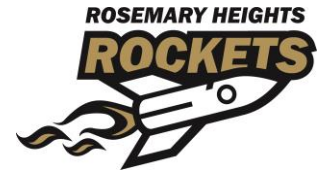


Community News Flash #22

February 11, 2022



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
COMPLETE THE DAILY HEALTH CHECK
BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.**

Important Dates

Friday, February 11th

- Dumpling and Dim Sum orders due

- Grade 7 Baby Pictures Due

Sunday, February 13th

- Pink Shirt Orders Due

Monday, February 14th

- Rocket Grams Delivered

Thursday, February 17th

- White Spot Hot Lunch

Friday, February 18th

- Pick up Dumpling and Dim Sum Orders after school



**PINK SHIRT
DAY FLASH SALE!**

**Sale ends Sunday, Feb 13th @ 7pm!
Don't wait to order!**



Pink shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe and accepted.

Purchase a \$12 pink shirt for your child to wear on February 23rd for Pink Shirt Day.

We will donate \$3.50 from each shirt purchased to the CKNW Kids Fund which helps fund anti-bullying initiatives and mental health resources for youth across BC.

Follow the link

<https://form.jotform.com/220406953141044>

to place your order and EMT

rosemaryheightspac@gmail.com

Please be sure to put PINK SHIRT in the memo.



About Black History Month

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

Black history in Canada

Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Black Canadians and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812.

Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.

Recognizing Black History Month in Canada

The commemoration of Black History Month in North America dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the [Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month](#). It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

Sweet Life Bake Shop

We are so excited that we have been able to add these delicious cookies as a special treat to our Hot Lunch menu. Karen is a local professional baker and a Rosemary Mom. We thought you may wonder what you're child is getting when you click "decorated sugar cookie" here are the last few creations! And you can check out more of her incredible work



Winter Waterland

And WE did it!! With the help of Ms. Short and the Managers, we have successfully reached our Winter Waterland goal! Because of your generous donations, and Rocket-Gram purchases we will be sending the grade 3 classes from our sister school James Ardiel to a full session of swimming lessons this Spring! AND a special shout-out to Haiden M. in Kindergarten. He donated \$100 of his savings to Winter Waterland! Thank you to Haiden! You are a great example of what it means to be a Rosemary Heights Rocket!

Dumpling & Dim Sum Fundraiser!

Looking for a quick and delicious meal night?

We are doing our annual [Dumpling and Dim Sum Fundraiser](#). Stock your freezer with yummy favorites especially curated by members of the Multicultural Committee. Cooking/steaming instructions are included.



