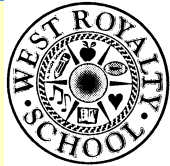


West Royalty Elementary School Newsletter

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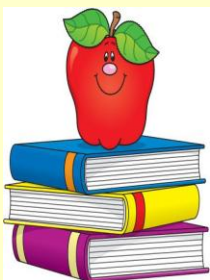
**ALL SCHOOL DOORS (EXCEPT FRONT DOORS) ARE LOCKED @ 8:30 A.M. - 2:35 P.M.
THEREFORE, ANY STUDENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL AFTER 8:30 A.M. MUST USE THE FRONT
ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL. STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BY 8:20 A.M.
ALL PARENTS & VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE.**



*What the mind can conceive
and the heart can believe
you can achieve!*

Upcoming Events

- Sept 1** – New student tour at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 2** – New student tour at 9:00 and another one at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 3** – Ordering closes for the Provincial School Food Program first meal cycle
- Sept 4** - New student tour at 9:00 and another one at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 8** – First Day of School
- Provincial School Food Program starts
- Sept 11** - Return signed forms to teacher
- Sept 14** – Milk program starts
- Sept. 15** - Meet the staff night
Session 1: 6:00 p.m.
Session 2: 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 25** – Terry Fox Run in the pm
- Sept. 29** – Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30** – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
(No School)



Administrative Message

On behalf of the staff of West Royalty Elementary School, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to another school year. A very special welcome is extended to students and parents of our Kindergarten classes and to all other students and families new to our school community. We are excited to see so many happy faces and enthusiastic learners filling our classrooms today, and we look forward to a fantastic year. We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer with your family, and you are ready for a brand new school year.

We hope that all parents will be involved in their child's education and will be part of the working team to ensure that your son or daughter has a successful and rewarding school experience. Communication is key to our ability to meet the needs of the students. We encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about what they are doing at school and to keep in contact with us. We are very excited about the upcoming school year and the potential it offers, and we know that by working together it will be a successful school year for all involved. We are committed to the partnership between home and school and pledge to work hard to help your child reach their learning potential. We look forward to making the 2026-2027 school year exciting and rewarding!

Regards: Marilyn MacLean, Principal; Patti Davidson, Vice-Principal

Bussing

The Public Schools Branch transportation team has been busy planning for back to school! Please take a few minutes to check your student's bus information using the PSB Bus Planner Portal: <https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca>

Please make sure your child knows what bus they are taking home and that they are confident in knowing their after school plan. Teachers will be asking them this when they arrive on September 8th. Unfortunately, if your child does not know, we will need to call you to confirm.

To contact the PSB transportation team if you have questions, visit <https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca/Contact>

“When the school bell rings on day one and all our students are in their seats, we will hold the future of this nation and this world in our hands. Whatever we do will have lasting implications, not only on the lives of those students, but also on the lives of all those who they come in contact with. So then, the questions that we should ask ourselves should not be, “How can I make this work?” The question must be, “How can I afford not to make this work?”
~Wendy Kopp ~

Meet the Staff Night

Meet the Staff night will be held on **Tuesday, September 15th**. There are two sessions. The first one starts at 6:00 p.m. Teachers will do a repeat session at 6:30 p.m. Parents can choose whatever time works best for them. Parents are asked to go directly to their child's class for information on routines and curriculum. This is a great opportunity for our school community to come together- a time for teachers to meet the parents, parents to meet the staff, parents to learn about your child's program, and for parents to see your child's classroom. Hope to see you there!

Label Belongings

We would like to remind parents to label all of your child's belongings with his/her name. This will help us greatly in returning lost items to the owner.



“Parents need to fill a child’s bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can’t poke enough holes to drain it dry...”
~ Alvin Price



“Instead of raising children who turn out okay despite their childhood, let’s raise children who turn out extraordinary because of their childhood.”
~ L.R. Knost



School Day Start/End Time

Students should **not arrive at school before 8:05** as school ground supervision does not begin before 8:05 am. O’Canada and announcements begin at 8:20 with instruction starting at 8:25 each day. All students should be at school before 8:20. Students arriving late for class interrupt the teaching and learning that is taking place in the classroom. The dismissal bell rings at 2:35 p.m.

