



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

September 1 & 2, 2022

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(Safe Organized Accountable Respectful)

I always try to keep this weekly update to a single page and I will apologise in advance that this week's version will be a little longer.

We in the midst of several busy days in preparation for our students to return to is likely to prove to be another exciting school year. The best school communities have always understood how everyone plays their part in creating a safe and caring learning environment and we know that this will continue to be true for East Lake as we all support one another in this year's start-up and throughout the entire school year. As the only constant seems to be growth in our community we are once again navigating the increased development and new families that come with it. This always requires patience as we rework class placements and staff assignments to accommodate our area's growth.

In continuing to utilize best practices that were discovered over the past couple of years we will be having two days of staggered start where only half of our grades come per day for the first two days, allowing them to navigate the start of the school year in a less congested manner. We will also be continuing to ask that parents drop their children off at the edge of property where their teachers will help them make their way to their grade level's designated entrances. The designated entrances are indicated on the second page of this message. Our school's parking lot is for staff only and will be blocked off during student arrival and dismissal times and we ask that parents please use the designated drop off and pick up area on the street or choose to park in an area where it is permitted by the city. Please do not use the driveways of the neighbouring homes as we want to respect them as private property, continue to be good neighbours to the greater community that surrounds our school.

Many information items that parents may be seeking have been updated on our website including bell times, and school calendar. Please check it frequently as the most up to date information will be posted there: <http://eastlake.rockyview.ab.ca> In an effort to ensure that we are continuing to keep everyone healthy and safe we will be asking that, all students, staff and visitors that even though they are no longer required to complete a daily health screening we will still ask that those who are not feeling well to please refrain from entering our building or attending school at that time.

Our staff are very excited for the return of our students and can't wait to see them this week!

Sincerely,  
Jordan Fenton

## **This Week:**

### **Sept 1-2 Staggered Start**

#### **Sept 1**

Grades 4, 5 & 6 Only  
Kindergarten

#### **Sept 2**

Grades 1,2 & 3 Only  
Kindergarten

## **Upcoming:**

#### **Sept 5**

Labour Day Holiday

#### **Sept 6**

First day for all students together

#### **Sept 21**

Parent Council Meeting

#### **Sept 23**

Terry Fox Fundraiser

#### **Sept 30**

Truth & Reconciliation Day – No School

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## Designated Entrances

We will be using designated entrances as we have in the past for each grade continuing in having our classes stage in near them and be escorted by their teacher at the start and end of the day. Our parking lot will be blocked off and no vehicles will be moving inside our parking lot during our arrival or departure times. We are continuing this practice as we found that it helps to alleviate congestion at arrival and dismissal times. Students will be able to be escorted to the edge of the school property and make their way to their designated door the same way as our bus students find their way to their doors from being dropped off in the bus loop. The same will be true for dismissal where students will be escorted by their teachers to the edge of the school grounds or bus loop where students can then board a bus or meet their parents at the edge of our campus.

Doors are as follows:

Grades 4, 5 & 6 will use the main doors

Gr 1 & 2 will use south doors

Kindergarten and Gr 3 will use the north doors



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### **Staggered Start**

We will be welcoming one third of our students each of the following days and our Kindergarten teachers will be communicating directly with the parents of their students as to which day the students will attend:

#### **Sept 1**

Grades 4, 5 & 6 Only  
Kindergarten

#### **Sept 2**

Grades 1,2 & 3 Only  
Kindergarten

**All students will come on Tuesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Visitors & Volunteers**

We are excited that this year we may be able to welcome visitors and volunteers into our building. We will be welcoming volunteers into our building later on in the fall once we have our first volunteer orientation session in place and look forward to once again being able to welcome our community members into our school. Please call into the office to let us know that you are interested in attending an orientation session and volunteering during the upcoming year.

### **Parent Council & Friends Society Meeting**

**September 21 6 pm**

One of the easiest and best ways of being involved in your child's educational journey through our school is by becoming involved in Parent Council and our Friends Fundraising Society. They hold monthly meetings that include reports from our local School Board Trustee, School Admin and Student Council. The meetings were blended being both in-person and online and we may look to continue this practice.

### **Terry Fox Walk/Run Fundraiser**

**September 23**

We will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Run later on in September as our annual fundraiser for cancer research. Our goal will be to raise \$1600 which is approximately \$2 for every student and staff member in our school, using the slogan, "Twoonies for Terry".

### **Truth and Reconciliation Day**

**September 30**

This school year will mark the second annual observance of Truth and Reconciliation Day. Our school will engage in activities leading up to it and RVS will be observing the day by not having school on the 30<sup>th</sup>.