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Hello RES Parents,

We are getting excited to welcome your children back to school for another year of learning together! We are all feeling optimistic and enthusiastic about having a “normal” school year and wanted to let you know a few items of information before this new year begins.

COVID-19 Health Measures

Raymond Elementary School will be following the [Westwind School Division Back-to-School Plan](#). Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

First Day of School

RES has students ranging from Preschool to Grade 6. In order to help all students become comfortable we will have the following start schedule. Please see our website for [bell times](#).

- All students in **grades 1-6** will begin on **Monday, August 30, 2021**.
- Half of the **Kindergarten** students will begin on **Monday, August 30**, the other half will start on **Tuesday, August 31**. Full classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 1**. Your child's teacher will contact you to let you know your start date.
- **Preschool Orientation** will be **Tuesday September 7** in room 2. Mon/Wed students will begin on **Wednesday, September 8**, and Tues/Thurs students will begin on **Thursday, September 9**.

Grade Doors

Grade doors will open at 8:10 am. Please see the [Grade Level Doors Map](#) as we have made some changes to which grades use which door. Thank you for encouraging your child to use their grade door, as this significantly decreases overcrowding in one area.

Bus Parking

In order to keep all our students as safe as possible we have rezoned the location of our Inclusive Education bus drop off to the south side of the building, at the end of the street by the 4-way stop. Please follow the posted sign and park elsewhere from 8-9 am, 11:30 am - 1 pm, and 3-3:30 pm. Thanks to all of you for doing your part to keep our RES kids safe.

First Day Student Drop Off

In order to establish proper safety procedures, we will ask that children be dropped off with an adult at the grade level door. If necessary, parents can enter the school to help their child feel safe in a new classroom.

Parents in School

We are excited that the Westwind School Division Back-to-School Plan allows us to bring parents back into the school. We know that having parent volunteers in the school helps us work more closely with students. When volunteering, or for any reason, please enter the school through the main doors and check-in at the office. It is important that the office is aware of all individuals present in the school.

Medication/Personal Care Request From

A [Medication/Personal Care Form](#) is required for any student that needs medication or other personal care. Please fill it out and bring it into the office.

School Fees & Hot Lunches

School fees will continue to be \$110 for the school year. Our hot lunch program will be running again this year and we will be sending out the detailed information soon. It will begin September 22/23. Payments for either of these can be made using our e-transfer account to resfees@westwind.ab.ca or by coming into the school office to pay by debit or credit card. If you are interested in setting up an auto withdrawal payment for fees and/or hot lunch please fill out the [EFT Form](#) and return it by September 16, 2021.

Social Emotional Learning

We are excited to begin "Second Step Elementary", a research based learning program designed to help students with their social-emotional skills.

We know this is a lot of information all at once! As always, keep an eye on the [website](#) and our social media channels. You can download the [school calendar](#) from the website to stay up to date with all the upcoming events.

Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community. Let's have a great 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Jerry Salmon
RES Principal