

Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Back to School Newsletter 2020/21



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another year at Robert Ogilvie Elementary!

As we head into this school year we are faced with many changes, challenges and opportunities. We understand that families and students may be anxious about coming back to school. Please remember that we have your best interests at heart and are planning for a safe, nurturing and engaging restart. We now have fewer classes due to the opening of Anne Roberts Young, and while we will be missing some of our friends and teachers, we are happy to meet new staff and students, and share a renewed appreciation for school after our adapted learning experience last school year.

Teachers and support staff are eager to welcome you, to build new class communities and strengthen our school culture. Although the way we learn together may be altered, we will walk with pride as Royals. Together, we will R.O.A.R with **R**espect, **O**rganization, **A**ccountability and **R**esilience. Our Robert Ogilvie school community will adjust and adapt, and make this school year the best it can be!

Please contact me with any further questions.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Karen Gonzales

(NOTE: This is an introductory newsletter.
A slideshow will be shared early next week
with more information to help familiarize
families and students with what to expect at RO this fall)



Important Dates

- **2019/20 Year Books**
Will be available to purchase at the office
Information to follow
- **First Day of School: Grades 1-6**
Thursday, September 10 8:40 - 10:40 am
- **First Day of School: Kindergarten**
Wednesday, September 16 8:40 - 10:40 am
Information on transition visits and
scheduling to follow



First Week of School



Thursday, September 10th

- Upon arrival, students will check in at tables outside on the black top area. There will be signs (in alphabetic order) by student's last name.
- We will give students a label to identify their classroom teacher. This label will be stickered to their shirt to identify which class they will be assigned to. Once the bell rings, we will have the students line up by the cones labelled with their teacher's name.
- Classes will be brought in once the bell rings and students will settle in with their teacher for the morning. Staff will circulate to assist students in this process.
- Student numbers are not confirmed at this time, so your child will be assigned to a teacher until Friday. There may be some minor changes based on registrations, then class lists will be finalized as soon as possible.
- Due to the nature of our safety and cohort planning during Stage 2, new **requests for class placement cannot be accommodated** at this time.
- Careful consideration is given to placing all students in the best learning environment possible.

Dismissal on the first day will be at **10:40 a.m.** Supervision will be provided after school until 10:55 am. Please make sure that you use the **Student Daily Health Check** every day to ensure your child/children are healthy. This form is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Friday, September 11th

- Full day for students
- Students will practice and review safety protocols and become familiar with new routines and school expectations.
- Please remember to pack a lunch, a water bottle and inside shoes. Please label all personal items.

Bell Schedule 2020- 2021

In order to allow for minimal traffic flow in the hallways and reduced number of students on the playground, we have created two schedules. These include staggered recess and lunch times, while keeping consistent start and dismissal times (for ease of family pick up and drop-off). Each group will include both primary and intermediate students and staff within 2-3 cohorts. You will be notified of your child's cohort and group on the first day of school.

Group A	Group B
Morning Supervision 8:25 - 8:40 am	Morning Supervision 8:25 - 8:40 am
Warning Bell 8:35 am	Warning Bell 8:35 am
Classes begin 8:40 am	Classes begin 8:40 am
Recess 10:00 - 10:15 am	Recess 10:20 -10:35 am
Warning Bell 10:15 am	Warning Bell 10:35 am
Classes resume 10:20 am	Classes resume 10:40 am
Lunch - Play 11:55 - 12:15 pm	Lunch - Eat 12:00 - 12:20 pm
Lunch - Eat 12:15 - 12:35 pm	Lunch - Play 12:20 - 12:40 pm
Warning Bell 12:35 pm	Warning Bell 12:40 pm
Afternoon classes begin 12:40 pm	Afternoon classes begin 12:45 pm
Dismissal 2:46 pm	Dismissal 2:46 pm
After School Supervision 2:46 - 3:01 pm	After School Supervision 2:46 - 3:01 pm

Learning Cohorts

Staff and students will be grouped into 5 learning groups or Cohorts, with 2-3 classes in each. These will form our house TEAMS. Check out the Health and Safety Protocols section of this newsletter for more information.

