 6:30-7:30PM

CONCESSION WILL BE OPEN FOR PIZZA, HOT DOGS,
SNACKS AND BEVERAGES

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW ON WWW.MUNCHALUNCH.COM

\$5 ADMISSION WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING BACK TO THE SCHOOL



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Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring.



Holi is primarily observed in South Asia but has spread across the world.
In Canada, Holi is celebrated by organising parties and events.
People throw colours at each other, distribute sweets, and dance to popular songs.



Rooted in Hindu mythology, Holi also celebrates the triumph of good over evil
— symbolism that correlates with the passing of winter.



It lasts for a night and a day, starting on the evening of the Purnima (full moon day) falling on the Hindu calendar month of Phalgun, which is typically in the middle of March.



MARCH 17th

MARCH IRISH HERITAGE MONTH



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This is the 2nd official Irish Heritage Month in Canada.



Irish Canadians have greatly contributed to the story of our country.



The Irish first began arriving in the 17th century, and often faced extreme poverty and discrimination.



Despite many challenges, they thrived, and today, there are almost 4.6 million Irish Canadians.




This month, remember, honour, and celebrate their continued contributions to our country.

St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.





RACIAL EQUITY DEPARTMENT



Ramadan

February 28 - March 29, 2025





Eid al-Fitr

March 30 or 31, 2025

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar.

As the Islamic calendar is based around the lunar cycle, the Holy month of Ramadan rotates by approximately ten days each year.

This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on Friday, February 28th depending on the sighting of the moon.

'Ramadan Mubarak' means 'Blessed Ramadan'.
'Ramadan Kareem' means 'Generous Ramadan'.
Both terms are from Arabic origins.

Ramadan is a time for prayer, fasting, self-reflection, self-discipline, and sacrifice. It is also time for charity and empathy for those less fortunate encouraging acts of generosity and compassion.

Eating and drinking (including water) is prohibited from dawn to sunset. The fast begins with a prayer and a meal called Sehri and is broken with prayer and meal called Iftar.

Eid means a "festival or feast" in Arabic.

There are two major Eids in the Islamic calendar per year:
Eid al-Fitr (smaller - 3 days) earlier in the year
and Eid al-Adha (greater - 4 days) later in the year


Eid al-Fitr means "the feast of breaking the fast".
It marks the end of the blessed month of Ramadan.


This year, it is expected to be celebrated on the evening of March 30 or 31st. However the exact date is subject to the sighting of moon of Shawwal (the 10th month of Islamic Calendar).


People greet each other with "Eid Mubarak," meaning "Blessed Eid" and with formal embraces.

Sweet dishes are prepared at home and gifts are given to children and to those in need. Muslims are encouraged to forgive and seek forgiveness.


It is a time for charity, known as Zakat al-Fitr.
Eid is meant to be a time of joy and blessing for the entire Muslim community.







Racial Equity Department



Student Absences on Hot Lunch Days

If your child is absent on a hot lunch day and you wish to pick up their meal, please email rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca by 10:00 AM. Include your child's name, division, and a note indicating your intention to pick up the lunch. Hot lunches will be available for pick up after 12:00 PM on the designated day from outside the main office. Please note that we do not hold lunches overnight. Any lunches that are not requested will be donated.

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 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
- A request to pick up hot lunch if it's a hot lunch day (optional)



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!!

Mobile Apps

Surrey Schools has a new 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>

Fridays are School Spirit Days

We are excited to announce that every Friday will be **School Spirit Day!** We encourage all students and staff to wear their school spirit wear to show their pride and support for our school. Let's come together and celebrate our amazing school community! To order spirit wear, please use link below.

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

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW
ROSEMARY HEIGHTS
ROCKETS SPIRIT WEAR AT
OUR ONLINE STORE!**



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

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ELEMENTARY PAC ON
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FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/rosemaryheightspac



INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/rosemaryheightspac

Shoot for the Stars!

A compassionate, interconnected, inclusive learning community.

Always shooting for the STARS!



Safe

We are safe!

- We welcome everyone
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- We give others space when they need it
- We seek help when we need it



Thoughtful

We are thoughtful!

- We care for each other
- We understand we are all different
- We support our classmates
- We include others



Accountable

We are accountable!

- We admit our mistakes
- We always try our best
- We follow classroom expectations
- We make our school a better place to learn and play



Respectful

We are respectful!

- We value all the diverse people at our school
- We take turns when playing and learning
- We listen to and learn from new ideas and perspectives
- We show consideration for others





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!



For more information about working with Surrey Schools
visit: www.surreyschools.ca/careers