



**“Sow a thought, and you reap an act;
Sow an act, and you reap a habit;
Sow a habit, and you reap a character;
Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.”**

— [Samuel Smiles](#) (Scottish writer)

September 2017

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! It was awesome to see all our students and many of our parents the first day back. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new students, parents and staff. We added 80 new student faces and 9 new staff members to our school family. Our population is now at 840 students and 63 staff members.

The 21st C Learner is . . .



Six school-wide assemblies are planned for the year. At each we will delve into the 21st century competencies in order to develop what each looks like and sounds like for learners in RVS.

We kicked off the year with a welcome back assembly at which students and staff began thinking about how they will S.O.A.R. to success at East Lake. We encourage all members of our school community to be Safe, Organized, Accountable and Responsible.

We also reflected upon the competency of self-directed learning. Self-directed learners take initiative to explore new ideas. They set long-range and short-term goals and monitor their progress. They are adaptable to changes and realize not all learning paths will be smooth. Self-directed learners are able to persevere. As

part of this work, all classes are completing a zig-saw mural as a visual reminder of what each of us can do to SOAR and be self-directed.

September is a busy month! Here are a couple of highlights and reminders:

SCHOOL PICTURES

September 11th to 14th One Shot Photography will be here to take school pictures. Below is a list of which classes are scheduled for each day. This order is not necessarily the order in which students will have their pictures taken.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 Galbraith	2 Driver	3 De Boer	7 Cain
1 Springer	2 Mater	3 Walker	7-8 MacKay
1 Wall	2 Ungureanu	5 Taylor	6 Van den Eynden
1 Nelson	2 Marcil	5 Woolfsmith	1-2 Gerla
3 Butler	4 Campbell	9 Polson	4 Kendell
3 Sinclair	4 Lucas	9 Winters	5 Boussaha
7 Gross	6 Balwin	5-6 Lamoureux	PM K Walton
8 Fox	AM K Carter	8-9 Buckley	Any students who
8 Lepage	PM K Carter	AM K Zimmer	were away.

PARENT COUNCIL

We are looking for interested parents to form our Parent Council, which is an integral part of our school. Please join us Friday, September 22 at 9:00 am for a session for any parents interested in serving on our Parent Council for this year. Council meetings are held monthly. Participating on Parent Council is a great opportunity to support your child and our school. Please contact Mrs. Hirsch @ 403 248 1091 for more information.

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

Please join us Friday, September 22 for a pancake breakfast beginning at 7:30 am. Pancakes, juice, coffee and tea will be served until 9:00 am.

YEARBOOK

Our 2016-17 Yearbook has arrived. Families who purchased a yearbook can pick it up at the Welcome Back Breakfast. If you are not able to attend, yearbooks will be distributed to students to take home.

BELL TIMES

As we grow, we sometimes have to make some adjustments to our procedures to ensure safe access to the building for all students. We have changed our morning bell times and procedures slightly. If your child walks to school or is dropped off, please plan to arrive no earlier than 8:00 am.

7:55 am: Buses begin to arrive. Students will wait in designated areas until the school doors open

8:03 am: Music plays and doors to the school open. Students should enter the building at this time and go directly to their homeroom.

8:06 am: Bell rings. Students should be in class getting ready for the day.

8:10 am: Period 1 instruction begins.

Recess, lunch and dismissal bells remain the same.

GYM STRIP

It is an expectation that students in grades 6 to 9 change for physical education. This year, we have t-shirts and shorts available to purchase. The t-shirts are \$8.00, and the shorts are \$14.00. These items can be purchased through School Cash. We will also be selling them at the Welcome Back Breakfast.



HOT LUNCH

This year hot lunch will be a bit different as it will be run through SchoolCash. Please keep your eyes open for the first menu coming out soon.

We are still looking for hot lunch volunteers. This program is unable to run without the help of our fantastic volunteers. You can volunteer once a month, twice a month or every week. Come help raise some money and visit you kid(s). If you are interested in volunteering please email me at loridafoe@shaw.ca indicating how often you would like to come help out. We are still searching for a minimum 14 volunteers per week and we also need a Team 2 (hot dog week) lead. Hot Lunch is one of our biggest fundraisers and the kids truly love it!

STUDENT DROP OFF

A HUGE thank you to all our parents for your efforts to keep our students safe at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. When used as designed, our student drop-off works like a charm! Thank you for finding alternate parking and using the designated crosswalk when escorting your child to his or her door.