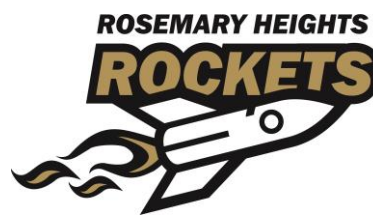


Community News Flash #2 September 4th



Important Dates:

Friday, September 4th

Office will be closed. Please contact the office via email at stait_e_m@surreyschools.ca if you need assistance.

Tuesday, September 8th

4:00pm Deadline for Registering for Surrey Blended Program

Wednesday, September 9th

Parents in the Regular Program receive detailed information about meeting places for orientation days, via email.

Thursday, September 10th

Student Orientations:

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Grades 1,2,3,4
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Grades 5,6,7
- Kindergarten 12:30 - 1:30 Group A

Friday, September 11th

Student Orientations:

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Grades 1,2,3,4
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Grades 5,6,7
- Kindergarten 12:30 - 1:30 Group B



Monday, September 14th -
Friday, September 18th

Online Student Orientations for Surrey Blended Program

Monday, September 14th

Students move into classes / cohorts

- grades 1,2,3 start time = 8:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten, start = 8:45 a.m.
- grades 4,5,6,7 start time = 9:00 a.m.
- dismissal at regular time, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15th

Regular School Day 8:30am - 2:30pm

Monday September 21st

Surrey Blended Program Begins

Principal Message:

With school start-up less than a week away, we are all excited, well prepared, and also understandably somewhat nervous about opening the school doors to our Rosemary community. Again, this will be a year of change where we'll need to be nimble as we adjust and adapt to new realities.

As you are aware, the Surrey School District has responded to parent feedback and will be offering a new Surrey Blended: An Elementary Transition Program. *This program will support families with the intent of a gradual transition back to full time in-class instruction by January 2021. This blended learning option is a combination of online and face-to-face learning, likely with a Rosemary teacher and within our school.* Please contact the school with any questions or need for further information to assist in your decision making.

Registration for Surrey Blended program must be completed before September 8th at 4:00 p.m.

As you may imagine, introducing a new program like this will have an impact upon student placement and class organization work. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work diligently to ensure that students are carefully placed into appropriate classes and cohorts. Our ability to honour parent placement requests may be more limited due to families opting into one of our two school programs.

During the student orientation days, children can expect the following:

- a warm welcome back to school by caring Rosemary staff!
- reassurance, kindness and respect
- an overview of our new Health & Safety protocol and routines
- some detailed information about staying home when sick, physical distancing, no physical contact, hand washing and face masks
- cohorts, classes, who / when / where do we distance from others?
- answer important student questions

We look forward to connecting with our school community in the coming days.

David Dekerf
Principal @ Rosemary Heights Elem.



Elementary Transition Program:

On August 26th, the Surrey School District shared its [plans](#) to safely return to in-class instruction. These plans reflect the measures put forth by provincial health experts and the Ministry of Education and include the important steps our schools will take to safely welcome our students back in September.

We are confident in our plans, but we know that many of our families are nervous. In response to parent feedback and concerns, we will be offering an [Elementary Transition Program](#) that will be available to all families who are not yet ready to have their child return to full-time face-to-face instruction when school begins in September.

This program is a combination of online and face-to-face learning through your local school, with a gradual transition back to full time in-class instruction by January 2021.

For more information on this transition program, please review the following resources:

- [Elementary Transition Program fact sheet](#)
- [Superintendent video message for August 31](#)



All parents interested in registering for this program will need to complete this [form](#) by 4:00 p.m. September 8, 2020.

