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Hello RES Families!

We hope you all had a fabulous summer break and are excited for the upcoming school year! Here are a few important things you need to know, along with some reminders for the upcoming school year:

Calendar:

- The first day of school for students is on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.
- The first bell rings at 8:20 am. Doors will open at 8:10 am.
 - For safety reason as, all doors except the front entrance will lock after O Canada is played. Students will be shown how to get to the front door if they arrive late and the door is locked. Please remind your student that if they arrive late, they must sign in at the office as they will most likely have missed their class attendance
- Grades 1-6 lunchtime/recess will be from 12:00-12:40 pm. Students are encouraged to stay at school but can go home if excused through the Google Form sent out monthly.
 - Morning Kindergarten classes run from 8:20-11:30 am.
 - Afternoon Kindergarten classes run from 12:10-3:20 pm.
 - Morning Early Learning classes run from 8:20-11:20 am.
 - Afternoon Early Learning classes run from 12:20-3:20 pm.
- The school day ends for all students at 3:20 pm. Students will exit through their grade doors and can be picked up outside.

School Supplies and Fees:

This year, we've updated our school fees to include your student's supplies. You will only need to provide a backpack, indoor shoes, a water bottle, and headphones. The total fee is \$160, which covers regular fees, school supplies, and a yearbook. If you prefer not to receive a yearbook, the fee is reduced to \$145.

Payment Plans:

Understanding that school fees can be a significant financial commitment, especially for families with multiple children, we offer flexible payment plans. You can choose to divide your payments equally over nine months or specify different amounts for each month. Payments can be scheduled for the 1st, 15th, or 20th of each month for automatic withdrawal from your bank. This flexibility helps many families manage their budgets more effectively. You can also include your hot lunch payments in this plan.

Setting Up Your Payment Plan:

To set up your payment plan, please fill out just one Pre-Authorization form per family. Forms are available on our school website (right-hand side in red). The Pre-Authorization Form is open now and will close on Friday, September 20th, at noon.

Important Deadlines:

Please remember that school fees are due by September 20th. Ensure that you either pay in full, complete a pre-authorization form, or make other arrangements with the office by this date.

Hot Lunch Program Update:

We're excited to share that our hot lunch vendors will remain consistent this year, with no price increases. Each lunch will stay priced at \$6.25. For those interested in purchasing all four lunch options, here's the breakdown: \$212.50 for the full school year, \$112.50 from September to January, and \$100 from February to June. Detailed vendor pricing is as follows: Subway and A1 Pizza lunches at \$56.25 each, and Burger Baron

and Dairy Queen at \$50.00 each. Please remember to include these costs on your Pre-Authorization form if applicable.

The hot lunch form will be available starting tomorrow, Friday, August 30th, 2024, at noon. The hot lunch form can be found on our website (in red on the right hand side).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-752-3004.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning!

Sincerely,

Jerry Salmon
Principal
Raymond Elementary School