

Welcome back to our students, staff and parent community for the 2025/26 school year! We are so excited that you are with us this September. The school is clean, and our teachers have already been back readying their classrooms for your children. Our forest, which has been such an important part of our school and learning, is open, so you can expect that your children will be out in our wonderful park when opportunity arises. You will also notice our front of the school has undergone some changes, as it has been repaved and updated.

This year we will be continuing to spend time as a staff and school community talking and thinking about how "To live in a good way". We will be exploring who, where and what this applies to, as well as looking at how following these words may impact both us and generations to follow. We would love to have you as part this inquiry, so please feel free to engage your children in discussions about these conversations.

Class Placements:

In the spring, our staff thoughtfully collaborated over 4 – 6 weeks to create classes that are supportive of the social, emotional, and academic needs of our learners. We are excited to share the class placement for each child on the afternoon of Friday, August 29th through email.

First Day of School:

September 2nd from 8:30 to 11:00 for children in grades 1 – 5.

We are excited to welcome all children in grades 1 – 5 back to school on Tuesday. Children in Kindergarten will be attending on the gradual entry schedule emailed to Kindergarten families, starting on Wednesday September 3rd.

At 8:25 children can line up to meet their teachers at their exterior classroom doors. A reminder that if your child is late to school, they report to the main office first to sign in prior to going to their classroom. Your child will be dismissed Tuesday at 11:00 am from that same exterior classroom door.

A few start up items:

- A reminder that school fees cover basic supplies for our students as well as 3 Cultural assemblies. School fees can be paid online through SchoolCash Online. We ask you to please pay the fees by September 30th. You will get a notice through your email. Any further supplies needed will be requested by the classroom teacher. SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome
- Please complete a Criminal Record Check asap this month at the office if you plan to volunteer or accompany your child on any field studies this school year. If you have previously completed a criminal record check it is valid for four years. If you are unsure of your validity please email the school to inquire.

- Safe arrival: Report all student absences – including late arrivals and early dismissals - through School Messenger absence reporting APP – which needs to be downloaded onto your phone.
- We are a NUT AWARE school – please do not send any food items that contain nuts. We also have a litter free snack/lunch policy at RVE. Pack it in – Pack it out!
- RVE Intake Conferences are on the afternoons of October 2nd, and October 3rd. On both those days children will be dismissed at 12:30. We look forward to meeting you and hearing about your experience with your child and engaging about their learning. Teachers will be in touch regarding meeting times during those days.
- Teachers will be reviewing our school Code of Conduct (which can be found on our website) Please note there are now expectations district wide with respect to cell phone use.

We have attached a school calendar and a "Frequently Asked Questions" document.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

See you soon!

Steve Labrie and Zara Parker (RVE Office staff)