

Community News Flash #1

September 2nd, 2021



Important Dates

Tuesday, September 7th

Wednesday, September 8th

Thursday, September 23rd

Friday, September 24th

Monday, September 27th

Thursday, September 30th

- School Opens
- First Full Day of Classes (grades 1 - 7)
- Meet the Teacher Night (format to be determined)
- Terry Fox Run
- Pro D Day - No School
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed
- Orange Shirt Day

Principal's Message

It is our sincere hope that Rosemary students and families enjoyed a safe and fulfilling summer break! We look forward to reconnecting with our entire school family and embarking on an exciting and meaningful school year together. We know that our community is likely feeling a range of emotions and expectations as we return to school next week. As always, our top priority is student safety and well-being. Please know that your children are in excellent care from the moment they approach our building on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Health and Safety

More detailed information will be coming to families during the coming days and weeks from the Surrey District and B.C. Government. Most importantly we'll continue to:

- **Check Up:** Every day, check to see how you are feeling, and stay home if you aren't feeling well. If you have symptoms, get tested.
- **Back Up:** Be mindful and considerate of others' personal space. Try to keep your hands to yourself and only play with your friends.
- **Wash Up:** Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, including after playing outside, going to the bathroom, when putting on or removing your mask, and before and after eating. Be sure to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- **Mask Up:** All K-12 staff, and Grade 4-12 students must wear a mask indoors. K-3 students are encouraged to wear a mask. Ensure your mask is clean and dry, is a good fit, and covers your nose and mouth fully. And remember, don't touch your face or play with your mask.
- **Vax Up:** If you haven't already, register to receive your first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to reduce infections and transmission of coronavirus.



Vice Principal Changes

There has been a change to our Admin. team at Rosemary as Ms. Pilchak was suddenly reassigned as the Acting Principal of Maple Green Elementary and our own Ms. Martha Pomonis has been appointed Acting Vice Principal at Rosemary Heights. Ms. Pomonis brings with her 22 years of experience as an educational leader and a passion for community building.



Opening Week

This year will follow more of a typical pattern of students remaining in smaller grade groups during the first days of school and experiencing learning lead by teachers at their grade levels. We expect our enrollment numbers to become more solid through the week, which will allow us to continue our class organization work. As always, we greatly appreciate the support, understanding and patience of families as we work hard to create balanced classes which best meet students' learning needs. Our hope is that students are assigned to permanent classes by the beginning of week two.

Opening Day

Students will meet in grade groups on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Signs and maps will be posted on our webpage and around the school to help direct students to their meeting places. Grade groups will either meet outside the assigned classrooms or in smaller groups indoors. Parents and guardians are welcome to meet Mr. Dekerf and Ms. Pomonis on the large grass field just after 10:00 a.m. for an informal welcome and orientation session.

First Day Procedures - Tuesday, September 7th

Grade 1-7 Students attend from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

- Grade 7 Room 112 -Mr. Lightbody's room
- Grade 6 Room 111 -Ms. Short's room
- Grade 5 Room 134 -Ms. Woodruff's room
- Grade 4 Room M624 -Ms. Ganderton's modular
- Grade 3 Room 146 -Mr. Abaquin's room
- Grade 2 Room 142 -Ms. Ising's room
- Grade 1 Room 147 -Ms. Gibson's room

Kindergarten Students meet outside Room 153 (Ms. Steven's Classroom)

- Group A (last name A-L) attend from 10:00 - 10:30am
- Group B (last name M-Z) attend from 10:45 - 11:15am

New Students meet with your grade group

If you are not too sure where to go, please follow the maps, signs and ask staff who are happy to assist.



School Supplies

School supply lists have been posted on our website and you can order them online at www.schoolstart.ca

Message from Jordan Tinney

Welcome back and, as has become our norm, we have more new information to grapple with. I hope that the summer has given you the rest and relaxation you have deserved so much.

I have created a video to update you on the high level messaging around the new Health and Safety Guidelines. The video is here: <https://vimeo.com/595957425>

Main topics - gatherings, protocols, and the notification process that we anticipate.

More details to come for sure but we wanted to give you a high level overview. I hope it's helpful and on behalf of the district, wish all of you the very best on opening day.

Take care, stay well,
Jordan

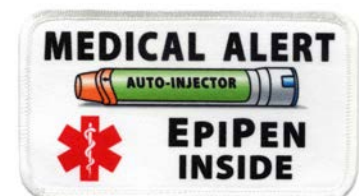
Rosemary Heights Bell Schedule 2021 - 2022 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday)

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| 8:25am | Welcome Bell |
| 8:30am | Classes begin |
| 10:15am | Recess |
| 10:30am | Classes resume |
| 11:45am | Lunch bell (play first) |
| 12:10pm | Break (eat second) |
| 12:30pm | Classes resume |
| 2:30pm | Students are dismissed |



Medical Alerts:

If your child has a medical alert that requires the school to store medication please contact the office at rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca to make arrangements to drop off medication and make sure your child's medical alert forms are up to date (forms need to be reviewed each year).



Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. If your child is going to be away from school please email us at rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca.

Parent Handbook / Student Planners

A handbook for parents is included in the student planner. It contains important topics such as the school Code of Conduct, communication, school policies etc. Please take the time to read through the information and discuss the pertinent topics with your child. All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. **All purchases can be made online once students are put in to classrooms.**



Back to School Tips to Help Students Succeed

****Get Routines Established Early****

- planners signed
- nightly reading time
- set homework place and time-free from distractions
- assignment calendar for quick reference
- lots of sleep

****Eat Healthy****

Give your child's mind the fuel it needs to be alert. Keep nutritional snacks, such as cut up fruit and vegetables, cheese sticks, low fat yogurt and butter free popcorn, on hand.



****Review Safety Tips****

- make sure your kids know safe routes to and from school
- know their address and phone number

****Get lots of sleep****

- establish a bedtime routine that allows for calming down time free of tv, and video games
- this is the perfect time to share in a read aloud of a favorite story
- research shows that there should be **NO SCREEN TIME** 30 minutes prior to bedtime for optimal sleep

Dear Parents

(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)

ALLERGY ALERT

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

| KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS | WHAT TO DO |
|--|---|
| Fever (above 38°C) | <p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p> |
| Chills | |
| Cough | |
| Difficulty breathing | |
| Loss of sense of smell or taste | |
| OTHER SYMPTOMS | WHAT TO DO |
| Sore throat | <p>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> |
| Loss of appetite | |
| Headache | <p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p> |
| Body aches | |
| Extreme fatigue or tiredness | |
| Nausea and vomiting | |
| Diarrhea | |
| INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: | WHAT TO DO |
| Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days? | <p>If yes: All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.</p> <p>This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the selfquarantine orders. Additional information is available here.</p> |
| CLOSE CONTACT | WHAT TO DO |
| Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19? | <p>If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p> <p>You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p> |

Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to www.bccdc.ca. If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

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