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**ROYAL ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Kindergarten Edition Newsletter

2020 - 2021

**To Learn, To Grow, To Lead**

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### The First Day of School

##### September 2020

The first two days of school are September 8th and 9th for Kindergarten students. On **September 8th**, half of the group of children will attend from 9am to 11am. On **September 9th,** the other group will attend from **9am to 11am**. You will receive a call the first week that teachers are back to inform you which day your child starts.

**Please remember to provide a light snack for your child on that first day.**

There will be NO bus transportation for KINDERGARTEN children on September 8th or 9th. Our first full day for ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS will be Thursday, September 10th. This will be the first day of bus transportation for the Kindergarten children.

Please be sure to update any information with regards to address, telephone numbers, and afterschool plans so we have your child’s current information.

Please call 453-5438 or check the Anglophone West School District website at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/asd-w/Pages/default.aspx> to determine the bus number that your son/daughter will travel to and from school. You could even ask a neighbor for help with this information. Teachers will be providing your child with bus tags that will be attached to book bags.



### HELPFUL HINTS

**Book bag:**

#### All children will need a book bag.

Be sure your child’s book bag is large enough to fit a change of clothes, snowpants, a message bag, as well as their lunch bag.

Indoor Footwear/Outdoor Footwear:

All children will need a pair of indoor sneakers for Phys. Ed., as well as outdoor footwear. Be on the lookout for footwear that is easy for your child to put on and take off independently. **If they are not yet tying laces, slip-on or Velcro closing sneakers will be helpful and preferred.**

**No Scents is Good Sense**

**Our school is a scent free environment.**

**Extra Clothing:**

All children will need a change of clothes to be kept in their backpacks. Your child will need clothing that is easy for him/her to put on, as there are times when it may be necessary for your child to change. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS.**

**Toys:**

Please leave all toys, cards, and electronics at home. There are many learning activities each day in the classroom to engage your child. Toys, cards, and electronics often interfere and distract from these learning activities.

**Snacks/Lunches:\***

Your child will need to bring a snack and a drink for mid-morning recess, and a lunch. (\*NUT FREE)

We encourage such items as:

Crackers and cheese Sandwiches

Veggies Pudding

Fruit Popcorn

Muffins Rice cakes

Rolls Applesauce

Cut up meat Cereal

Granola bars Raisins

Pizza Pitas/Wraps

Suggestion: please use a thermos as we cannot warm up their food.

**We promote healthy choices.**

**Playground:**

Children will be going to the front playground in the morning. The K teachers will be there with them for the first two weeks of school. Morning/Recess/lunch they are on the front playground.

### Hours of Operation for the School

7:45 Teacher on early duty

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10:00 – 10:15 Recess

11:50 – 12:10 Lunch (Inside)

12:15 – 12:45 Noon Recess (Outside)

1:50 Dismissal (K-2)

***\*11:50 Wednesday Dismissal (K-5)***

**PUNCTUALITY**

Students are expected to be at school for 8:05 am. When students arrive after 8:05 am they are considered late and the parent is required to sign the student in. Please make sure that your child is on time. We must insure that we maximize the learning of all children. Having your child arrive on time ensures the learning of other students is not interrupted.

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### Allergy Alert

Once again a reminder that we are requesting that students not bring peanuts, nuts or peanut products to school. We have a number of students who have allergies, in some cases life threatening allergies, to these products. Thank you for your continued consideration and cooperation in dealing with this matter.



Safe Arrival Program

As a courtesy Royal Road offers a safe arrival program. Each morning after attendance is taken; teachers input individual student absences into Powerschool. If parents have not called the school to notify us of the absence, an automated call will be placed at 9:00 am to inform parents the child is unexcused. Please ensure which phone number to call as it will only call one number.

We would request that parents’ contact the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent by calling the toll-free number 1-833-294-4838 to report an absence using the automated phone system or the Safe Arrival Tab located on the home page of our school website.

### Parking and Drop Off Zone

A reminder that parents are to drop their children off at the bottom parking. This will allow children to walk on the sidewalk where they are visible to drivers. Parents are more than welcome to walk their child up the sidewalk if needed. **Please do not drive to the top of the driveway or park on the opposite side of the sidewalk this is for the safety of all of our students. Please use the student drop off only at all times of the day.**

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**Other Information**

* **STUDENT FEE:** There is a $15.00 student fee that is due by the end of the first week of school. This student fee helps support school wide activities such as Harvest Jazz & Blues, Art Richard, TNB productions, special events, and other learning/educational purposes. This fee can be paid on School Cash Online by cheque made payable to **Royal Road Elementary School** or send cash in with your child to give directly to their teacher**.**
* **Updated Immunization Required:**

The Public Health Nurse will be into the school in October to confirm student immunizations are up to date. Please submit a current copy of your child’s immunization to the office. **It must include their Preschool Booster.**

* **C:\Documents and Settings\Donna.Bubar\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZO9WQ2GX\MC900217108[1].wmfCAFETERIA SERVICE:**  All Kindergarten students will be eating their lunch in the school cafeteria. Milk cards are available for purchase from the school cafeteria. Menus will be on our school website as soon as they become available. Kindergarten students can begin purchasing lunch the second full week of school.
* **VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL:** During school hours all parents and visitors to our school must enter the building through the **main doors by the office and sign in**. After 8:05 am the front door is locked and visitors are required to press the door buzzer and will be let in by the office staff. During school hours all doors remain locked. We ask parents to be diligent in not going to their child’s classroom, as this interrupts the learning environment.
* **LEGAL CUSTODY**: To parents who have legal custody arrangements – we need a copy of the custody orders at the school, in order to ensure your wishes will be respected. Please contact the office or your child’s teacher with the appropriate documentation so a photocopy may be printed. If you currently have a copy filed at the school, please bring this to the teacher’s attention.

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* **HEALTH CONCERNS**: If your child has a health concern, please make sure this is known to your child’s teacher. This information will be made available in the office in case of an emergency. If your child requires medication to be administered, forms from the Department of Education are required to be completed. These forms are available at the office. ***We cannot administer any medication without this form.***
* We need parent volunteers! If you would like to serve on our PSSC or Home & School committees please leave your name at the office and we will contact you in September. We are only as successful as our parent support groups.

**School Website**

<http://royalroad.nbed.nb.ca/>

