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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 the upcoming school year and wanted to let you know a few items of information before this new year begins.

### **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 29, 2022**.
- Half of the Kindergarten students will begin on Monday, August 29, the other half will start on **Tuesday, August 30**. Full classes will begin on **Wednesday, Aug 31**.

Your child's teacher will contact you to let you know your start date.

- **4 year old Preschool Orientation** will be at **9am on Tuesday, September 6** for the **morning** students and **1pm for afternoon** students.

### **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. We encourage you to drop your child off 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 21/22. [Payments](#) for either of these can be made using our e-transfer account to [resfees@westwind.ab.ca](mailto:resfees@westwind.ab.ca) or by coming into the school office to pay by cash, 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 15, 2022.

Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community. Let's have a great 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

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Raymond Elementary School