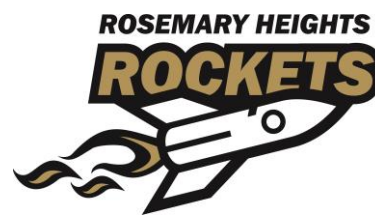


Community News Flash #7

October 6th, 2020



Important Dates:

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

Principal Message:

With the recent notices to families about COVID-19 exposures at Rosemary we plan to quickly implement the following new protocols and expectations.

- Students are asked to wear a mask inside the school building, including common areas and classrooms.
- We encourage parents and caregivers to model mask wearing and physical distancing (2 metres apart) when on school property.
- We are trying to create further distance between children in classrooms by spacing out seating, where possible.
- Most cohorts are being compressed to include a single class. Some exceptions will be necessary at times.
- Students will be divided further into play zones during outdoor break times.

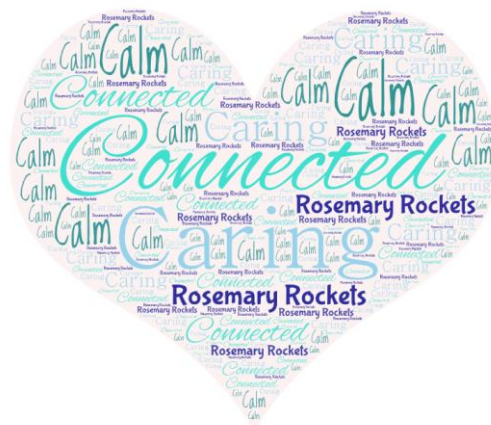
Our school is regularly sanitized by our daytime caretaker and then further cleaning takes place by the evening caretaker who also "fogs" all learning spaces.

We understand that these are challenging times for our Rosemary community and appreciate the support and understanding that has been shown in numerous ways.

Please continue to Be Kind, Be Calm, & Be Safe.

David Dekerf

Principal @ Rosemary Heights





Cleaning Protocols and Information

New for this September, the District is introducing the Clorox 360 Electrostatic Sprayer into our disinfection routine. Although it is called Clorox, it **does not contain bleach**. The machine “fogs” the room with a fine disinfectant mist that attracts to all bare surfaces, even the undersides of desks. It allows us to disinfect a room very quickly and thoroughly, leaving no residue. In elementary schools this will be done **once per day** in the evening, and in secondary schools it will be done **twice per day**. **There will be a day shift and an afternoon shift caretaker at elementary schools.**

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



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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