Community News Flash #4 September 18th



Important Dates:

Monday, September 21st Thursday, September 24th Friday, September 25th Monday, September 28th Wednesday, September 30th Surrey Blended Program Begins Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm (details TBA) Terry Fox Run (details TBA) Pro D Day Orange Shirt Day PAC Zoom Meeting 7:30pm

Principal Message:

It has certainly been an exciting first full week back at school. I've been filled with moments of great joy when seeing children playing outside, with smiles on faces and the sound of laughter echoing through our fields. In classroom, students are settling into new and familiar routines. We've worked hard to ensure that our children and families feel welcome, comfortable and safe at school. Below are a few of the structures and routines which are helping to keep our Rosemary students and staff safe at school:

- Use the daily Health Check, stay home when you're unwell and call 811 as required
- Arrive on time for school, minimize late check-ins and mid-day pick-ups, when possible
- Wash and sanitize hands throughout the day
- Wear a mask whenever you're unable to physically distance from others
- Wear a mask when in common areas, hallways, crossing cohorts and when engaging with staff outside of your cohort ie. EAs, Specialist Teachers, Office Staff, Admin. etc.
- Remember that some staff, community members and families have underlying health issues and may be at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19
- Bring a water bottle to school shared fountains are now closed
- Minimize hallway traffic and use outdoor pathways, when possible
- No physical contact when playing outside
- Please do not congregate in play areas before and after school

We ask that parents and guardians continue to support our school by modelling, promoting and reinforcing these and other healthy habits at home.

Surrey Blended: An Elementary Transition Program

We are pleased to welcome 130 of our Kindergarten - Grade 7 students (25% of our student population) into six Surrey Blended classes at Rosemary. These classes are all at or close to capacity and are waitlisted for any new students who wish to enter. Our talented Rosemary teachers have been engaged in District and school-based professional development this week, as they learn more about offering rich on-line learning opportunities to our students.

Thank you to everyone for your support, kindness and patience this week as we settled into our new routines.

David Dekerf Principal

STAFF DIRECTORY					
Division	Teacher	Grade	Cohort	Room	
1	Lightbody, Rob	6/7	1	112	
2	Martin, Ajay	6/7	1	109	
3	Wilson, Jennefer & Lewis, Pia	6/7	2	114	
4	Short, Megan & Lewis, Pia	6/7	2	111	
5	Woodruff, Staci	5/6	3	134	
6	Woodwall, Sonika	5	3	M623	
7	Young, Johanna	4/5	4	135	
8	Ganderton, Tonya	4	4	M624	
9	Bertholm, Derek	3	5	P591	
10	Silversides, Jane & Radford, Sarah	3	5	150	
11	Abaquin, Jeff	2/3	6	146	
12	Langereis, Mary	2	6	143	
13	Bradley, Amanda & Langton, Heather	1/2	7	144	
14	Gibson, Shannon	1	7	147	
15	Ames, Christine & Crnkovich, Kristy	K	8	156	
16	Kinton, Julie & Gollner, Cindy	K	8	151	
17	Stevens, Michelle	K	8	153	
BLENDED PROGRAM					
18	Litt, Braden	6/7	9	M626	
19	Hugh, Jaime-Lyn	4/5	9	M625	
20	Jenkins, Teresa	3/4	10	145	
21	Ising, Rosanna	2/3	10	142	
22	Van Akker, Kristen	1/2	11	148	
23	Heieis, Cindy	K/1	11	149	

Message from Jordan Tinney:

Superintendent Jordan Tinney provides a breakdown of each of the learning options available in Surrey for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Link to this video: <u>https://vimeo.com/454242865</u>

If you have not had an opportunity to view this 27 minute video, there is some important information here for parents and family members. Surrey Blended: An Elementary Transition Model is designed to end on December 18 and these students will then be integrated back into our regular classes. Parents should be aware that this may necessitate the reorganization of classes at winter break time

Staggered break adjustment effective Monday, September 21st

Intermediate Recess: 10:00 - 10:15 Primary Recess: 10:15 - 10:30 Favorite things about school LUNCH AND RECESS

Intermediate play 11:45 - 12:05 = 20 mins (+ 5 mins transition) Intermediate eat 12:10 - 12:30 = 20 mins

Primary eat 11:45 - 12:05 = 20 mins (+ 5 mins transition) Primary play 12:10 - 12:30 = 20 mins

Medical Alerts:

If your child has a medical alert that requires the school to store medication please contact the office at <u>rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca</u> 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. Processing late arrivals and mid-day pickups is challenging for us with COVID protocols. Also, if your child is going to be away from school please email us at <u>rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca</u>. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Daily Health Check:

Please see the updated Health Check. Please notice the key symptoms of illness for COVID have changed. If your child is feeling symptoms of the common cold please keep them home until they are no longer feeling symptomatic. If you are unsure, please contact 811.



Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of	Does your child have any of the following key		
Illness*	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
	Have you returned from travel outside Canada		
International Travel	in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
	Are you a confirmed contact of a person		
Confirmed Contact	confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's <u>Symptoms of COVID-19</u> 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 <u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool</u> 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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