



École Rocky Elementary Newsletter



June 29th, 2020



A Message From Your Principal

Dear Students and Staff,

As I reflect on my first year as principal at École Rocky Elementary School, I have one thought that resonates often: "How did I get so lucky to work here? What a school!"

At our very first assembly together, I asked us to have our best year ever. At every turn, it was obvious you took that challenge seriously. I have enjoyed every aspect of this year - even when a global pandemic forced the cancellation of classes in March and tested the resilience and perseverance of students and staff to keep the learning going.

Earlier in the year, I enjoyed running with you at the Terry Fox Run, reading the story "If You're Not From the Prairie" at Grandparents Day, watching the shadow play at our Remembrance Assembly,

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seeing Mr. Snyder return as G. Rinch for our Christmas Concert, and students singing "True Colours" at our pink shirt assembly. When school completely changed in March, we still found ways to connect by reinventing school with video assemblies, virtual talent shows, and online classrooms. Many years from now, I am certain we will remember this year for helping us rethink how we deliver school. What were your favourite memories of 2019/20?

As we finish out the year, I would like to pass along my appreciation to the parents who have supported the learning all year long and then changed routines and adapted fast to be at-home supports during term 3, our community volunteers who enhance everything we do at the school, and our staff who have gone the extra mile everyday to support the students of our school. A final thank you to the students who have made learning their job while also practicing the I Care language and Peaceable Education we so deeply value here.

I would like to take a moment to wish farewell to staff who are on to new opportunities in the fall: Ms. Johnstone, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Jacowishen, Mrs. Senecal, Mlle Marie, Mrs. Giffen, and Mrs. Hoetmer. We also have Mrs. Cinnamon starting a maternity leave. This year was more awesome because these people were at ÉRE, and we wish them much success in their new positions in the fall. I am also thrilled to welcome some new staff to ÉRE: Ms. Breanna Hurley will be our Family Support Worker during Mrs. Cinnamon's absence, and Educational Assistants Natasha Bell and Shiane van't Bosch will also be joining the team.

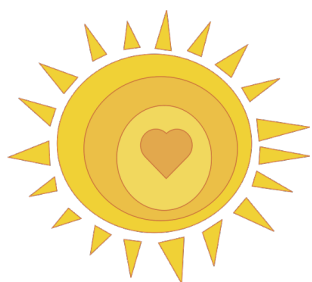
It has been my privilege to serve you as principal. Thank you École Rocky Elementary for making me the luckiest principal! While this year has had an unusual ending, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with every one of you and look forward to the opportunity to build on those relationships in the fall. The official word about our fall situation will come from Alberta Education by August 1, but I can say things are looking very good at the moment for a near normal return to classes in the fall. No matter the scenario, I can promise that the ÉRE staff will work tirelessly to ensure your child is supported in their learning.

To finish, have a great summer making memories with your family and friends. We can't wait to see you again!

Remember, if you are good at learning, you will be good at life. Stay Healthy and Kind ÉRE.



Tim Bowman, Principal



**Have a wonderful &
safe summer!**



PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020/2021



École Rocky Elementary School is a dual track school offering both English and French Immersion kindergarten programs. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must be 5 by December 31, 2020 to be eligible.

École Rocky Elementary offers a Pre-K Program with a certified teacher. The program is taught in English with the opportunity for French Language Discovery. The cost for the Pre-K program is \$185/month and runs Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:45 am - 1:00 pm. Children must be 4 by December 31, 2020 to be eligible.

Registrations for both kindergarten and Pre-K can be emailed to families and returned by email as well. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required as well. If you would like a registration form, please contact the school at 403-845-3541 or email rockyelem@wrsd.ca.

Check out the school website

<https://ecolerocky.wrsd.ca/home/news/post/new-registrations-2020-2021>

for registration information and forms and ÉRE Facebook page for a virtual Pre-K and Kindergarten virtual tour.



The first day of of the 2020/21 school year is **Friday, August 31st, 2020 8:43 a.m.**

At this time, we are preparing for any of the following three scenarios to start next year:

1. Classes resume with no restrictions.
2. Classes resume with some restrictions.
3. Classes continue to be supported by remote teaching.

We hope to have direction by August 1 as to what scenario schools will be starting with in 2020/21. Regardless of the scenario, we will be thoughtful in our planning and prepared to meet the needs of your child.

We have planned our "Get The Scoop Open House" for Thursday, August 27th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Families are invited to meet the school staff, find out class lists, drop off supplies, tour the school, and grab a cup of ice cream.

If you ordered from Custom School Supplies your child's supplies will be given to the teacher for you to pick up.