

# Community News Flash #8

## October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020



### **Important Dates:**

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| Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>    | - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed    |
| Tuesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>   | - Turkey Trot (dress for the weather) |
| Wednesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> | - Individual Photo Day                |

### **Principal Message:**

The Rosemary staff want to extend their heartfelt thanks to the community for all of the LOVE and support that was shared on Thursday morning. Some staff were honestly brought to tears by the thoughtful and caring chalk messages, signs, posters and flowers that wrapped around our school. We greatly appreciate that each individual piece was lovingly created by children and families who communicated deep care towards our staff and our school community.

And yes, we are much more than a school with COVID. We are a kind, creative, vibrant and diverse village that is working together to raise some pretty incredible kids! This is the narrative that we are claiming.

### **Some staff shared the following comments...**

*All staff feeling the love this morning!*

*Heartfelt thank you to the wonderful community of Rosemary Heights. You are like a hot air balloon to our spirits.*

*A challenging time for our Rosemary Heights community. So much amazing support from our community!!*

*This school community of mine, sure is amazing. I am blessed to work in a building with such amazing parent and student support and the world's best colleagues. Thanks for showing us the love today Rocket Families.*

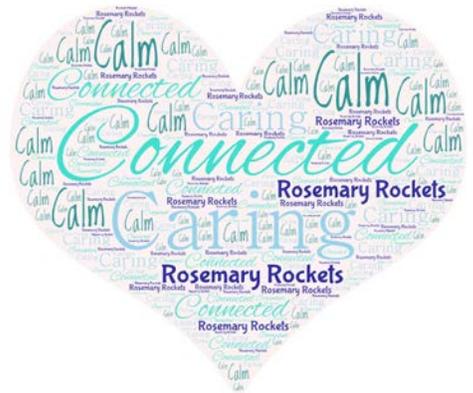
*I teach in a pretty special place 🧡 . Grateful for the Rosemary Heights families and community. 💕*

*This made my day! Such a great community!*

*Wishing all of our Rosemary families a wonderful, restful and calm Thanksgiving weekend.*

David Dekerf

Principal @ Rosemary Heights





Thank you for staying STRONG



THANK YOU  
ECHO

We Love You

Rosemary LOVE

You are AMAZING  
No one  
Are the Best  
Stay Strong

WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS!

WE CAN DO IT!  
GO ROCKETS!

Thank You

Air HUGS

THANK YOU FOR BEING AMAZING!



THANK YOU!  
WE APPRECIATE YOU



BE Cheerful

Stay Safe!

LOVE LOVE OUR SCHOOL!

Anyone who does anything to help a child in their life is a hero to us!



BEST PRINCIPAL EVER!

ROSEMARY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY  
THANK YOU

You Make A Difference Everyday



Not all heroes wear capes

THANK YOU

Don't WORRY BE HAPPY

BE Kind



YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

THANK YOU

MAKE IT A GREAT DAY ROCKETS!

You INSPIRE US

GO ROCKETS!



## WASH YOUR HANDS

**Wash your hands for 20 seconds to stop germs from spreading**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing-heroes.html>



### **How to Wear a Mask:**

Please check out video link below on how to wear a mask.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-wear-non-medical-mask-face-covering-properly.html>



### **Fraser Health's Covid-19 Resources:**

#### **Siblings**

Dr. Tyler also speaks around this topic in her video Q&A:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-teachers/back-to-school-covid-19-video-questions-and-answers#.X3uceWipGUk>

Back to school COVID-19 video questions and answers with Dr. Tyler Ingrid.

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-teachers/back-to-school-covid-19-video-questions-and-answers#.X34LCuRYZ1B>

[www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

## ***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](mailto:rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca) and include the following information:



- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence

## ***Daily health checks are a critical step in protecting our schools***

As many of you are aware, our school has issued four separate COVID-19 exposure letters notifying our school community that an individual who tested positive attended our school.

These incidents underscore the importance of the health and safety measures we are implementing in our schools, including maintaining physical distance, diligent hand hygiene, wearing masks and conducting health checks every day prior to attending school.

To support your daily health check, we have developed a [health checklist](#) that can be printed at home by students or parents/guardians to assess for symptoms of concern. This is a personal review of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Please use this checklist every day. Anyone with symptoms should stay home and follow the instructions on the checklist.

Any students that stays home due to symptoms will be fully supported in their learning. We have developed a number of protocols to support at-home learning so no student will fall behind.

The [Daily Health Check form](#) has been translated into the following languages: [Arabic](#), [Chinese \(Traditional\)](#), [Chinese \(Simplified\)](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#) and [Vietnamese](#)

## 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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