All Parent/Visitors Report to Main Office

For safety reasons parents and/or visitors coming into the school are required **to report to the main office**. There is no access to the school corridors without an identification badge which must to be obtained in the office. Should students arrive late, parents are to drop them off at the office area and the student can walk to their classrooms independently. Items to be dropped off for students must be left at the main office. This is for the safety and security of our students, so we look forward to your cooperation in the days ahead.

Online Food Orders

This year, West Royalty Elementary will **not be offering** Domino’s pizza or Subway through our HotLunch program. We will continue to offer Little Caesar’s pizza and milk only through this program. Hotlunch Schedule will **be activated for ordering on Sept 8th** @ Ordering for the Provincial School Food program can be done here: <https://peischoolfood.ca/>

September 3- Ordering closes for first meal cycle (Provincial School Food Program)
September 8- First day of Food Service for the 2026-27 school year
September 13 – Deadline to order HotLunch Program

Peanut/Nut Product Restricted School

Several students, registered at our school, have a severe life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and peanut products. Exposure to even a minute amount of the food substance could cause anaphylaxis and without immediate emergency medical assistance, loss of consciousness and death. The school has established emergency plans for the students. A small amount of peanut product such as peanut butter on the hands of a student or teacher who then touches a door knob, computer, water faucet, water fountain or other article and then is touched by a student severely allergic to peanuts could be enough to cause a severe reaction or the death of the student.

The school has an obligation to establish a safe environment for all students. Therefore, our school is a **PEANUT AND PEANUT CONTAINING PRODUCT FREE** school. Parents and teachers are asked to avoid including peanuts and peanut products in lunches or snacks to the school.

Our objectives are to establish and maintain, to the extent possible:

- a school, school environment, and buses which are free of peanuts and peanut products
- classrooms, attended by the students, which are free of the substance which could place the student at risk of anaphylaxis.
- Schools that are peanut and peanut product free will not allow the products that imitate peanut butter (This includes WOW and pea butter).

These are school practices which reduce the possibility of exposure to substances which cause anaphylaxis. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

PEI School Accident Insurance Program

Every eligible student attending a PEI school is automatically insured by the PEI School Accident Insurance Program’s basic student coverage. This program is provided without a deductible and at no cost to the student, parents/guardians or schools. Basic coverage is provided during school hours, school activities, community-based learning activities and travel to and from school and community-based learning activities.

Forms

Students will arrive home with forms on either September 8 or 9. These forms require parent signatures. Please complete these forms and return them to your child’s home room teacher **on or before Friday, Sept. 11th**. Thank you!

Drop Off for Students

When dropping off students, please use the parent drop off loop at the top of Commonwealth. It is important that you let your child out on the passenger side of the vehicle as there could be cars pulling around you on the driver's side. **The lane in front of the school is reserved solely for bus drop-off between 7:55-8:25 a.m.** If you need to park to bring your child into the school, please use the staff parking lot to do so. Please take the extra few minutes each morning to follow the above procedures so we can help prevent an accident or injury to a child from occurring.



Important Bus Safety Information

Students have a right to a safe and enjoyable bus ride, but they also have responsibilities. Please review these with your child before school starts and regularly throughout the school year.

- Be at your stop 5 minutes before it is scheduled to arrive
- Wait for bus to come to a complete stop and have its RED lights flashing
- If you have to cross the road, establish eye contact with driver
- Wait for the driver to beckon you to cross to road
- Always look both ways before entering any roadway
- When safe to do so, walk at a brisk pace
- Always cross the road in FRONT of the bus
- If you hear the bus horn, get off the road immediately
- Absolutely no headphones, cell phones, or other distractions during the process
- Stay focused until safely seated (or safely off the roadway when disembarking)
- Stay seated and facing forward when travelling on the bus
- Use a quiet voice on the bus so the bus driver can focus on driving
- Follow all the bus rules

“Parents are in the ideal position to awaken in their children a deep and long lasting love of reading.”



Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance helps elementary students build strong learning habits and friendships from the very first day of the school year.

Why Everyday Matters

- **Better Learning:** Students who come to school every day keep up with reading, math, and fun class projects.
- **Strong Friendships:** Regular attendance helps children play, share, and connect with their classmates.
- **Good Routines:** Coming to school on time teaches children valuable habits for life.

Tips for Families

- **Set a bedtime:** Help your child sleep well so they wake up ready to learn.
- **Plan ahead:** Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- **Ask for help:** Reach out to the school if you need support with transportation or routines.

Missing just a few days of school here and there might not seem like a lot, but those missed moments quickly add up over the school year.

When a student misses 2 days a month...

- **20 Days** missed each school year.
- **30 Hours** of foundational math and hands-on science lost.
- **60 Hours** of early reading, phonics, and writing instruction missed.
- Over **1 Full Year** of learning lost by the time they finish school.

When a student misses 4 days a month...

- **40 Days** missed each school year.
- **60 Hours** of foundational math and hands-on science lost.
- **120 Hours** of early reading, phonics, and writing instruction missed.
- Over **2 Full Years** of learning lost by the time they finish school.

Every Day Counts!

When your child is here, they are building strong reading habits, exploring math concepts, and growing with their friends.



“Every empathic act that helps a child become what he or she wants to become, every expression of love towards children heals society and moves it in unexpected, wondrous new directions.”

We're Going Back To School



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER

- 07 Labour Day (no classes)
- 08 First Instructional Day for students
- 15 Meet the Staff Night 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)

OCTOBER

- 12 Thanksgiving (no school)
- 15-16 School Pictures

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 PEITF Annual Convention/CUPE (no classes)
- 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
- 13 Picture retake day
- 16 Teacher Administrative day (no school)
- 24 Report Cards Issued
- 26-27 Parent –Teacher Conferences (no classes 27th)

DECEMBER

- 18 Last Day of Classes in 2026

JANUARY

- 04 First School Day in 2027

FEBRUARY

- 15 Islander Day (no classes)

MARCH

- 02 Report Cards Issued
- 4-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no classes on the 5th)
- 19-25 March Break (no classes)
- 26 Good Friday (no classes)
- 29 Easter Monday (no classes)

APRIL

- 09 Professional Learning Day (no classes)

MAY

- 07 Area Association/CUPE Business Day (no classes)
- 24 Victoria Day (no school)
- 28 New Kindergarten Orientation morning (no classes for current K students)

JUNE

- 24 Grade 6 closing at 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Last Instructional Day and Report Cards for Grades K-6
- 30 Last Day for Staff

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder... he needs the companionships of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in "
~ Rachel Carson



"Research also shows that a home environment that encourages learning is even more important than parents' income, education level, or cultural background. By actively participating in their child's education at home and in school, parents send some critical messages to their child; they're demonstrating their interest in his/her activities and reinforcing the idea that school is important."
~ Anita Gurian

WR Home & School News

Welcome to all students and families to the 2026/2027 school year! We are excited to begin another school year and look forward to working together with our families, staff, and school community to make this a positive and memorable year for our students.

The West Royalty Home and School Association plays an important role in supporting our school with special projects, events, and initiatives that enhance the experience of all students. We encourage families to get involved, share their ideas, and join us throughout the year by attending meetings, volunteering at events, or simply staying connected.

Home and School Executive members will be in the lobby at Meet the Teacher night – Come say Hi! Follow us on facebook:

West Royalty Home and School
Email: wrhomeandschool@gmail.com
Executive Members: Stephanie Chaloner, Krystle Younker, Raveena Sahani, David Stirling, Paolo Flores, Lihong Xie, Amy Palmer

We wish all students, families, and staff a wonderful start to the school year!

