

# Royal Heights Elementary

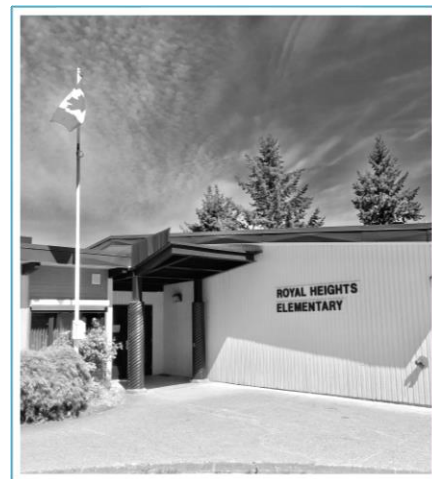
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Principal – Ms. Catherine Hanna

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Dear Families,

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to once again work with such remarkable students, a dedicated staff and supportive parents at Royal Heights. It is important to us that everyone who steps through our doors—teachers, educational assistants, students, parents and care givers are excited to be a part of the Royal Heights Learning Community. This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, enjoyable and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in, call or email me to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this the best year possible.

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## School Supplies

School Supply lists are posted on our website. Copies are also available in our school office. Students will not need to bring any supplies the first day and only limited supplies for our first week.

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## Upcoming Events

- September 13** - School Assembly 1:00 pm
- September 15** - Terry Fox Run 1:30 pm
- September 21** - Community Barbecue/Meet the staff
- September 22** - Snack Day
- September 25** - Pro D Day no school
- September 26** - PAC Meeting – library 6:00 pm
- September 28** - Photo Day
- September 29** - Orange Shirt Day
- October 5** - ArtStart performance Ache` Brasil 1:15 pm
- October 9** - Thanksgiving Holiday

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## First Day Procedures

School begins on Tuesday, September 5th. Grade 1-7 students attend from 10-11am. Students will meet in grade group classrooms to meet our staff, take attendance and to welcome everyone back. Parents and caregivers are invited for refreshments at the front of the school. Grade meeting locations are posted on the outside school doors. Kindergarten students should have received a letter outlining the gradual entry schedule for your child's first few days. If you did not receive this, please call the office for this information or check the information posted at the school and on our website. New students who are not yet registered, are asked to report to the office. Our PAC invites parents/care givers to enjoy some refreshments at the front of the school during this hour.

## First Week Plans

Our staff has carefully planned activities for our first few days back to school. Students will be involved in a variety of activities in their grade groups as well as some activities with other primary and intermediate grades. Students will meet in their assigned grade group rooms each morning (as below) and will be dismissed from this same room at the end of each day. Our main goal of the week is to make all of our students feel a part of our Royal Heights community through a variety of collaborative team building and learning activities. This schedule also provides our staff with some flexibility while student numbers and classes are confirmed. We plan to have students placed into permanent classes by Monday, September 11, 2017 but this will depend on our final enrolment. We will keep you posted.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Room 101 Ms. Sauer  
**Grade 1:** Room 102 with Mr. Brown and Ms. McKillop  
**Grade 2:** Room 104 with Ms. Munro  
**Grade 3:** Room 108 with Ms. Cho  
**Grade 4:** Room 117 with Mr. Zvi  
**Grade 5:** Room 115 with Ms. Bains  
Grade 6: Room 118 with Mr. Buhler  
Grade 7: Room 116 with Ms. Stahlstrom



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## Communication

One important component of education is effective home-school interaction. We will do our best to explore every possible way to keep you informed about school activities.

## School Website and School Newsletters

Please bookmark the address and visit our website regularly for updated information. In order to remain as green as possible and in the interest of saving school funds, **following this newsletter all newsletters will be published online.** If you require a hardcopy we will print some copies that can be picked up at the office. You may sign up on our website to receive our newsletters and notices via email. If you need support please pop by the office we would love to help you get set up!

The address is:

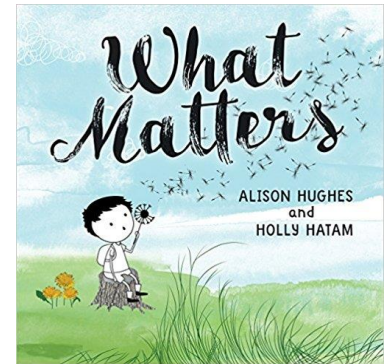
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## Stay Connected with the 'School Link' app

You can get a free app on your iPhone/iPad or Android device that keeps you connected with all the latest information from our school. Go to the app store, find 'school link' then once downloaded add 'Royal Heights' to your school list and you will receive a newsfeed of anything posted on our website directly to your personal device.