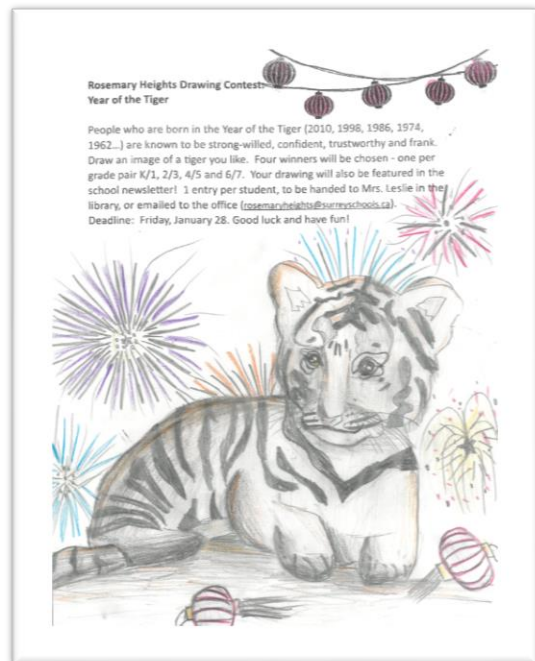
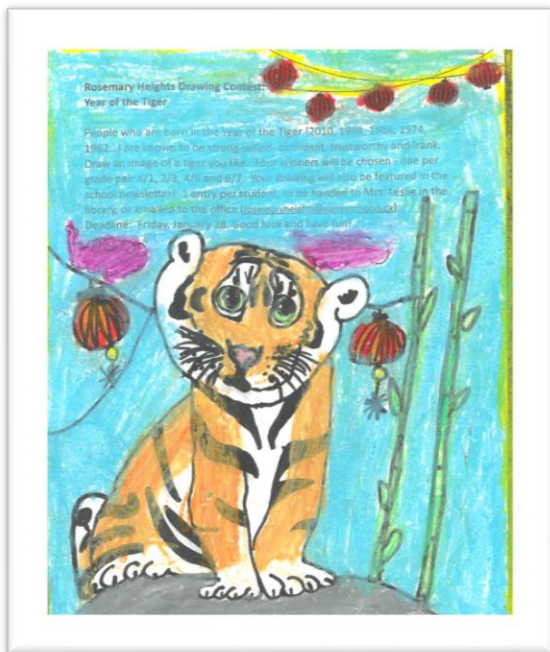
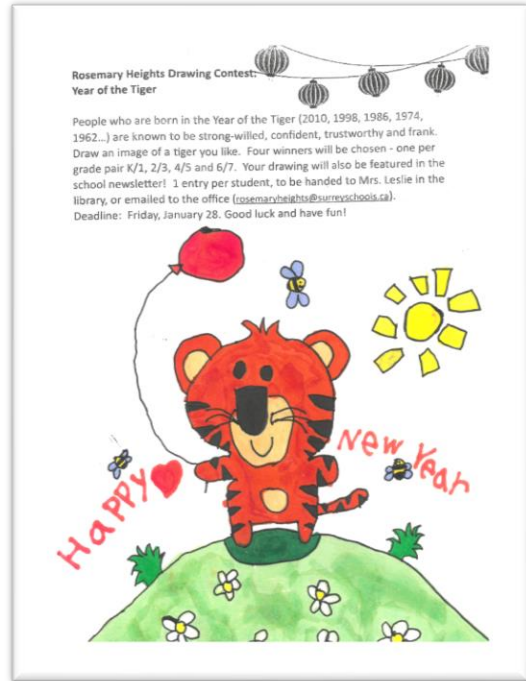
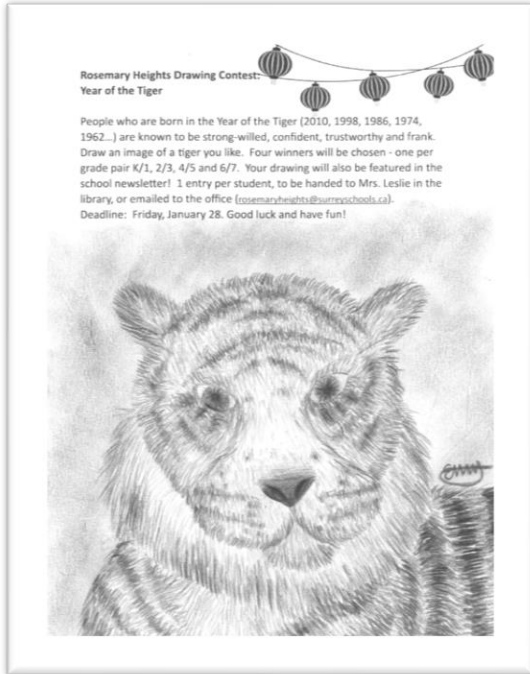
Please place your order at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/rosemaryheights> by February 11th. Orders will be ready for pick up February 18th after school.

Have a happy new year everyone!

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Lunar New Year Drawing Contest Winners

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Lunar New Year drawing contest. Your creative drawing skills are impressive! The following students received recognition for their efforts. Emma M. - Div. 4, Mia H. - Div. 22, Chloe C. - Div. 15, Ella X. - Div. 10



Rocket-Grams

Rocket-Grams will be delivered on Monday February 14th. We quickly counted the forms and our Managers Team sold 120 cookies, 68 combos and 10 carnations! That's \$730 worth of Rocket-Grams that results in a profit of \$401.20. Combined with online sales... we raised \$1189.20

What an awesome job!!! They should be so proud!



Picture Request for Grade 7 Students

The yearbook committee is creating a grade 7 baby picture page, and we require pictures from when you were either a baby or toddler. It is a good idea to send an extra pic or two so the yearbook team has some choice on which pic to use. Please ensure that the scanned image is of high resolution (≥ 300 dpi) and in jpg or png format. If you would like your picture in the yearbook, you can send it to lightbody_r@surreyschools.ca in digital format by Friday, February 11. Please ensure if you email the pic to Mr. Lightbody that it has your child's full name in the subject — ex. Baby Pic of Blair MacDonald. Do not send the thumbnail version of the pic as it does not have the required resolution. Each pic should be about 200 K or larger as a file size. The larger the file size the better. If you would like to send a physical picture it can be scanned at school and then returned the next day.

Any pictures sent in after February 11 will not be included in the yearbook.

