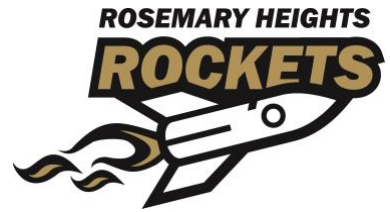


# Community News Flash #19

January 8, 2021



## Important Dates:



Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration Starts  
Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Jersey Day  
Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm PAC Meeting

## Principal Message

I want to begin by wishing our Rosemary families a Happy and Healthy New Year! As I have connected with community members this week, people have shared some common themes about quiet, calm, restful, less pressured and a different kind of intimate holiday break at home this year.

We recognize that our community was unsettled at the beginning of the break by receiving multiple COVID exposure letters from Fraser Health and the District, and then recently learning about the COVID situation at nearby Earl Marriott Secondary school.

In response to our ongoing COVID exposures at Rosemary, we continue to reflect upon and refine our school protocols. Our District is also learning more and has made further and specific recommendations to all Surrey schools, which we are implementing this week.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Daily Health Check and the need to stay at home when children and staff are presenting with COVID symptoms. We appreciate when caregivers respond quickly and with compassion when we call home about children who may feel ill during the school day. Please support your child in understanding that it is safe to tell school staff about how they are feeling at any time during the day.

We also greatly appreciate the clear and transparent communication to the Principal, office staff and classroom teacher about any and all cases of COVID at our school. When we have firsthand information about a new COVID case at Rosemary, a School District form is completed and this information can help to more quickly generate a Fraser Health COVID notification for our community. Please know that great care and complete confidentiality is always maintained at the school level.

The upcoming winter months of this pandemic will likely continue to be a challenge for all staff, students and families. I know that together, we'll all do our best to keep communication lines open and keep each other as safe as possible.

Take good care, stay healthy and we thank you for your continued kindness, calmness and community support that is ever present at Rosemary Heights Elementary.

David Dekerf  
Principal

### ***Vice Principal Message***

I want to thank the staff, students and families who have made me feel so welcome during my first week at Rosemary Heights! My name is Jennifer Pilchak and I am the new Vice Principal. Like you, I live in South Surrey with my family, including two teenage daughters. In my spare time, I volunteer and enjoy coaching softball in the community. Although I have been a teacher for many years, I have only been working in the Surrey School District for five years, four of them as Vice Principal. I started my career in Richmond, first as a teacher, and then as a District Consultant in the area of Assessment and Evaluation, specifically in literacy. I am excited to be working in the classroom with many of your children, as I will be continuing with the same teaching role as Ms. Crnkovich. I am fortunate to be at a school as wonderful as this one and I look forward to being your partner to support the growth and learning of your child.

Jennifer Pilchak  
Vice Principal



### ***Thank You!***

Rockets, we wanted to take the time to thank you for supporting our school and purchasing Spirit Wear! This year with the help of the [Kahunaverse Sports Group](#), we have been able to create and donate 40 [James Ardiel Elementary School](#) Toques to our sister school! They are being delivered today and they couldn't come at a better time

## ***Snowman Paint Party***

We wanted to take a moment and thank Laura Webb with 'pARTy with Laura" for hosting our RHE students in a virtual painting class!

We had 95 students participate in creating an adorable snowman appropriately on the snowiest day of the break!

And we wanted to congratulate these 5 students! They submitted their paintings into our draw for a Menchie's Gift Card!

Great job Vikesh K., Dane P., Jordyn B., Leila W. and Caleb H!

And if you're interested in booking Laura for an online painting party or for more painting classes for you child, here are a few ways you can connect with Laura:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/paintparty.laura/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/paintpARTywithLaura/>

Email: [partywithlauraw@gmail.com](mailto:partywithlauraw@gmail.com)

Phone: 778.889.9919

Thank you Rosemary families and Laura!

And stay tuned we will have another painting session next month!

Rosemary Heights Elementary PAC



It is time to register for

# KINDERGARTEN

Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2022 are eligible to begin school in September 2021



Registration begins in  
Surrey schools  
**Monday, January 11, 2021**

## TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

(for school catchment areas, please view <https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/LocateSchool/Pages/default.aspx> or 604-595-6308)



## THE SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW USING A WEB-BASED ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Once submitted, the form and any supporting documents will be available to school staff and the Principal who will use their judgement to determine if documentation requirements have been satisfied.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process and may be uploaded to the registration portal or presented in-person at the catchment school or school-of-choice:



1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).
4. Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in BC:
  - a. Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
  - b. One of the three pieces above must be government issued in order to complete the registration process (BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian).



## Documents which are helpful, but not required:

- Health Documents (Care card, immunization records, medical condition information)



## FOUR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE (LISTED BELOW) ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

Application to these programs is made through the online lottery system starting Monday, January 25, 2021

[www.surreyschools.ca/programsandservices/choice/online-application](http://www.surreyschools.ca/programsandservices/choice/online-application)

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THEIR LOCAL CATCHMENT SCHOOL BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE KINDERGARTEN CHOICE LOTTERY

### FRENCH IMMERSION

**Laronde**  
1880 Laronde Drive  
604-536-1626

**Martha Currie**  
5811 - 184 Street  
604-576-8551

**Peace Arch**  
15877 Roper Avenue  
604-536-8711

**Riverdale**  
14835 - 108A Avenue  
604-588-5978

**Simon Cunningham**  
9380 - 140 Street  
604-588-4435

**Woodward Hill**  
6082 - 142 Street  
604-594-2408



### INTENSIVE ARTS EDUCATION

**David Brankin**  
9160 - 128 Street  
604-585-9547

**White Rock**  
1273 Fir Street  
604-531-5731

### MONTESSORI

**Douglas**  
17325 2 Avenue  
604-535-0180

**Latimer Road**  
19233 - 60 Avenue  
604-576-9184

**Mountainview**  
15225 - 98 Avenue  
604-589-1193

### TRADITIONAL

**Cloverdale**  
17857 - 56 Avenue  
604-576-8295

**McLeod Road**  
6325 - 142 Street  
604-595-1060

**Surrey**  
13875 - 113 Avenue  
604-588-1248



For more information, contact a school or visit [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca)

# **EASE 'At Home' (for Parents and Caregivers)**

**Date** - Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time** - 1:00 to 2:30 pm

**Facilitators** - Casey Chaulk and Jen Poole

**Details** - EASE 'At Home' (for Parents and Caregivers)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Children and Family Development adapted some of the EASE classroom activities for use at home by parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health and continuous learning. These fun and practical strategies help guide parents and caregivers in managing their children's anxiety and worries in the comfort of their home during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Jen Poole, Casey Chaulk and Taunya Shaw are district EASE trainers and will teach you how to access the EASE 'At Home' resource, help understand the theory behind it and also gain some understanding of anxiety. You can join the live event [here](#). (This session will be recorded)



## Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

\*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

**A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.**

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