## Twitter

Please follow our school Twitter account. Expect regular updates sharing exciting things happening at our school! The link will be found on the bottom left corner of the Royal Heights website, or find us at @RoyalHeightsBC.



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Our September book, **What Matters** is written by **Alison Hughes**, illustrated by Holly Hatam and published by Orca Book Publishers.

In this story a little boy is walking in the park. He sees a crumpled pop can, picks it up and deposits it in the trash. The story goes on to illustrate all the good that comes from this one, small, simple action like ripples in a pond.

We love the message of this book as it focuses on environmental learning which is a focus for us thi year.

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## Student Safety

In the interest of safety, everyone entering the school must check in at the office. We have a visitor protocol that involves signing in and wearing a badge. Classrooms are busy learning places and we try not to interrupt them during instructional time. If you need to see your child, leave him or her a message, or drop off a lunch, our office staff will happily take care of that for you.

## Forms

This week, all students will be bringing home a package for your update and completion. It is imperative that the school has updated information. If your child has any medical concerns that require special care, we ask that you please come to the office for appropriate forms as soon as possible.

## Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Ltd.

### 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, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- ☑ Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- ☑ Covers injury related **Eyeglasses** (repair or replace).
- ☑ **Low** annual premiums from \$14.50 per student for the Basic Plan

(Discounts available for families with 3 or more children). For more information, or to apply on-line, visit: [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca).

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## School Fees



**Student Planner:** We encourage all students in Grades 1 – 7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$2.00. “As part of the provincial student learning grant, the student planner has been reduced from \$5 to \$2 for the 2017-2018 school year. The remaining funds from this learning grant have been used to provide learning resources to schools.” Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students’ organizational skills. However; using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

**Field Studies and Field Trips:** Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities that extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school, PAC monies or fundraise to cover the cost of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute toward the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

**Musical Instruments:** Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$5 or providing their own. Also, our band students either rent or purchase an instrument, music books and reeds for Band. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

## School Calendar

Attached, for your convenience, is the school calendar. Please note that some of the dates pertaining to school events may change. We will ensure that you are informed as soon as possible of any changes on the website, through Twitter and on the website school calendar.

**ROYAL HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2017/2018**

**September 2017**

Sept. 5 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School 10:00 – 11:00  
 Sept. 15 Terry Fox Run  
 Sept. 21 Welcome Back BBQ  
 Sept. 22 Snack Day  
 Sept. 25 Non-Instructional Day (no school)  
 Sept. 28 Photo Day (Students/Class)  
 Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

**October 2017**

Oct. 2 Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.  
 Curriculum Planning  
 Oct. 9 Thanksgiving (no school)  
 Oct. 19 Earthquake Big Shake Out Drill Oct.  
 Oct. 20 Non-Instructional Day (no school)  
 Oct. 27 Snack Day  
 Oct. 31 Halloween Assembly

**November 2017**

Nov. 1 Photo Re-take Day  
 Nov. 3 Ministry Curriculum Day (no school)  
 Nov. 9 Remembrance Day Assembly  
 Nov. 10 Non-Instructional Day (no school)  
 Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday  
 Nov. 24 Snack Day

**December 2017**

Dec. 4 - 8 Communicate Student Learning  
 Dec. 14 Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.  
 Conferences  
 Dec. 15 Snack Day  
 Dec. 20 Winter Concert  
 Dec 25 - Jan 5 Winter Vacation Break

**January 2018**

Jan. 8 School Reopens  
 Jan. 19 Snack Day

**February 2018**

Feb. 12 Family Day (no school)  
 Feb. 16 Non-Instructional Day (no school)  
 Feb. 23 Snack Day  
 Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day

**March 2018**

Mar. 19 – Apr. 2 Spring Break

**April 2018**

Apr. 16 - 20 Communicate Student  
 Learning  
 Apr. 20 Snack Day  
 April 26 Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.  
 Conferences

**May 2018**

May 4 Non-Instructional Day (no school)  
 May 18 Snack Day  
 May 21 Victoria Day (no school)  
 May 28 Non-Instructional Day (no school)

**June 2018**

Jun. 15 Sports Day  
 Jun. 21 Aboriginal Day  
 June 22 Snack Day  
 Jun. 27 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly  
 Jun. 28 Communication Student  
 Learning  
 Last day of school  
 1:30 dismissal  
 Jun. 29 Administrative Day  
 Schools Close

