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Welcome Back Westbrook School Community!

I hope you have had a great summer. It is hard to believe another school year is beginning and the summer is coming to an end. Westbrook staff has been very busy preparing to welcome all of our 171 Kindergarten to grade 8 students and are looking forward to another great year.

Below are a few reminders and FYIs as we prepare for another fantastic school year.

- Please note that this **Friday September 2nd dismissal time has been adjusted to 12:00 pm** due to the Tour of Alberta Cycling event that will be passing through the Cochrane area between 1:30 and 3:30. Portions of HWY 1A running through Cochrane will be closed in the afternoon due to this event and RVS would like to avoid students be delayed due to traffic. **Students riding the bus will take their regular bus home and arrive home earlier than normal. Students not taking the bus can be picked up at noon on Friday September 2nd.** We will return to our regular 1:42 pm Friday dismissal time after the long weekend.
- We would like to welcome two new teachers to the Westbrook Staff. Mr. Erison will be teaching the 2/3 combined class and Mrs. Steiner is the 7/8 combined class homeroom teacher. She will be teaching math, science, health and technology to our 6, 7, and 8 students.
- Mrs. Mistero had a very productive summer and the school looks great. It is very important all students respect and follow our two-shoe policy. We are also very excited about our new learning commons furniture that was purchased by the Friends of Westbrook and arrived this summer.
- Arrival & Departures – Students can enter the building at 8:33am and be picked up at 3:22pm. If you are picking up your child please wait in the parking lot or at the office and refrain from going to the classroom directly as this is a very busy time; teachers are finishing lessons and preparing students for departure. If you would like to have a quick conversation with a teacher after school please try and make arrangements the day prior or wait until the busses have departed.
- Westbrook School is located in a beautiful area of rolling hills and is a wildlife corridor for a variety of animals. We have reminded the students about the wildlife that share the area with us and have told them them to play in groups and not leave the school area. We have asked students not to take food outside during recess as scraps and garbage left outside could attract animals. Your assistance with reminding your child/children about how to respect the wildlife would be appreciated.

September is a busy month and we have a number of opportunities for you to get involved with our school.

- Friends of Westbrook (FOW) meeting is Thursday, September 8th at 3:30pm.
- Parent Volunteer and/or Walk-a-thon meeting is Thursday, September 15th at 9:00 am. We are always looking for parents who want to help out at major events or throughout the year. You do not have to be at the meeting if you want to volunteer, just make sure you return the walk-a-thon volunteer form that will be sent home next week.
- Our annual “Meet the Staff BQ” on Thursday, September 15th from 5:00 to 7:30pm.
- School Council meeting is Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30.
- Finally, our annual Walk-a-thon is on Friday, September 23rd. This is our major fundraiser for the year and a great community event.

I hope you will be able to join us for some of these great events. These and all important dates and events can be found on our Google calendar located on our Website at <http://westbrook.rockyview.ab.ca/>.

We are looking forward to another fabulous school year. Westbrook staff is dedicated to improving learning for all students. Communication is important and the key to creating a strong and dynamic learning environment. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact myself or any of the staff by phone or email.

Christine Parker
Westbrook School Principal