



Welcome Back!

September is here at last and we are again excited for the start of another school year. We look forward to seeing all the returning students and our new to RC Garnett students. We are bursting at the seams, but very excited to get started and have another terrific year of learning together.

Please note the following information for the **First Week** of school:

Tuesday, September 6th :

- All returning students are to report to their last year's classrooms
- All new students report to the gym
- **Dismissal is 10:30am**

Wednesday, September 7th:

- Students report to their last year's classrooms again
- New students are to report to their temporary assigned classroom from Tuesday
- Full day – 8:45am – 2:33pm

****As soon as we are able to move to our permanent classes for the year you will receive an e-mail and welcome from your child's 2022/23 teacher with instructions on where to meet.***

We are very excited to have everyone back for the start of school. But, as we know, with COVID not far gone, things can change at any time, so we are prepared to change as required and ensure that learning is the focus and also having a great & safe time doing it.

Please have a look at the ***Upcoming Dates*** so you are aware of upcoming events. Students will be receiving a Fridge Magnet to help further reminders.

Parking at RCG

We have limited parking at RCG. We must reserve the parking lot for staff members as we have a very large staff. We ask parents to **not park** in our parking lot from 8:15 am-2:45 pm. We are also always wanting to be courteous to our neighbours, so please be considerate of the homes, driveways when dropping off and picking up your children. If you can walk to school we would appreciate it and its healthier for you. 😊

Upcoming Dates

September

- 6th – First day of classes ***(8:45 – 10:30 am only)***
- 7th – First full day ***(8:45-2:33 pm)***
- 9th – First Day for Kindergarten
- 19th – First PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- 22nd – Meet the Teacher – 5-6 pm
- 22nd – Photo Day
- 23rd – **School Improvement Day** – No students
- 27th – Hot Lunch (PAC)
- 29th – Orange Shirt Day
- 30th – **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** – No Students

October

- 7th – Terry Fox Run at RCG
- 10th – **Thanksgiving** - No school
- 11th - Hot Lunch (PAC)
- 14th – Spirit Day – **Crazy Socks!**
- 17th – PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- 18th – Hot Lunch (PAC)
- 19th – Early Dismissal Day (1:33pm)
- 20th – Early Dismissal Day (1:33pm)
- 21st– **Provincial Pro -d** (No students)
- 25th – Hot Lunch (PAC)
- 28th – PAC Halloween Dance
- 28th – Photo re-take day
- 31st – Spirit Day – Costumes!

November

- 8th – Hot Lunch
- 11th – **Remembrance Day** - No school
- 15th - Student Inclusive conferences begin
- 18th - Design and Assessment/Report Card prep day – No students
- 21st - PAC Meeting
- 22nd – Hot Lunch (PAC)
- 25th – Spirit Day – Crazy Hair
- 30th – **Full Day for Student Conferences** – No students

COVID update – Please see attached (full letter below)

“COVID-19 is still in our community. Our schools will continue to prioritize health and safety and follow protocols to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases. As always, we will be following the current COVID-19 guidelines in K-12 schools which are similar to how we ended the last school year.”

Parent Consent Request

Each year, Langley schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley schools use a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley school. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school.

The District would like to make parents aware of a Family Accident Reimbursement Plan. This is a Voluntary Insurance program families can sign up to protect against any accidents that sometimes happen on the playgrounds and around schools.

Please note, enrolment in the program will be done online only, through <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

Bell Schedule for 2022/23 School year

	Warning Bell	Start Time	Recess Start	Recess End	Calculation Total Recess	Lunch Start	Lunch End	Calculation Total Lunch	End Time
RC Garnett	8:45 AM	8:50 AM	10:16 AM	10:31 AM	0:15	12:00 PM	12:33 PM	0:33	2:33 PM

COVID-19 Guidelines – September 2022

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- Stay home when sick
- Be aware of your health daily
- Practice proper handwashing hygiene
- Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette

Below is an excerpt from the guidelines on What To Do When Sick:

What To Do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons who are exhibiting new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness) should stay home and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined below:

If the person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

BCCDC Guidance

The [When to Get Tested for COVID-19](#) resource or the [B.C. Self-Assessment Tool](#) provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Those unsure or concerned about their symptoms should connect with a health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the [BCCDC website](#) as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools should not require a health care provider note (e.g., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping maintain positive and safe learning environments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.