Thank you, Yearbook Committee



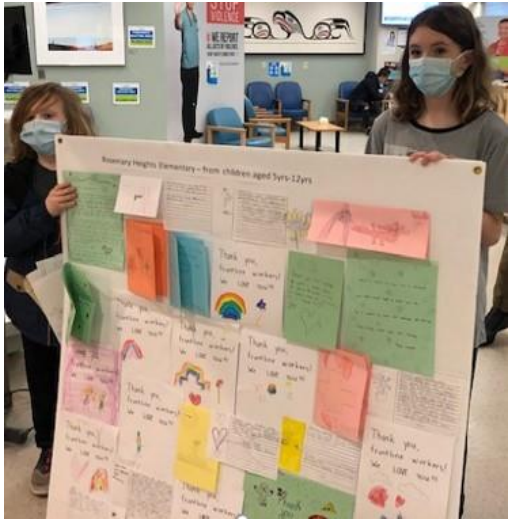
A special Valentine's Café

Some of our diverse learners practiced their baking and money skills by hosting and partaking in a special Valentine's Café this Friday. The idea was conceived by our exceptional support staff to provide life-skill practice (baking, money skills, social interaction practice) for our students. Another example of the amazing teaching and learning happening at Rosemary Heights!



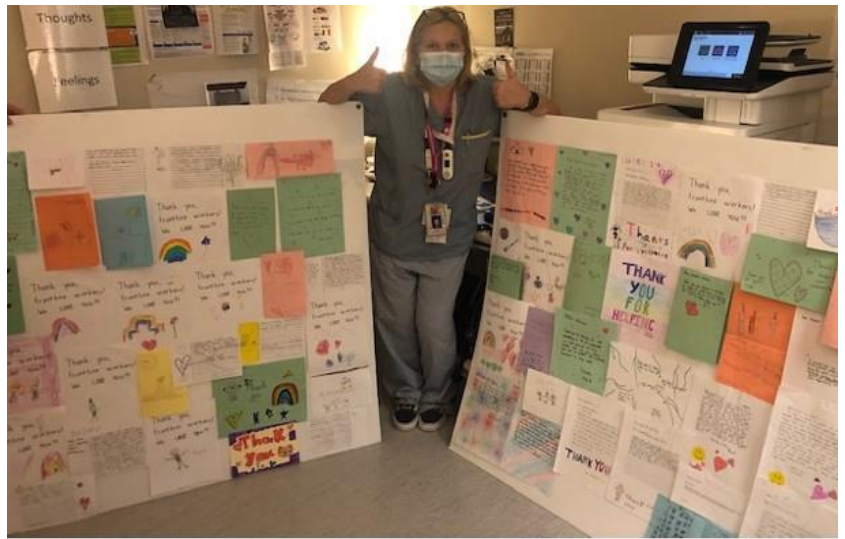
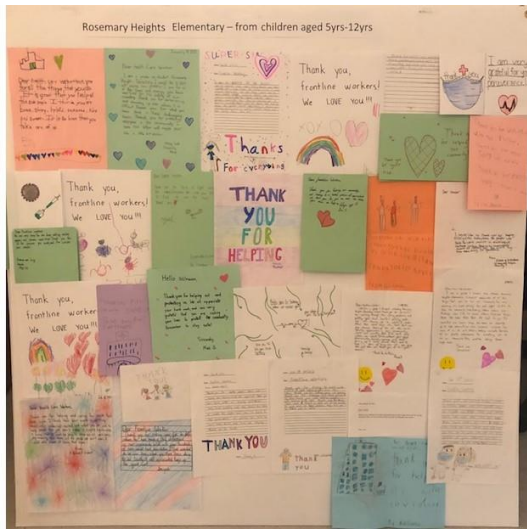
ROSEMARY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SAY:

"Thank you"



I wanted to share with you all some photos of cards and notes of gratitude that the kids' at my children's school made to say thank you to us for the incredible work that we have been achieving during the pandemic within our hospitals and communities. They wanted to lift our spirits.

I was intending to have them shared throughout BCCH and BCW campus, but when I found myself stuck in a traffic jam this past weekend with the convoy, I felt compelled to share the love with our colleagues at Vancouver General Emergency Department and the paramedics and volunteers that we came in contact with on our way into the hospital. The staff were grateful for the kind and appreciative words from these kids' cards and I wanted to share the love with you all!



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TODAY AND EVERYDAY!



The Surrey School district invites applications for the following position:

SUPERVISION AIDES

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth. You will work one hour per day providing lunch supervision to elementary and secondary students. The hourly rate is \$22.21 per hour, and preference will be given to those available Monday to Friday.

Apply online at www.surreyschools.ca/careers

Questions? Contact Heidi Haywood, Human Resources 604-595-6145

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment. Only those persons selected for interviews will be contacted. To all others, thank you for your interest.

Daily Health Check

The Ministry of Education has released an updated [Daily Health Check and What To Do When Sick](#) resource. Please use this updated resource to do your daily health check. It applies to both staff and students. Please use this link to access the new daily health check.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20220121/daily-health-check---jan-2022.pdf>



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
- Reason for Absence

If you choose to email your child's teacher, you will still need to notify the office of your child's absence, or the office will need to call to confirm absence.

Rosemary Rockets App

Keep up to date with our school calendar by downloading our Rosemary Rockets app from the app store or google play.

<https://rosemary.appazur.com/#/>

