

Community News Flash #21

February 4, 2022



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

Important Dates

Sunday, February 6th

Monday, February 7th

Wednesday, February 9th

Thursday, February 10th

Friday, February 11th

Friday, February 18th

- No Waste Fundraiser Deadline

- Hot Lunch Orders Due for March

- Rocket Grams on Sale (lunch and after school)

- Subway Hot Lunch

- Rocket Grams on Sale (after school)

- Dumpling and Dim Sum orders due

- Grade 7 Baby Pictures Due

- Pick up Dumpling and Dim Sum Orders after school

Principal Message

A huge thank you to our Lunar New Year parent committee for planning, organizing and sharing wonderful celebrations with our Rosemary school community this past week! Students participated in traditional culture stations in the gym, a marketplace, on-line virtual assembly, riddles, incredible visual displays inside and outside the school, and even an extra special parade led by our very own God of Fortune and Lion Dancers!

Rosemary staff also want to extend great appreciation to parents for the generous and delicious Lunar New Year luncheon, brought to us from Sungiven Foods.

We wish all of our families a happy Year Of The Tiger!





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/rosemmaryheights> by February 11th. Orders will be ready for pick up February 18th after school.

Have a happy new year everyone!

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

ROCKET-GRAMS

On Wednesday and Thursday - the Managers will be taking orders for Rocket Valentine's Day cookies and Carnations. Students can gift them to their classmates, teachers, or buy one to take home to Mom/Dad. There is also an online ordering system for those parents who may want to order for their own child or others <https://bit.ly/RocketGrams>. Please remind your kids to bring \$ on Wednesday (lunch) Wednesday and Thursday (afterschool) if they want to order. Each Rocket-Gram costs \$3 - a special combo of one cookie and one carnation is \$5



Rosemary Heights Elementary

Hot Lunch Program

Hello Parents!

Our parent volunteer group will continue to run the Hot Lunch program. All profits go back into funding various activities and items for our kids. Hot Lunch will be every Thursday. Hot Lunches are provided by **pre-order**. There is ***no guarantee of same day concession sales***. We order according to the numbers in our system and we do our best to avoid waste and extra cost to the school by only ordering what we need.

*Orders must be completed prior to **Monday, February 7, 2022**

*First Hot Lunch this cycle **Thursday, March 3rd**

(This order cycle will continue be from **March 3 to April 7, 2022**)

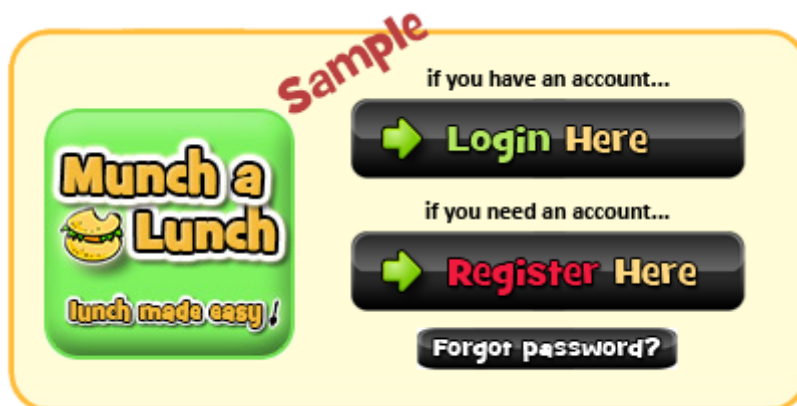
Due to the possibility of functional closures, we will be proceeding with ordering monthly vs. ordering for the remainder of the year. It is extremely important that all orders for March 3 to April 7 are entered into munchalunch as of **Monday, February 7**. If the school closes, hot lunch will be cancelled and a credit will appear on your account. In the unlikely event we are unable to cancel the order in time, we will arrange to have a pick up option for your order.

Parents can place their hot lunch orders online using **MunchaLunch.com!**

You can pay for your orders online by credit card (Visa/Mastercard)

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/rosemaryheights>
- 2) Click the “**Register Here**” button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green “Order Lunch!” button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the “**Login Here**” button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be OPEN from January 31- February 7.
- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet, please contact rosemaryhotlunch@gmail.com

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 12:00pm otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards general fundraising within the school.

Once an order has been placed and paid for, **you are unable to change or add to your order.** The system is easy to navigate but if you have any problems please email rosemaryhotlunch@gmail.com

All payments must be made **before Monday, February 7**

Introducing Rocket Fuel:

The PAC's new Hot Lunch program for our Rosemary families who need a little help. Each week you will see a new menu item on your Hot Lunch order forms. Just click on ROCKET FUEL (\$5) and add it to your cart, and you will be providing a meal for a child who cannot afford one or simply does not have one. Each week we have children come to the kitchen needing food. Or teachers and staff requesting something for a student who comes to school with not enough. We want to support all of these children - because our Rosemary community is our family.

Zero Waste:

In our efforts to strive towards zero waste in our schools, we are asking you to pack cutlery with your child on our hot lunch days

PLEASE NOTE:

You may have noticed some prices have gone up to align with food cost increases by the vendor. Account Balances for Hot Lunch orders must be paid in full by February 7 for this month. Failure to pay your hot lunch balance will result in suspension of your order until the balance is paid.



School Lunch



Regarding Hot Lunch

Over the last few weeks we have seen a growing number of children come to the PAC kitchen asking for food. These students vary into 3 types:

1. Students who don't have a lunch for whatever reason and are hungry.
2. Students who's parents did not order them a Hot Lunch and don't like there's.
3. Students who are trying to score free food.

We are hoping you can speak to your kids about their Hot Lunch. Each week you get a email letting you know what you ordered for your child. Please communicate to them what indeed they should be expecting. We spend a tonne of time looking up individual orders because a child is certain they ordered a cookie and did not receive it.

99% of the time the orders are handed out correctly with no discrepancies as we triple check the orders and the forms.

But of course there are mistakes as we are all human and we always want to make sure kids are getting what they ordered.

And a message to the students who come down hoping to get a free bag of chips or a chocolate milk. Know that each time you misrepresent yourself to receive a free snack or meal, that's just one less for a child that actually needs it. At the end of the lunch hour we don't have many leftovers and in most cases we sell out.

Parents please speak to your students about these points. We will be now sending notes home to parents if we run into an issue with your child at Hot Lunch.

Having said all of that. Please be assured, no child who expresses hunger will be turned away.

Thank you,
Rosemary Heights Elementary School PAC

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



NO WASTE FUNDRAISER

To help reduce the amount of garbage we create at school and at home... we have partnered with MYSGREEN - a local Langley based company to bring you reusable waterproof pouches, masks and beeswax wraps (to replace your saran wrap).

Go to www.mysgreen.com to shop and don't forget to enter the code **ROSEMARY2022** at checkout. Please add your child's name and division in the notes section so it is delivered directly to our school.

All the materials are eco-friendly, made in Canada and machine washable.

Happy Shopping! Sale ends on February 6th.

Orders will be sent home or ready for pick-up the following week.





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/#/>

