

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all new and returning staff and students for the 2020/21 school year! Our staff is looking forward to working with you! We're excited as we begin our year together with our families! We have two new additions to our teaching staff. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. VanEvery and Ms. Madore to our school.

Health Pre-Screening Student Absences

Please call the office if your child is going to be absent. Our phone number is 705-368-7015. You may also e-mail Ms. Still at stillj@rainbowschools.ca. This year, our parents/guardians are being asked to complete a daily pre-screening COVID-19 health form. The form does not have to come back to the school. We are asking for your diligence in this matter. Students who show signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the school will be sent home as soon as possible. **As a result, it will be important for all families to provide the school with up to date contact information so we can get in touch with you right away.**

If a Student is Ill During School Hours

An isolation area has been established as a designated location for children who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Staff caring for the ill student will wear a medical mask and eye protection as well as other PPE. If your child has been identified to have COVID-19 symptoms please refer to the self assessment tool on the Sudbury and District Health Unit website. www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-self-assessment Families are to call the health unit 705-522-9200 ext. 393 if required.

Student Medical Information and Background

Parents/Guardians are asked to contact the main office or their child's teacher of any concerns so we can implement emergency action plans and medical care plans. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have a child with asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes or a seizure condition. Please also contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium at 705-521-1234 and inform your child's bus driver. If your child is being treated for a concussion please let the school know so we can follow the Return to Learn protocol.

Anaphylaxis

Some children in our school have life threatening allergies to nuts and/or foods that may contain traces of nut products. There are also severe allergies to strawberries and sunflower seeds. We cannot guarantee an allergen free environment, however, we encourage all parents/guardians to send food to school without nuts or nut products.

Morning Drop Off – 8:35 a.m.

Supervision on the playground begins at 8:35 a.m. Students should be dropped off **after 8:35 a.m.** to ensure their safety. During inclement weather, students will go directly into the school. Our supervisors outside will let the students know when this is the case.

Afternoon Pick Up – 3:10 p.m.

For safety reasons, town students are dismissed after the buses leave. If you are picking up your child, please park across the street at the Catholic Church. Your child will leave with the walkers at 3:10 p.m. to meet you.

Home/School Communication

In order to limit the exchange of paper between home and school our staff will provide parents/guardians with alternate electronic means of communication. All students have been given a communication book or an agenda to help with daily communication. Even though we will not be using them to the extent that we have in the past, all of our students are invited to use them to write down homework, enter important dates and utilize them as an overall organization tool. Sign up for Remind or follow our facebook page to receive school updates. It's also a good idea to visit the Rainbow Board's website for up to date information on COVID- 19 in schools.

Breakfast Program, Pizza and Milk Orders

These programs are currently on hold and will be introduced back into the school over time.

A Few Updates

Recesses and lunches are staggered at different times to maintain physical distancing, limit the number of students in the hallways and allow for enhanced cleaning.

Lockers are not in use right now. Students' belongings are with them in the classroom. Therefore, students are to only bring what they need to school.

Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2020.

Gr. 7 Vaccinations: Wednesday, September 30/2020

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Sign up for 'School Cash Online' by visiting rainbowschools.schoolcashionline.com