



NEWSLETTER #1

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

MESSAGE FROM MRS. STARK

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome all of our students and their families to the new school year at Royal Heights Elementary. We hope that everyone enjoyed family time, sunshine and laughter together this past summer. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year as we continue to build our positive, engaged, and connected school community!



Back to School Start Up Information

First Week Schedule

Grade Group Meeting Locations for September 7, 8 and 9th

Grade 1-7 attend from 10-11 am on Tuesday, Sept 7, and full days, (8:30 am – 2:35 pm) Sept 8 – 10.

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| GRADE 1 | Outside the K/1 classrooms to the right of the front door of the school |
| GRADE 2 | Playground at the front of the school |
| GRADE 3 | Garden area courtyard |
| GRADE 4 | Playground |
| GRADE 5 | Swings |
| GRADE 6 | Gravel Field |
| GRADE 7 | Grass field |

Kindergartens attend as follows. Please meet in the Gym – See gradual entry schedule sent by K Teachers. Full days begin for all K students on Sept 20.

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| September 7 | Group A | 10:00 - 10:40 am |
| | Group B | 10:45 - 11:25 am |
| Sept 8-10 | Group A | 8:45 – 10:45 am |
| | Group B | 12:30 – 2:30 pm |

STUDENT ORIENTATION

During the student orientation you can expect a warm welcome back from our staff who will provide an opportunity to establish connections, excitement, and a sense of belonging! During this orientation students will be organized into groups and will have the opportunity to connect with each of the teachers at their grade level, on a rotation, throughout the first few days. We will do our best to have classes established by the end of week one.

In addition to some review and teambuilding exercises, we will cover important health and safety topics and information about new school routines including:

- Reassurance and kindness from our staff
- Welcome, ease concerns, address any questions
- Safety protocols and expectations
- Arrival and dismissal
- Washroom procedures
- Play areas
- Lunch procedures



RETURN TO SCHOOL SAFETY PLANNING

Here are some of the ways we are planning for a safe return to school:

- Please be reminded that **parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) each day before going to school.** If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please **keep your child home until the symptoms have resolved.**
- All students, staff and family members must stay home if they are sick and not enter the school building.
- Minimizing physical contact where possible.
- Regular, scheduled hand washing and hand sanitizing.
- Reduced and directional hallway traffic – keep right.
- Masks worn in school at all times by staff and students in Grades 4- 7, and strongly recommended for students in Grades K – 3.
- Re-usable masks are available in the office upon request.
- Increased outdoor learning and play (dress appropriately for the weather).
- Shared materials may be used with regular handwashing and cleaning.
- No sharing of food including snacks, lunch, and birthday treats.

Important School Procedures and Routines

- Should you need to need to contact the school, please phone the office at 604-581-7622 or email the school at royalheights@surreyschools.ca
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- Parents/visitors are welcome at the office this year. All visitors must wear a mask, sanitize, and sign in. Please phone or email if you need assistance or would like to make an appointment.
- No lunches should be dropped off at the office during the school day. Please send lunch to school with your child(ren) in the morning.
- Students will be going outside rain or shine most days, so please dress appropriately for all weather.

CLASS PLACEMENTS AND STAFFING

We ask for your patience and understanding as we place students into classes. The first several days students will be rotating in groups to meet all the teachers at their grade level while classes are determined. We will do our best to get students into classes by Friday, September 10.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School Supply lists for Grades K-7 are posted on our website. Students will not need to bring any supplies for the first days next week.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

Several Royal Heights students have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products. Please do not send foods to school that contain these products. Children will not be sharing any food and will be washing their hands carefully after eating if there is an anaphylactic student in your child's classroom. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavour to make our school a safe environment for all students.

**** Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life-threatening allergy so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.**

Stay connected with Royal Heights - WEBSITE, SCHOOL LINK APP, EMAIL



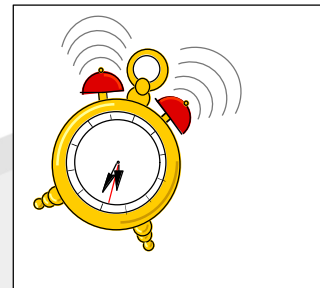
WEBSITE: Our school website is the official source for information about the school. **All school information and important updates will be posted on the school website.** Be sure to stay connected by getting the app, joining our email list and checking our website regularly. Please make sure to bookmark our school home page at surreyschools.ca/royalheights

SCHOOL EMAIL LIST: One of the great features of our website is the ‘subscribe to email list’. Go to the home page and enter your email address to receive important emails from the school and district. Be sure to click on the link sent to your email to complete the sign up (may need to check junk folder)

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please call the office and leave a message to let us know 604-581-7622. This really helps us ensure student safety and saves time in our morning office routine.

Royal Heights Bell Schedule 2020-21

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| 8:30 am | Welcome bell rings |
| 8:35 am | Second morning bell rings |
| | Morning session |
| 10:15-10:30 am | Recess |
| | Morning session continues |
| 11:50 am-12:05 pm | Students eat lunch in classrooms |
| 12:05-12:35 pm | Students play outside |
| 12:35 pm | Afternoon bell rings |
| | Afternoon session |
| 2:35 pm | Dismissal |
| 2:50 pm | Supervision ends |



Drop Off

- Please note there is no adult supervision outside before 8:20 am so do your best to avoid dropping your children off too early.

Pick up

- Students must be picked up at their classroom door at 2:35 pm promptly, or leave right away if they are walking home. Avoid large groups socializing at the playground if possible. We hope that this is a temporary covid safety measure.

Documentation

- We will be sending some forms home next week requiring parent signatures such a media release, health concerns, and emergency contact info. Please complete these documents in a timely manner and return to the office so that we can ensure any updates are recognized.

****** New Stat Holiday on Sept 30.**

Please be aware of the new Indigenous Day holiday on Sept 30. There will be no school on that day.