

# Robert W Zahara Public School

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## Important Dates:

August 27	PD Day (COVID Preparedness)
August 28	PD Day (Equity in school)
August 31	Organizational Day (staff meeting and preparing classrooms) Mask distribution (drive by pick-up)  Phone school @780 568 3823 to find out which class your child is in
Sept. 1	School for grades 3 & 6
Sept. 2	School for grades 2 & 5
Sept. 3	School for grades 1 & 4
Sept. 4	All students are in the school Red Shirt Day
Sept. 7	Labour Day NO SCHOOL
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 14 & 15	School Picture Days ECS, Grades 1-6
Sept. 23	School Council and Booster Club AGMs
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day

## First Days' Routines

Please be at the school, on the football field, by 8:25. There will be staff members on the sidewalks and on the field to help you find your class. There will be six classes on the field to start each day. Please be sure to come on your assigned day. Everyone from grade 4 up (including adults, needs to have a mask on to go into the school. Parents, please don't bring siblings along - we don't want to go over the indoor gathering limits.

## August 31, 2020

### Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school! It's going to be a different year, but we are working to find ways to keep things as familiar as possible!

Our classes will be "cohorted", meaning each class will have as little contact with others as we can manage. Our schedules are set up so that we have staggered entry, staggered recesses, and staggered exits at the end of the day. **We will also be having a staggered start to the school year. Students in Grade 3 and 6 will come to school on Tuesday, Sept. 1st. Students in grades 2 and 5 will come on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, and students in grades 1 and 4 will come on Thursday, Sept. 3rd. All students come to school on Friday, Sept. 4th.** Parents will be able to enter the school with their child if they wish, and check out the classroom and meet the teacher. All adults in the school MUST wear a mask.

Our reusable masks from the government arrived Friday afternoon. We have repackaged them (into sets of 2 per child), and we'll be handing them out on Monday, starting at 10:30. Pull up in front of the school and collect the packages you'll need.

All students and staff are required to use Alberta Health Services Screening Tool every morning. Anyone who has symptoms is required to stay home and follow up with Alberta Health Services on their website or through 811. If someone develops symptoms during the day, they will be isolated until they can go home. If your child has allergies or another pre-existing condition that mimics COVID symptoms, please consider having your child tested when they are symptomatic and share the results with the school so we can establish a baseline for your child.

We'll have more information, and our September calendar, coming out shortly!

Lawrie McKeith

If you haven't checked on your child's class placement, please call the school office (780-568-3823). Thank you all so much for your patience as we realigned and reconfigured and rewrote the lists... RWZ parents are absolutely the best!!!

### School Photo Day:

School pictures will be taken on Sept. 14th and 15th.

Sept. 14th: ECS, Grades 2, 4, & 5

Sept. 15th: ECS, Grades 1, 3, & 6

### Parking, Drop-Offs, and Crosswalks

Our school has limited parking. Staff have parking stalls in the centre of the drop-off lanes. There are also four handicapped parking stalls there. Please understand that these stalls are there to accommodate parents of students with mobility issues, as well as parents and staff with mobility issues. If you don't have a tag to use those spots, you will be ticketed.

Parents dropping students off for school are to use the outside lane of the circular driveway. Please pay attention to the stopping lines on the pavement and the signage and don't block the top of the loop. That lane needs to be free flow for traffic to get through.

If you want to park and walk your child into the school, please use the arena parking lot. You will need to cross on the crosswalk at the north end of the parking area, walk down the west side of the road (by the Child Development Centre) and then cross at the crosswalk to the main school sidewalk. Walking across the bus lanes is dangerous; it puts you and your child, the kids on our busses, and the supervisors at risk. There is no crosswalk there, and you are needlessly exposing your child to harm. Likewise, sending your child to cross through the busses is also a danger and is not allowed. We know that our students strive to meet our school expectations for safe choices around vehicles. We expect you, as parents and guardians, to do the same.

Please remember to physically distance your family when close to the school for pick up and drop off. Thank you for helping everyone to stay safe!

### A reminder to parents whose children ride the bus...

if you pick your child up from school (early, or at the end of the day) **please notify your bus driver or the bus shop.** Busses have to wait until all children who are expected to be on the bus are accounted for.

Sept. 30th is Orange Shirt Day. We wear orange shirts to commemorate the hundreds of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students who were taken from their families and sent far away to school. Many of these students lost their language and their culture, and some never returned home. There will be stories and discussions about the residential school system (using age-appropriate materials) as well as some traditional music.

### Staff List:

**ECS:** Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. Trydal

**Grade 1:** Mrs. Piercy; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Summach; Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Perry

**Grade 2:** Mrs. Mohler-Jervis, Mrs. Stredulinsky; Mr. Hovdebo, Mrs. Ikenyoue; Miss Mullen, Mrs. Jamison

**Grade 3:** Mrs. Wolski; Mrs. Muggaberg; Mrs. Wilson,

**Grade 4:** Mr. Warr; Mrs. Girvan, Mrs. Mullen; Mr. Christenson, Mrs. Parks

**Grade 5:** Miss Lieverse, Mrs. Mitchell; Mrs. James; Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Bidewell

**Grade 6:** Miss Allen; Mr. Toews; Mrs. Ochoga, Mrs. Lambright

**Fine Arts and Computer Technology:** Miss Wald, Mrs. Carlstad

**Inclusion Support:** Mrs. Evarts

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Mrs. Hammel, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hildebrand

**Librarian:** Mrs. Campbell

**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Frenette

**Administrators:** Ms. McKeith, Mrs. Rorem