Group A
Grade 1 & 2
Grade 5 & 6

Group B
Kindergarten
Grade 2 & 3
Grade 4 & 5

Things to Note:

Grade Level	Supplies	Cultural	Busing	Agenda	Total
Kindergarten	\$40	\$10	\$13	N/A	\$65
Grades 1-6	\$40	\$12	\$13	\$10	\$75
Other	Camp Cameron \$40 to offset costs for trip (NOTE: there will be no overnight field trips at this time)	\$20 per sports team requiring buses and referees (NOTE: there will be no inter-school sports teams at this time)	Up to \$5 for field trips - class specific	Grade 6 - iPad program insurance \$30	SCHOOL FEES 2020 - 2021

Important Reminders

- Robert Ogilvie is a **peanut/nut free** and **scent sensitive** school
- If your child requires **medication** that needs to be stored and administered at school, please fill out an "Authorization for Medication" form (required form).
- School supplies** have been ordered for all students. Parents have the option to purchase from the school or buy supplies on their own.
- Meals programs** will be available in late September. Stay tuned as more information will be coming your way!
- Newsletters** and important updates will be sent home via email (paper copies upon request). All notices will also be posted on our website and facebook page.
- Closed Campus** Students are to be dropped off and picked up by the playground area. As per the District Safety Plan, adult entry to the school will be by appointment only. There will not be any user groups in the school at this time.



Robert Ogilvie is located on the traditional territory of the Dane - Zaa people.

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

First Peoples Principles of Learning



Health and Safety Protocols

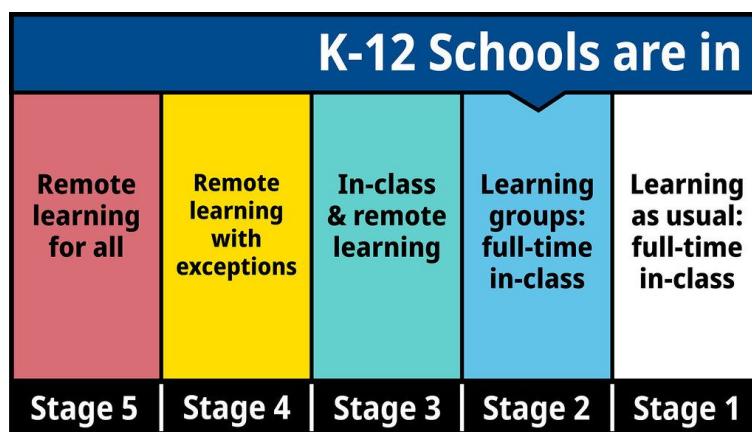
School District #60 has published these documents on the district website and sent home a letter to all parents. The documents can be found at:

<https://www.prn.bc.ca/resources/covid-19/> and

<https://www.prn.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Parent-Letter-Restart-2020.pdf>

The latest information from the Ministry of Education can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school> . This information is current to Thursday, August 27th.



Learning Groups/Cohorts: As per the Ministry of Education Restart Plan, our school will be working within learning groups or cohorts of up to 60 students and staff. A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school year and who primarily interact with each other. Each cohort or learning group will be made up of 2 or 3 classes. These classes will be able to join together within the cohort for projects and activities. Learning groups/cohorts provide a range of benefits for students including more in-class learning time, increased peer interaction and support, and decreased feelings of isolation. Teachers and administrators who normally do not work strictly in a learning group/cohort will be required to wear a mask if they cannot physically distance.

Masks are not required for elementary students within their classes and learning groups. Students who wish to wear masks, will of course be able to do so. The district will provide our school with directional arrows and signage to ensure that the students can follow directions and traffic flow.

Safety Procedures: The School District Health and Safety Department have been working tirelessly this summer to ensure that all protocols and safety procedures are in place to keep students and staff safe. Please read the information in the above links where health and safety measures are carefully outlined.

School District 60 PRN
Daily Health Check

Please perform a daily health assessment prior to arriving to school
 * This checklist does NOT need to be submitted

1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle One	
	Fever	Yes	No
	Chills	Yes	No
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
	Shortness of breath	Yes	No
	Sore throat	Yes	No
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	Yes	No
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
	Headache	Yes	No
	Fatigue	Yes	No
	Diarrhea	Yes	No
	Loss of appetite	Yes	No
	Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
	Muscle aches	Yes	No
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Yes	No
	Dizziness, confusion	Yes	No
	Abdominal pain	Yes	No
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	Yes	No
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	Yes	No

If you have answered "YES" to any of the questions, your child should not come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health care provider for further assessment. This includes 811, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.