# **COMMUNITY NEWS FLASH #41**

JUNE 25TH, 2021



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

- Last Day of Classes

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

- School Opens

## **Celebration Assembly Principal Address**

It is my pleasure to share a final message at the end of the 2020 / 2021 school year and offer some sincere words of appreciation.

As we are all so very aware, this school year has been filled with many challenges and obstacles. COVID-19 impacted us in subtle and significant ways. We all made adjustments to our lives and the ways in which we come together as a school community.

At Rosemary there were many times when we were hit hard with COVID cases connected to our school. Some of our students, families, and staff were diagnosed with COVID-19 this year and we know this presented huge challenges.

As a school community, we worked hard throughout the year to keep ourselves as safe as possible by staying home when we were sick, distancing, washing hands, not sharing items, wearing masks and remaining in single class cohorts inside and out for most of the year. We are so proud of you for following these expectations, and know that this was at times, not easy.

At the end of June, we can say that we made it through a school year like no other. We made it through this year by working together and leaning on each other for support.

Thank-you students, for doing your best every day. For being kind, hardworking, respectful, inclusive and dedicated learners!

Thank-you staff, for showing up and putting student learning and well-being at the forefront of your professional lives.

Thank-you, parents, and caregivers, for supporting us all in the background and alongside our Rosemary community.

On behalf of our school staff, I want to wish all of you a safe, relaxing, fun-filled and rejuvenating summer break. You certainly deserve it, Rosemary Rockets!

## **Grade 7 Celebration Parent Committee**

Shannon Gibson

Stephanie Canavan

Amy Wasney

Angela Champ

Karen Burke

Jaclyn Finan

Tami Nadon Danielle Richards Sue Stewart Deesh Nagra Margo Lawrence

Tina Sadler

Thankyou

# **DISTRICT NEWS**

## What to Expect in September - Superintendent Message

This message is about what September looks like and what you can expect when the doors open in the fall.

The video is here: https://vimeo.com/565686552

## Special Update - June 22, 2021

**FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – Year-End Letters from Minister Whiteside:** As the 2020/21 school year draws to a close, Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside would like to thank everyone in the education system for their extraordinary efforts to keep students safe and to support their learning and wellbeing. Please share the Minister's <u>thank you letter to school staff</u> with your colleagues and ask principals to distribute the Minister's <u>thank you letter to parents and caregivers</u> on her behalf.



## **Supplies:**

Parents in Grades 1-7 will purchase their child's school supplies on their own. You should utilize the grade supply list of suggested items needed or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment /ordering is done online for that option and is made directly to School Start (https://schoolstart.ca/). Packages must be sent to your home address. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. K fees will not exceed \$45 and GR 1-7 fees will not exceed \$60.

Kindergarten supplies will be done as a bulk buy. Parents will be asked to contribute \$42 to cover those supplies. If you wish to opt out and purchase your own, please let the school know. Please note that all supplies in Kindergarten are shared by the whole group.

School Supply Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

Staff Leaving					
STA	STA	STA	CUPE	CUPE	
Mary Langeries	Jenny Sandhu	Julie Kinton	Bonnie Foley	Angela Skillen	
Jasbir Sekhon (Bisal)	Manraj Heir	Ajay Martin	Dina choi	Shamina Abid	
Derek Bertholm	Leslee Burwash	Cindy Gollner	Michelle De Goede		
Sonika Woodwall	Rosie Bratovenski		Sam Gandham		
Jessica Anderegg	Stanley Tsang		Lisa Redknap		
Christine Aimes	Joey Rose		Tamara Robertson		

# **STAFF FAREWELLS**

# FUNDRAISING

## **Happy Packs**

To Rosemary Heights Elementary School Community

We wish to thank Rosemary Heights Elementary School for their generous donation.

When women and children are fleeing violence in their home, they come to our Transition Houses for safety, resources and support, to consider their options and to decide on what they need to do to keep their family



safe and stable.

When the children arrive at our houses, they are often scared, sad and uncertain about all the changes they face in their lives. The staff at our houses offer stuffed animals for comfort and an assortment of toys that are shared by all children during their stay. The Happy Packs will be given to the children when they are leaving our programs to offer support as they move forward. We cannot tell you how happy this will make forty different children.

On behalf of the teams at both Evergreen and Virginia Sam Transition houses, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your efforts and extreme kindness.

Sincerely,

Sukh Mattu, Program Manager, Stopping the Violence Programs Evergreen Transition House Virginia Sam Transition House

## **Wellness Walk**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Division 4 would like to extend a huge thank you for your participation in our Wellness Walk and for your generosity in donating to the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation. We are excited to announce that we exceeded our goal of \$800. In fact, our community raised over \$1000! On Wednesday morning, Division 4 happily handed over a cheque to a representative from Peace Arch Hospital. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative. You have helped make a difference in our community.





## THANK YOUS and MORE THANK YOUS

It took many many many community partners, friend and families to make this 2021 special for our Grade 7 graduates. We wanted to take the time to recognize them! And as we know Covid has challenged many of our local businesses and so it is not lost on any of us, how incredibly generous our friends have been despite all of that. Please take a moment and acknowledge these donors by sending them a note, soliciting or promoting their services!

## COMMUNITY SPONSORS (contributed funds, services or items)

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### COMMUNITY DONORS (donated to our Raffle or gift bags)

Sweet Life Bake Shop TAP Restaurant Spinhouse South Surrey PK Beans David Jones with Epicure Arts Umbrella South Surrey Get Lashed A&T Equestrian Fresh Prep Cobs Bread South Annex Mountain West Studios Westland Insurance Spiral Dance Joseph Richard Group Skoah at Morgan Crossing Nicole Verhoeven with Norwex Purdy's Maritime Travel Brows of Joy Hugs, Mugs & More Westland Insurance Coastal FC Academy Volleyball Lauren Foster

#### FAMILY DONORS (contributed funds)

Juanita Rodriguez and Family Peter Brear and Family Leslie Chanin and Family Brent and Margo Lawrence Xia Zhang and Family Curtis and Andrea Soong

#### And thank you to the GRAD COMMITTEE of parent volunteers!

Shannon Gibson Stephanie Canavan Amy Wasney Angela Champ Karen Burke Jaclyn Finan Tami Nadon Danielle Richards Sue Stewart Deesh Nagra Margo Lawrence Tina Sadler

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

And thank you to all of you, for ordering White Spot, buying raffle tickets, cleaning out your closets and volunteering your time! Each Grad was spoiled this year with a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice, chocolates, cookies, Bluetooth EarPods, a Panago Pizza, a Menchies card., hand sanitizer and lip balm! Your contributions allowed us to hire a professional photographer to document the grad ceremony for families.

## WANT TO JOIN US IN CREATING MORE FUN?

We have a few positions still open on our PAC! Email us rosemaryheightspac@gmail.com

We did it! We made it through a pandemic school year! And we couldn't have done it without you! We have an incredible community and we are so proud to be a part of it.



## SURREY SCHOOLS Spread the word! We need...



## **SUPERVISION AIDES NEEDED NOW**

## Can you, or someone you know, help to provide supervision for children?

Supervision Aides work one hour per day (5 days per week, preferably) to provide supervision to elementary and secondary students during their lunch break. Pay rate is \$22.21 per hour.

Ideal for those retired individuals or adults who relate well to children, and youth, and are seeking part-time employment.

Preference given to those individuals available daily (Monday to Friday).

For more information, and to apply online, please visit <u>www.surreyschools.ca/careers</u>