Community News Flash #6
October 2nd, 2020
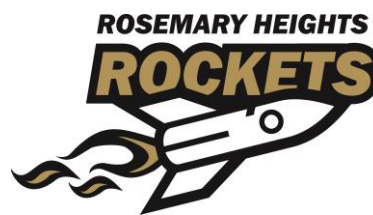
Important Dates:

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Wednesday, October 7th	- 1:30pm Early Dismissal
Thursday, October 8th	- 1:30pm Early Dismissal
Monday, October 12th	- Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
Tuesday, October 13th	- Turkey Trot
Wednesday, October 14th	- Photo Day

Principal Message:

It is with regret that Rosemary school handed out a second COVID Exposure letter and a first classroom Self Monitor letter. We understand that this is unsettling news for our entire community. I want families to know that the school staff and Surrey District management do not have specific details about exposures in terms of who in the school has tested positive for COVID-19 and precisely where the exposure may have taken place. This information is held by Fraser Health Authority in confidence. Fraser Health makes all of the decisions around self-monitoring, isolating, testing, contact tracing, etc. At times Fraser Health will collaborate with the school and collect some information from staff. All this work is done with great professionalism, care and confidentiality.

We also understand that the way in which this process may unfold within the community and the school can be puzzling and unsettling. There is reflection and learning that takes place across the system with each case of school related COVID-19.

We want to reassure you that our health and safety protocols are solidly in place at Rosemary. We take great pride in our high level of implementation and continue to strive for improvements. If you have any questions about our health and safety processes and expectations, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

We greatly appreciate the support of our community and truly feel that we are in this together.

David Dekerf

Principal @ Rosemary
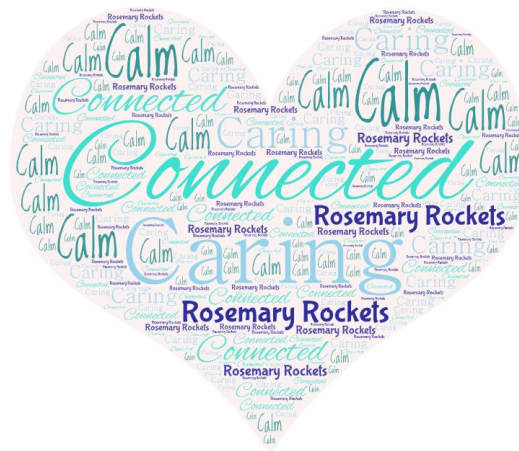
Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms went home this week. Please sign, make any corrections if needed and return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday

2020 - 2021 Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

We are pleased to announce the 2020 - 2021 Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive and committee positions:

- President Co-Chair - Tara McIntosh & Sharon Geransky
- Treasurer - Miyoung Tereposky
- Secretary / Class Parent Representative - Sarah Sutherland
- District PAC Representative - Curtis Soong
- Members at Large - Stephanie Castle, Shayna Dumas, Daniel De Regt & Sasha Dzanic
- Hot Lunch Co-Chairs - Jaclyn Finan & Gayla Cook
- Past President - Laura Folino

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information about the PAC, please send an email to rosemaryheightspac@gmail.com.

Hot Lunch Refunds:

Hot lunch refunds are still being processed and cheques will be sent home in the next couple weeks.

Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. Processing late arrivals and mid-day pick-ups is challenging for us with COVID protocols. 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

Surrey Schools
LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING
Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
	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 selfisolation. 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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