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**2021-2022**  
**Back to School Information**  
**August 27, 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mrs. Nicole Skwara (Assistant Principal) and Mr. Brian Wityshyn (Principal) and the rest of the ERS staff are thrilled to work with the ERS community for another year!

The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility, and 2021-2022 is no exception! With our dedicated staff and a supportive community, we will continue to nurture a culture of excellence, while attending to the needs of the whole child in a safe and caring environment.

During the first day back on August 30th, teachers will be greeting grades one to three students at the following locations between 8:15 to 8:30 am:

**Grades 1:** By the Grade One doors on Cougar Creek Drive

**Grade 2:** By the Grade Two doors which are at the back of the school on the North side tarmac area.

**English Grade 3:** Side doors across from the play structure across from the stairs.

**French Immersion Grade 3:** Back of the school on the South side tarmac area.

Kindergarten students will follow the staggered entry schedule that they have already received and will enter the school through the front entrance. Just ring the doorbell when you are here and please do remember to wear a mask when entering the school.

### **Classroom Assignments and First Day Back**

We are sure students are excited to find out who their teacher will be! You will be able to access this information by logging onto [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on August 27th by 4:00pm under the My Schedule tab. As students line up outside starting at 8:15 on August 30th, according to the format described above, they will see who else is in their class. All staff have put forth significant effort into building balanced classrooms and we ask that you trust our professional judgment in this matter.

### **Kindergarten**

Please refer to the Gradual Entry Letter with specific information regarding one-on-one meetings and staggered entries. We will be contacting English Kindergarten families to inform them about who their child's teacher is on September 1st. The first full day for all Kindergarten students will be September 8th.

### **Welcoming New Staff Members to ERS**

You will recognize many familiar faces during pick-ups and drop-offs and will also have the pleasure of meeting new teachers! Please welcome: Ms. Kelsie Moore, Ms. Stephanie Kish, and Ms. Sarah Tinney. We also have a new educational assistant: Ms. Jolene Craig.

### **Registration Information**

Students who attended Elizabeth Rummel Elementary School (including Kindergarten) during the 2020-2021 school year do not need to re-register for in-class learning.

## **School Bus Services**

Kindergarten through Grade 3 students may use the bus if they live close to a current CRPS school bus stop. You must register for the bus and get a bus pass if you have not been on the bus before. Passes will automatically be mailed out to past school bus passengers. Please register with the Transportation Department at

<https://www.crps.ca/departments/transportation/school-bus-routes>.

**A friendly reminder that all students are required to wear a mask on buses at all times.**

## **School Supplies**

A list of required supplies for each grade level is available on our website.

**Please send all school supplies on the first day of school.** Pre-ordered packages will be distributed on the first day of school.

## **School Fees**

An invoice for school fees will be generated after school commences and payment will be due by October 31, 2021. Payment options and details will be provided at that time. School Fees will also be posted on our school website.

## **Food for Learning**

Food for Learning is a program that is available to ERS families requiring assistance providing a daily nutritious snack and lunch at school. For more information on this program, please contact the school office. This program is generously supported through the Nutrition Grant and community donations.

## **School Re-Entry Plans**

Please make sure you are familiar with the [CRPS School Re-entry Plan](#). It contains useful information you will want to know before sending your child to school. As a reminder, here is the Provincial School Re-entry Plan:

[2021-22 School Year Plan - Provincial re-entry document](#)

## **Specific to ERS - will be revisited on September 27th**

In following the Government's plan and the CRPS plan, we have added these specific safety measures to our own ERS planning:

### **Cohorting:**

We wish to remain in our cohorts whenever possible during instructional times, until Sept. 27th, as per the CRPS re-entry plan. Students will however be able to mix with one other similar grade cohort at recess outside and at times will share the gym or music room due to lack of space with one other class. We will refrain from having large school gatherings such as assemblies at this time.

### **Visitors and Volunteers:**

For safety reasons, we will keep doors locked and visitors can ring the bell and meet us during a scheduled appointment. You may now assist us during our outdoor field trips if your schedule allows for it. Your child's teacher will keep you informed when help is needed. If you plan on volunteering at ERS during the school year, please remember to update your vulnerable sector check.

### **Doors:**

Students will continue to use different doors in order to limit traffic. Teachers will let students know which door is assigned to their class.

Please feel free to contact us at any time, if you have questions.

Regards,

Brian Wityshyn - Principal

Nicole Skwara - Assistant Principal