

September

ROTHESAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

[http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/
sites/ASD-S/1927/
Pages/default.aspx](http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1927/Pages/default.aspx)

From the Main Office

Telephone - 847-6203

Principal - Charlene Carroll

Vice Principal

April Vincent

Administrative Assistant -
Laurie Rans

PSSC Chair - TBA

Home & School President
TBA

ASD-S Website: [http://
web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/
ASD-S/Pages/
welcome.aspx](http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/welcome.aspx)

Safe arrival

1-833-219-9065 to re-
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automated phone system.

Rothesay Elementary School Newsletter September 2021

CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD



Believe It! See It! Celebrate It!

September Theme: *Share Celebrate What's Awesome With Anglophone South School District*

- ASD-S encourages others to *Celebrate What's Awesome about our School District* by looking for the good in people and searching for the positives in situations.
- Individual Quality Characteristics identified might be strengths, happiness, caring, kindness and respect

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

We look forward to partnering with you as we provide the best learning opportunities for your child during these unprecedented times. Please be in regular contact with your child's teacher so you are able to keep up with all the new policies and procedures in the classroom. The children have been very patient, resilient and are falling into their new routines like superstars! We are so proud of them.

Peanut Free Areas

Many of our students and staff have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, nuts and shellfish. In order to ensure the safety of all our children we ask that you not send any food to school that may contain peanuts, nuts or shellfish. This is the duty of the school and district to ensure the safest environment to our students who have severe allergies so we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in advance .

Mark Your Calendar

October 1st- School Picture Day

October 27th- School Photo Retakes

Hot Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program will begin in mid-late Sept. later on in the school year. Stay tuned for more information later from the Home and School on how to sign up and order online.

Lost and Found

So many items get put in the lost and found each week because we don't know who the items belong to. Please label your child's clothing so we can return any lost items to its owner.

Let's Communicate

We work very hard at Rothesay Elementary to communicate on a regular basis with parents through our monthly newsletter, school website, e-mail distribution lists, as well as School Messenger voicemails and e-mails. The information given in all phone and e-mail messages sent to RES homes will also be listed on our website. Please check our school website regularly. We are also asking you to fill out the e-mail address field area of the student information forms being sent home with your child. This will enable us to send an electronic copy of the newsletter to you instead of a paper copy to cut down on costs related to photocopying. We will also send out any phone messages by e-mail so that everyone is kept updated and informed about everything happening at RES.

Instructional Time

All public schools in the province follow curricula prescribed by the New Brunswick Department of Education. Curricula expectations are extensive and at RES we must attempt to protect valuable instructional time. Please note that in order for students to be ready to learn, they must be in the building no later than 8:10 AM. Interruptions to the instructional day are to be limited to emergencies.

- If you need to communicate to your child's teacher through the day, please send a note with the information or request a phone call after instructional hours.
- If you are delivering something to your child through the day, **please leave the item on the cart inside the first set of doors and let the Admin Assistant know who the item is for. Please write your child's name on the item as well. The office will see that it is delivered to the classroom ASAP.**
- If you must take your child out from the school during instructional hours please call the school to inform us you are coming. You can enter the first set of doors and speak to the Admin Assistant through the intercom. The Admin. Assistant will tell your child you have arrived and send him or her to you at the door. The Admin. Assistant will sign your child out at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting instructional time!

Medication and Health Services, and Custody Information

It is very important that the school is kept informed of any medical or custody concerns with respect to your child. Please be specific when completing the information form that was sent home earlier this week. Please provide your child's teacher with any information on the **Student Information form**. The Dept. of Education requires formal medical information forms for children with a severe medical condition (e.g. severe allergies, diabetes, severe asthma etc., or parents with children who require medication at school). This Health Support and Care form is available at the school office and can be sent home with your child. Please send the Student Information form back to the school ASAP .

Custody information that restricts access to your child can only be put into place if the school has a copy of a court order stating the restricted access.

Scent Free Policy

The School District has a scent free policy. The policy asks all students, employees, volunteers and visitors to refrain from wearing scented products in schools. We ask for complete cooperation and compliance to this policy. It is in the interest of many employees and students that this policy was put in place. We thank you in advance for your cooperation

Calling and Visiting the School

The phone number for the school office is 847-6203. Teachers are always willing to talk with you regarding any concerns you may have about your child's education. The best time to contact teachers is after instructional hours. It is almost impossible for teachers to leave their classrooms unattended during the school day or check their e-mail during instruction. Please, also, be observant of the fact that schools are very busy places. If you wish to see a teacher or administrator at the school, please call and make an appointment, and we will gladly find the time to meet with you virtually or in person with strict guidelines put in place. Dropping in to the school to meet with a teacher or administrator is not an option this year due to Covid19 restrictions.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with these very important items.

School Mission and Improvement Plan

Please visit our school website and click on Parent resources to view our **Parent Handbook** which will inform you about everything you need to know with respect to school policies, and procedures . We have an **attendance policy** that is outlined in the handbook.

Our School Improvement Plan can also be viewed at our school website at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1927/Pages/default.aspx>

RES Mission Statement

Rothesay Elementary School is a community which strives to provide a nurturing educational climate - a safe, welcoming environment based on mutual respect that encourages life-long learning.

RES Vision Statement

Rothesay Elementary School strives to encourage an inclusive environment that enhances the overall wellness of our community and offers global citizenship opportunities, while fostering the diverse gifts and talents of everyone.