Changes That You Can Expect At Rosemary

- families are asked to conduct daily health checks for their children. In addition, staff will conduct personal daily health checks prior to coming to school. Any person exhibiting COVID/flu-like symptoms will be asked to go home and seek a medical assessment.
- all students, staff and family members must stay home if they are sick and not enter the school building
- physical distancing and no physical contact expectations
- regular hand washing and hand sanitizing
- students enter and exit school through exterior classroom doors
- much reduced and directional hallway traffic - keep right
- students will be organized into cohorts of up to 60 (including adults) and anyone working with students outside of these cohorts will be expected to wear a mask and/or maintain physical distance
- masks worn outside of cohort, in common areas and optional within cohorts
- students will be expected to follow good hygiene practices (wash hands frequently, cough into elbow, avoid physical contact, maintain social distance, etc.)

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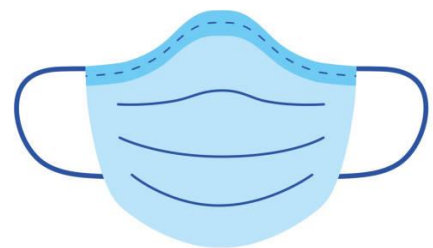
- no large gatherings (assemblies, school events, etc.) will not be happening or will be shared digitally
- limited extracurricular offerings
- teachers may ask students to bring water bottles
- limited shared materials
- regular cleaning of high touch surfaces by daytime caretakers
- exterior school doors are locked
- parents / guardians call the office or come to the office window for assistance
- no mid-day lunch drop-off
- no gathering in the foyer
- please arrive on time and limit early or mid-day pick-up
- many classes will be involved in outdoor learning
- dress for the weather of the day
- leave school premises promptly (no gatherings on the playground)
- bring easy access (COVID friendly) lunches
- label all school supplies
- lost and found displays outside on Fridays
- more details to follow from the school and Rosemary educators
- please ask if you have questions



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>







PLANS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Surrey Schools has over 45,000 students in 101 elementary schools.

The district's plans outline how schools will reduce the number of in-person, close interactions students and staff will have in a day through set cohorts/learning groups and physical distancing. Key components include:

 COHORT LIMITED TO CLASS SIZE	 STAGGERED START TIMES, BREAK/LUNCH TIMES, AND DISMISSAL TIMES	 CONTROLLED TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL	 MASK AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO WEAR ONE
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WHAT IS A COHORT OR LEARNING GROUP?

A cohort is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term. Within the cohort minimized physical contact should be encouraged, but a two-metre physical distance does not need to be maintained.

A learning group could be made up of:

- A single class of students
- 2-3 classes depending upon numbers

A learning group can include staff, such as:

- Teachers
- Specialist support staff
- Educational Assistants

WHAT WILL MY STUDENT LEARN IN THE HEALTH & SAFETY ORIENTATION ON DAY 1?

On the first day of school, teachers will communicate new procedures including:

- Minimizing physical contact with classmates.
- How to safely enter and exit the school.
- The importance of cohorts and how to interact within your cohort and with individuals outside of your cohort.
- In some schools recess and lunch times will be staggered.
- The importance of hand hygiene and appropriate protocols.

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- Cohort limited class size wherever possible. Cohort size will not exceed 60 staff and students.
- Students will be in school full-time for face-to-face classes 5 days a week.
- At some schools, start times, break/lunch times, and dismissal times will be staggered.

For more information, please visit SurreySchools.ca

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)

Optional Student Accident Insurance:

Did you know our School District does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, as parents and guardians you are responsible for any costs not covered by the MSP Health Plan or your employers benefit plan.

Its important to know that most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under the MSP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy, and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Insure my Kids Accident Insurance program underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, ambulance fees, hospital room expenses, private tutors, counselling and much more.
- **Critical Illness** - expenses related to a new diagnosis of specific Critical Illnesses such as Cancer, Cardiomyopathy, Necrotizing Fasciitis just to name a few. Full plan details on website
- **Dental expenses** - includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental and injury related orthodontia coverage..
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses** (repair or replace up to \$300).
- **Low** annual premiums from \$17 per student for the Silver Plan
 - (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to apply online, visit Insuremykids.com.

