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École Rocky Elementary NEWS

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Open House and Registration 2019/2020
Wednesday May 22nd, 2018
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We invite parents and children already registered for ECS and everyone interested in registering their children in the Kindergarten programs at École Rocky Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year to come and visit our Kindergarten classrooms during a special Open House event.

The Open House for both the English and French Immersion Programs will be held in Room #5 (French Immersion) and Room #6 (English).

Supervision will be provided so children can try some of the learning centers in the classroom. Parents and children will also have the opportunity to meet the teachers, teacher assistants, and check out the classrooms.

Children need to be five years old by December 31, 2019 in order to register for Kindergarten in 2019/2020.

If you have not yet registered your child, we will require a copy of your child's birth certificate before the registration can be finalized. For your convenience a photocopy can be made for you at the school.

If you know of family or friends that have children that are Kindergarten age, please pass along the information about the Open House & Registration evening.



French Language Discovery Program
Pre-Kindergarten Registration 19-20 School Year

We have the opportunity to offer this wonderful program starting in September of 2020.

Children need to be 4 years of age by December 31, 2019.

We will need 15 students enrolled to run this program. There are only a few spots left.

So exciting to have the opportunity to be able to offer this great learning experience!

Please contact 403-845-3541 for information or to register.





We are excited to offer the parents/guardians of children attending ÉRE the opportunity to pre-purchase their school supplies for next year. The supply packages will be delivered (along with labels) to the school in August (more details to follow). This is a voluntary program. It will give parents/guardians one less thing to worry about over the summer and provide you with one less expense in September. If you have any questions please contact Margi Sayer at 1-800-441-4125 or email office@customschoolsupplies.ca. Please check the letter and order form that was sent home several weeks ago for further details. The deadline to complete your order through the school or pay on-line is **Friday, May 24th**. (www.CustomSchoolSupplies.ca). After May 24th orders will be subject to a late fee to each student's order. If you did not receive an order form, please check with your child's teacher or drop by the office.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

When making payments for...

- ☐ fieldtrips, swimming, Club Moo Milk Program, etc., money is to be given to **homeroom teachers**.
- ☐ agenda payments must be made at the **office**.

Remember to...

- ☐ **send exact change as we keep a minimal amount of cash in the office and may not be able to make change.**
- ☐ **Parent/guardians are encouraged to pay online...see page 5 for detailed information.**
- ☐ if paying by cheque make it payable to "École Rocky Elementary."

SUMMER CAMP BINDER

The school receives information regarding summer camps. This information will be stored in a binder in the front foyer of the school as we receive it. Please feel free to come and look at what is available after the middle of May



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Following are the dates and times of our school assemblies for the remainder of the year at 11:55 a.m.:

May 29th and June 24th

Annual Awards Assembly
June 26th 11:10 a.m.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend!



CLASS LISTS

We are now in the process of registering students for 2019/2020 school year. All children presently attending École Rocky Elementary are automatically registered for next year unless we are told differently. If your child will not be attending our school next year, please contact the school at your earliest convenience as this information will assist us in determining classroom configurations and teaching assignments for the fall.

As the school year begins to wind down, many students and parents begin to look forward to the fall, wondering what classes will look like and who will be next year's teachers. You may be asking yourself, "How does the school determine what classes the students go into in September?" We would like to assure you that much thought and planning is put into the design and make up of classes when there are choices for students.

We match all students against the following criteria to determine which students would be best suited to particular class configurations. The following criteria are used when allocating students to a particular classroom:

- Ability distribution: Ensuring there is a range of abilities within each class.
- Gender balance: balancing the ratio of boys and girls in each class.
- Support systems: ensuring that all students have positive peer support systems as they move into their new class.
- Work ethic: some students are highly independent workers, while others need more guidance. These differences must be balanced in each of the classrooms.
- Which classroom will have additional learning supports (Educational Assistants) available?
- Which combinations of students have been problematic in the past?
- Which combinations of students have contributed to educational successes in the past.

2019/2020 Classroom Lists

As a professional staff, we know our students, their strengths and their areas of need. We are well aware of their interactions with peers and their need for support as they move into the next grade. It is our professional goal to set up as ideal a classroom learning community as possible.

We are asking for your trust in our ability to set up the classes for next year. Considerable time and energy has been allocated to this process, allowing us to make the best possible combinations for all children. The learning and well being of our École Rocky Elementary students is our primary concern.

With new registrations and families moving away over the summer, the number of students in each grade can change enough to affect grade configurations and class lists, so class lists will not be finalized until August or at our Welcome Open House (Friday, August 30th—1-3 p.m.).

In the event you have additional information that may influence your child's placement, please write a letter sharing this with the school and submit it to the principal by **May 31st, 2019**. After this date we will no longer be able to consider parental requests.

Thank you for your support.



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Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.

eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.

myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 **Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://wildrose.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 **Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 **Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

When using a Visa Debit or Mastercard Debit card, you must select the payment type of credit card, (and not Interac) when entering your payment information.

A MESSAGE FROM WRSD TRANSPORTATION

Just a reminder to call your bus driver if your child/children will not be riding the school bus.

Signed notes from the parents/guardians of the student must be provided to the bus driver when a student is requesting to ride a bus that is not their regular route (i.e. riding home with a friend).

When children are being picked up after school and will not be riding their regular bus, the person picking up the child must sign the binder in the office, which gets faxed over to transportation just before the end of the day.



AGENDA, SWIMMING AND FIELDTRIP FEES



Year end is fast approaching...just a reminder that 2018/2019 fees for agendas, etc. Agenda fee is now overdue. Your immediate cooperation in clearing up any outstanding accounts by **Friday, May 31st** is required.

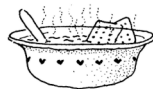
If you are not sure if you child(ren)'s fees have been paid, please contact the school at (403) 845-3541.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

May 29th at 1:00 p.m. (shortly after assembly) - last meeting of the year.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!



HOT LUNCH

Pizza Lunches and School Council Wednesday Lunches can be ordered online for the remainder of the year. There are no forms to fill in and return. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office. For Kindergarten children, please remember to keep in mind to only order lunch for the day they are here. Mark your calendar for those days you have purchased a lunch for your child.



*West Central High School Drama
Presents*

The Snow White Variety Show

*Held at: The Lou Soppit
Community Centre*

Tickets will be sold
at West Central Office
& at The Brick.
Adults \$12.00
Children 12 & Under \$6.00

Performances:
(Doors open 30 mins before each show)
Friday, June 7th at 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 8th at 1:00 pm
Saturday, June 8th at 6:00 pm

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