School Policies and Expectations and Parent Handbook 2021-2022

To be environmentally conscious and to cut paper and photocopying costs, paper copies of our 2021-2022 Handbook will not be sent home to parents. The RES Parent Handbook is available to everyone through our school web-site: <http://rothesay-elementary.nbed.nb.ca>.

Please click on Parent Handbook under parent resources . There is a School Attendance policy outlined in our Parent Handbook that I would ask you to take the time to read . Your child's attendance is very importance to us, everyday and every minute counts in school and is very important that children arrive to school each and every day on time (before 8:15) unless of course they are ill.

Any student who develops two symptoms of COVID 19 will be sent to our isolation room and parents will receive a call to have their child picked up within an hour of the phone call home. This is a Dept. of Education directive to all schools.

If a child arrives at school after 8:15 they are considered late and should enter through the front doors and sign in at the front office with the Admin. Assistant before going to his or her classroom.

Outside Play

Outside play is an even more important part of our day now and all children are encouraged to play and learn outside as much as possible. Our students will be having many of their classes taught outside unless the temperature is too cold (less than -20 Celsius) or there is heavy rain.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and temperature. Please consider sending a change of clothing so that your child is comfortable in class in case they get wet.

If possible **please place your child's name in any extra clothing brought to school** so that if it is lost or misplaced we can return it to its owner. Especially inside sneakers, boots, jackets and hoodies.

News from Our Community School Coordinator

Welcome back to RES

We are looking forward to this new school year with less restrictions and hopefully more freedom to connect with our families and greater community. Please keep watch throughout the year for opportunities to get involved in our school.

GREENHOUSE

We are so very excited about the new Geothermal Greenhouse on our school property. Phase 1 is almost complete and we are looking ahead to Phase 2- designing and outfitting the inside of the structure. We are looking for interested people to get involved with this next phase. In particular we need;

- A greenhouse "council" to keep it operating for years to come. We need an acting president, secretary and treasurer for a 2 year commitment. This would involve 3 or more virtual meetings per year.
- A fundraising committee. Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser? Our greenhouse needs more funds for Phase 2 and we need people to get involved to help raise money.
- Grant writers- do you have a special talent in writing grants? If so, we are looking for people to help find and write grants for this project.

Greenhouse committee members. Have an interest in getting involved with our new Greenhouse? If so, please join our committee. This committee will work on Phase 2 and Phase 3 of this project.

Our vision for this Greenhouse is a connection space- where students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and seniors all work together to grow, experiment, connect and communicate.

Feel free to pop in and take a look at your leisure. A special thank you to our RES Greenhouse Committee, Neil Vanderlaan (the GH guy), Mary Francis Champion, and ASD South for their endless hours of work and support.

FUNDRAISING- We are looking for a small group of parents to run short term fundraisers to help financially support the Greenhouse project. If you are interested in helping or leading, please contact Becky MacKay @ 343-6248.

RECYCLING- we are continuing to support our battery recycling program through Call2Recycle Canada. Please consider sending your used batteries to school with your child to put in our recycle box. As well, we have started to collect used markers. Crayola Canada is accepting used markers to be recycled. These can also be sent in with your child.

Please remember that RES is a Community School which means we want to make a greater connection with the community and vice versa. Any suggestions, or ideas are always welcome.

If you have any questions, or are curious about how you can get involved, please contact our Community Coordinator, Becky MacKay, at 343-6248 or rebecca.mackay@nbed.nb.ca.

Check out the link below to a story on CBC about our geothermal greenhouse.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/new-geothermal-greenhouse-installed-at-rothesay-school-1.6158943>

Guidance News

Welcome back to our R.E.S. families and a warm welcome to our new families. I hope all of you had an opportunity to enjoy some time over the summer to visit with family and friends, as it was certainly well deserved after this last year. I am very excited to be back in school and looking forward to a terrific school year. I am at Rothesay Elementary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday again this year.

During the month of September, I will be visiting classrooms to let students know who I am and what my role is at the school. I have a trusty toolbox to help explain what my job is all about, which is a fun way to connect with the students. I will be visiting classrooms regularly on a monthly basis.

This month our school will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on September 30th and this is an opportunity for First Nations, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

On another note, I can offer one-on-one support to students. I am planning to facilitate a Rainbows program, which is for children who are struggling with a recent loss (death, separation or divorce). I will be following our COVID19 protocol for smaller groups. If you think your child may benefit from this program let me know. If you have any questions about guidance programs or services, please contact me at 847-6333 or jill.hossack@nbed.nb.ca

I hope you have a wonderful September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hossack

School Cash Online

Have you registered to pay for all school fee collections like field trips etc.? If not please see info below and go to our school website and click on the SchoolCashOnline icon. The district is trying to cut down on the amount of cash that comes into the school. This is an easy and stress free way to pay for any fee at RES. Please sign up today as we will not be accepting cash for any payment at the school. -Thank you

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- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at district.schoolcashonline.com

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Safe Arrival & Attendance

September, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In ASD-S one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we have introduced **a new, more efficient** student absence reporting system called **Safe Arrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **Safe Arrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

OR

2. Use the Safe Arrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

OR

3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-219-9065** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **Safe Arrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Starting **September 9th**, please report absences in advance using **Safe Arrival** instead of calling/emailing the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.