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2025-26 Back to School Information August 26th, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mr. Brian Wityshyn (Principal) and Mrs. Nicole Skwara (Assistant 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 2025-26 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.

ERS School hours are between 8:25am - 3:06pm.

During the first day back on August 26th, teachers will be greeting grades one to four students at the following locations between 8:15 to 8:30 am:

Grade 1: By the Grade One (east) doors on Cougar Creek Drive.

Grade 2 and Grade ²/₃ (Madame Gagnon, Ms. Feherty, and Madame McKenzie): Up the stairs on the West Side of the School.

Grade ¾ and 3: (Ms. Brunet and Mrs. Billings) Side door across from the stairs leading up to the play structure.

Grade 3: (Mme. Delorme): Back of the school on the East side tarmac area (beside the Gaga Pit).

Grade ¾ French Immersion and all Grade 4s: Back of the school on the West side tarmac area (beside new Gaga Pit).

Kindergarten students will follow the staggered entry schedule that they have already received and will enter the school through the front entrance. Staff will be on hand to help direct you to the correct classroom.

Classroom Assignments and First Day Back

As mentioned in an earlier email, you can access your child's teacher placement by logging onto PowerSchool Parent Portal at 4pm on Monday, August 25th. 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 Staggered Entry Letter with specific information regarding one-on-one meetings and staggered entries. We will be contacting Kindergarten families to inform them about who their child's teacher is on August 28th. The first full day for all Kindergarten students will be September 3rd.

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 one of our new teachers: Ms. Pryce who will be teaching the K/1 English classroom.

School Bus Services

Kindergarten through Grade 4 students may use the bus if they live close to a current CRPS school bus stop. You must register for the bus in your Parent Portal and get a new bus pass each year. For more information, please contact the Transportation Department at 403-678-5545 or peruse their website: <u>CRPS Transportation</u>.

School Supplies

A list of required supplies for each grade level is available on our website here: **School Supplies**. **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 November 3rd, 2025. Payment options and details will be provided at that time. School Fees will also be posted on our school website once they have been determined.

Snacks/Lunch

Please be sure to pack your child a healthy lunch, daily snack and water bottle.

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. This program is generously supported through the Nutrition Grant. More information on this program will be sent out later this month.

No Parking

Please do not park in the bus loop or in front of our neighbors' driveways. There is a parking lot at the top of the playground for our families' convenience.

Important Fall Dates

Open House – Please join us to meet your child's new teacher on September 10th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Picture Day is on September 16th, 2025.

The Terry Fox Run is on September 25th in the morning.

Orange Shirt Day is on September 29th (*Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.*)

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Annual Demographic Updates

CRPS will be emailing all families next week to complete your child's Demographic Update. It is critical that you complete this asap, or else your child will not be able to participate in the Terry Fox Run and other field trips.

Please feel free to contact us at any time, if you have questions. We look forward to another amazing year full of growth and fun at École Elizabeth Rummel School.

Regards,

Brian Wityshyn - Principal Nicole Skwara - Assistant Principal