

Hello Wildcats,

Welcome to the 2021/22 school year! We can't wait to have everyone back for another year here at Westbrook...including our new class of kindergarten students! Below is some information that you will find useful as we start another exciting school year.

Office Hours

Mrs. Dixon has been working hard this week to get the office ready for the start of school. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:15am to 4:00pm, and on Fridays from 8:15am to 2:00pm.

Staggered Entry – Grades 1-8

- Tuesday, September 7th – Students with the last names starting with letters A-L
- Wednesday, September 8th – Students with the last names starting with letters M-Z
- Thursday, September 9th – All students attend

Staggered Entry – Kindergarten

- Tuesday, September 7th - approximately half of students attending
- Thursday, September 9th - approximately half of students attending
 - *Please note that our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Baldwin, will be letting families know which day your child will be attending*
- Tuesday, September 14th - all kindergarten students attend

Lunch

Don't forget to pack your child a healthy snack and lunch (don't forget those fruits and veggies 😊). Also, please pack them any needed cutlery.

Supplies

As in years past, school supplies are provided for our grade K-4 students so all they need is a water bottle, indoor shoes, snack, and lunch (preferably all labelled). Grades 5-8 students can bring their supplies on their first day. Here is the link to the school supply list:

<https://westbrook.rockyview.ab.ca/parents/student-supply-list/2021-2022-gr.-5-8-supply-list>

Visitors & Volunteers

As per Rocky View School's 2021/22 Return to School Operational Plan, visitors are allowed in the building, however, they are required to use the Alberta Daily Health Checklist prior to entering the school. Volunteer information will be coming directly from homeroom teachers... stay tuned.

Important Dates

For all things Westbrook be sure to check the school calendar:

<https://westbrook.rockyview.ab.ca/calendar/westbrook-school-calendar>

Bell Times

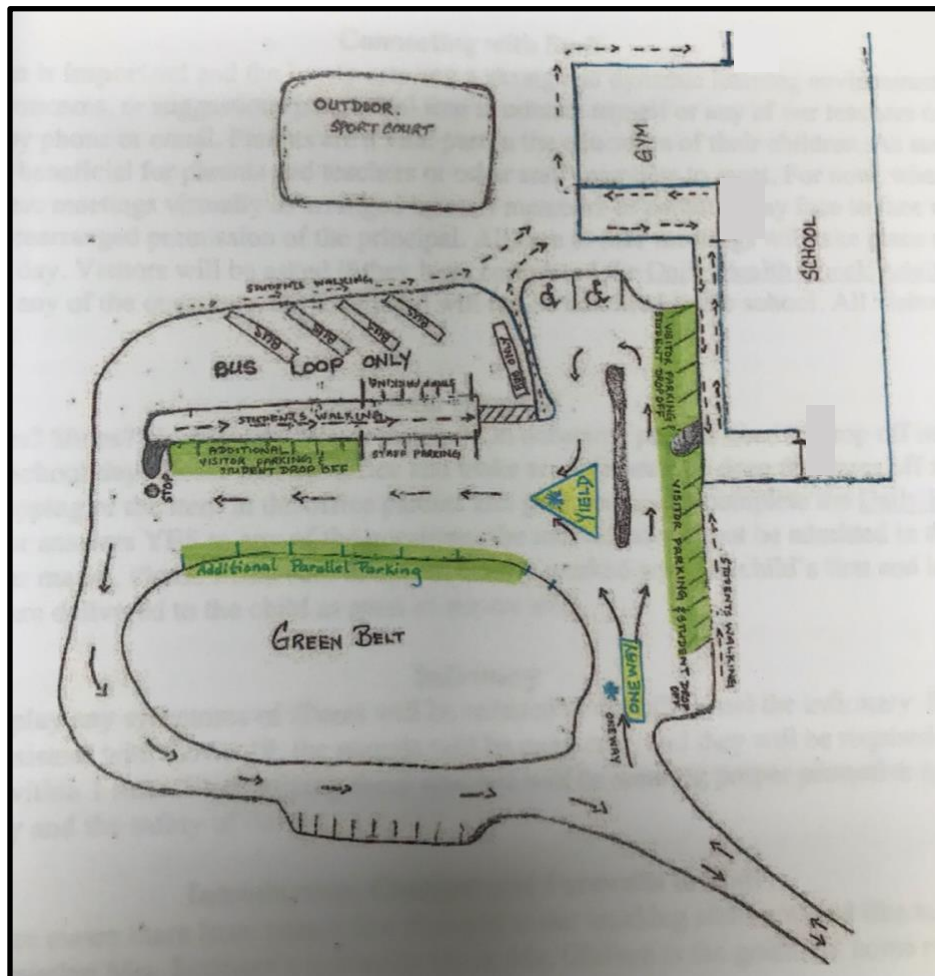
Please be aware that our bell times have changed slightly:

Monday to Thursday: 8:40am – 3:19 pm

Friday: 8:40am – 1:39pm

Drop off & Pick Up

We will need everyone to put their patience hats on while navigating the parking lot before and after school. We need to be especially conscious of yielding to the school buses and adhering to the one-way loop(s). See map below:



If you are dropping off your child/children on their first day of school, please say your good-byes in the parking lot. This will allow the students to meet their teacher on the back field and start their day on time. ***If you were hoping to see the school, don't worry, our Welcome Back BBQ is coming up and that's when you'll be able to see our beautiful new building!***

COVID Information

Rocky View Schools recently released their 2021/22 Return to School Operational Plan, which can be found here:

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school_2021/plans/normal-operations_2021-08

The Return to School Operational Plan includes:

Continued protocols to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses:

- Students, staff, and visitors must use the daily health checklist before coming to school and stay home when sick
- Students and staff who become ill at school are required to go home
- Promote and facilitate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Enhanced ventilation measures
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic/touch areas

Health restrictions lifted:

- Masks will not be required in schools. RVS will support students and staff in their choice to wear/not wear a mask in our schools and offices. (Masks will be required on school buses)
- Cohorting and physical distancing will not be required in schools
- School events such as assemblies, graduations and team sports may resume
- Student use of lockers is permitted
- As per government requirements, close contacts are no longer required to isolate and may come to school unless they are symptomatic or told by Alberta Health Services that they must quarantine

As always, the health and safety of all Wildcats is our top priority. We will continue to take direction from Rocky View Schools and Alberta Health Services in terms of COVID protocols.

Thank-you in advance for your support as we remain flexible and always continue to

treat each other with kindness and respect.

Jonathan Klinger
Principal

Hana Hooper
Assistant Principal