

Parent Handbook Rossignol Elementary

Absences
Students must attend classes regularly. Mornings are especially important for young students as this is the time they learn best. If your child is going to be absent please call the school and arrange to pick up homework. Teachers need advance notice to prepare homework.

Buses
The Buses run at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 12:40 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Students are assigned to regular routes and are expected to **ride only the designated bus**. There are late buses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30. Students must be involved in a school activity or teacher detention to ride the late bus.

Communication
Facebook, emails and our website www.icsd112.ca are our main communication strategy, student agendas will no longer be used. The local television, scroll and radio are also used to announce special events, as well as notes students are given to take home to inform parents of special events. Parents should contact their child's teacher if they have any concerns, by leaving a message via email or phone call.

Computers
Students in PK to 6 are all taught computer skills. The computer is used to reinforce skills, teach keyboarding, conduct research and produce projects. There is a computer use policy that all students must follow.

Fluoride Varnish
If they are a part of the Children's Dental Program, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will have fluoride varnish painted on their teeth twice a year. This program is run in conjunction with KYRHA.

Lost and Found
If your child is missing any items we have a lost and found where parents may find missing items. Outerwear should be labeled with a student's name before being sent to school. Any items not picked up will be thrown out at the end of year.

Lunch
Students are bussed home for lunch each day. Only students staying for practices or clubs remain at school. They must bring a lunch in the morning (that does not require the microwave) to participate. Please inform your child prior to leaving home where they are to go for lunch. You may leave a message for your child if **an emergency** arises and they need to go somewhere else for lunch.

Nutrition Program
Morning snacks are available to each elementary student.

Phones
Prekindergarten to grade 6 do not bring personal electronic devices to school. Personal electronic devices include cell phones, tablets, computers and headphones.

Reading Program
Students in Grade PK to 6 participate in a daily at home reading program. Active participation by students and parents can really improve reading skills. We also have the Leveled Literacy Intervention for students not at grade level in reading. This program is done on a pull-out basis and is mandatory. Students with consistent attendance will be given priority.

Recess
All students are expected to go out for recess. If a student is ill we ask that the parent send a note to excuse them from recess. Students should dress appropriately for recess weather. We do have indoor recess in extreme cold, wind or rain.

Safe School
We are a mask friendly building. Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be provided. We have improved our ventilation system. We are asking families to keep sick students home.

Student Led Conferences
Student led conferences are very important for your child's education. It provides an opportunity to share goals and concerns between teachers and parents. Also, it is a way to show children how important school is. Rossignol Elementary has two student led conference days. Report Cards are sent home the week following the two student led conferences and on the final day of school.

School Hours
8:55 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
The school opens its doors at 8:45 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. each day.

Second Step
We have a social skills program called Second Step. This is a bullying prevention program that includes anger management, problem solving and empathy. You can support this program by practicing anger management and problem-solving skills at home. See your child's teacher or school administration for more information.

Sports
Bantam and Peewee teams are available to students in Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. All students can participate in Track and Field. When a student has a noon hour practice, lunch is needed. These lunches must be arranged prior to school. These lunches should not need to be microwaved. When students go to unit competitions in other communities, meals are paid for. Students must have permission slips signed by teachers and parents to attend sport trips.
Students must qualify for intramural playoffs to play on school teams. Students must play on Pee Wee teams if eligible before playing for Bantam teams.

Visitors
Visitors are welcome at Rossignol Elementary Community School. Please buzz in to the office on your way in to sign in. Please role model school rules when at the school.

Volunteers
Volunteers are often needed at the school. Help is appreciated with reading, small groups, nutrition, recreation and library. Any talent you are willing to share could be utilized to improve our school. Please contact administration, community school personnel or your child's teacher if you are interested.

Discipline Policy

Rossignol Elementary School's discipline policy stems from its mission and vision statements.

Mission

Rossignol Elementary School strives to develop the whole child, in a respectful, positive environment that promotes the Michif language, Metis culture and identity and academic excellence.

Vision

1. ***We are a school where parents and community are actively involved in everyday school life***
2. ***We are a school where everyone creates a strong school spirit.***
3. ***We are a school where the Michif language and Métis culture are embedded in all aspects of our school day.***
4. ***We are a safe school.***
5. ***We are a school where students are challenged to grow to their fullest potential.***

Student Code of Conduct

As students of Rossignol Elementary School we are committed to making our school a better place.

1. We treat ourselves, others, property and the environment with respect. This means we treat others the way we wish to be treated.
    - Use appropriate entrances, remove footwear and wear socks.
    - Use good judgment when dressing for school. Dress for the weather, avoid negative or suggestive messages on clothes and don't wear headgear in the school.
    - Use the lockers/cubbies to store personal belongings.
    - Lock/place bikes on bike racks when arriving at school
    - Play fighting/wrestling is not allowed on school property.
    - Speak politely, do not use put downs or tease in a mean way.
    - Keep our school clean. Sunflower seeds, snuff and cigarettes are not allowed on school property.
    - Rossignol School is a scent free environment. Strong scents negatively impact people with migraines, allergies and asthma. Please be considerate.
    - Please use good judgment when bringing items to school. Students are asked to leave electronics, skateboards, GTs, heelies and rollerblades at home.
    - Junk food is not allowed during regular class time.
2. We update our parents about what is happening in school and encourage them to participate.
    - Take home notes, newsletters and agendas. Remind them to look at school social media.
3. We give 100% at everything we do.
    - Do not interfere with others' learning.
    - Ask for help when we have problems. Don't give up.
    - Get involved in extracurricular and spirit weeks.
4. We are responsible for our learning. This includes listening in class, asking for help and doing our homework.
    - Use school hours wisely.
    - Attend school each day and be on time.
    - Students must stay on school grounds during school hours.

High 5 –used to reinforce listening skills

Give me 5	niyanan mîyan	Look at me.	kitâpamik
Ears are listening.	natohtamok	Lips are closed.	kawiya ayamik
Hands are still.	kiyâm astâ kicihci ya	Feet are quiet.	kawiya waskawna kisita



II. STUDENTS' RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

109723824. I have the right to an education.
It is my responsibility to listen, to learn, and to complete my assignments. I will not disturb, disrupt, or interfere with the instruction of staff members and/or the learning of my classmates.

109723825. I have a right to happiness and to be treated with dignity and respect.
It is my responsibility to treat others with honour and polite consideration. I will use kind words when speaking to others.

109723826. I have a right to be safe and secure in this school.
It is my responsibility to help ensure the safety and security of others. I will not bully, physically or verbally abuse others.

109723827. I have a right to privacy and to my own personal space.
It is my responsibility to respect the personal property of others and to accept their right to privacy.

5. I have a right to hear and be heard.
It is my responsibility to listen (without interrupting) when others are speaking. I am free to express my feelings and opinions, when appropriate, as long as I am respectful and not violating the rights of others.

6. I have a right to be myself.
It is my responsibility to respect the differences in others and treat them fairly even though they may think, look, or act differently than I do.

7. I have a right to assistance and support in learning positive social skills.
It is my responsibility to practice these skills, take responsibility for my actions, and accept assistance as needed.

8. I have a right to a clean and attractive school.

It is my responsibility to keep the school free of graffiti, damage, and to keep the school clean.

* I can expect that all of these rights will be mine as long as I am fulfilling all of my responsibilities. *
*With every right comes a responsibility; by taking responsibility, we make our school a better place.