



River Valley School
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Good morning RVS families,

School startup is just around the corner, and we are very excited to be returning to the business of learning! We do continue to move forward within a new reality, but we feel confident that we can provide a welcoming, safe, fun and effective learning environment for your children.

Chinook's Edge has communicated to you with a general re-entry plan, and this has set the foundation for work within all CESD schools. River Valley has taken these basic processes and established what it looks like in our school context. You will note in this document: [RVS Back to School Parent Guide](#), RVS specific information for return to school. Please read through this document carefully as it contains important information that will help your family prepare for the school year ahead, and may also answer questions you may have about protocols and processes.

For those of you in unique circumstances where the traditional school environment may be challenging, we would be pleased to have you connect with us for information about our Alternative Learning program. We are busy compiling class lists and class placements are set to be released on Monday, Aug 30 (9:00am via Powerschool). Students new to our school will receive a phone call from their homeroom teacher on Tuesday afternoon, rather than accessing Powerschool. We do need the most up to date RVS student information possible for this work, so would ask anyone considering other schooling options to please call us before the end of Friday, Aug 27 - thank you.

The first few weeks of school will be focused on establishing routines and building relationships, as it has always been. As well, we are excited to once again host our Welcome Back BBQ on Sept 9th from 5:00pm -7:00 pm, where families can purchase supper from the RVS booth outside the old school entrance, and then enter the Community Gym to explore what Sundre has to offer in terms of extracurricular activities and local organizations (hosted by the Town of Sundre). As this is not during regular school hours, families are also welcome to enter the school setting and have your child(ren) show you around their space. Teachers and EAs will be in classrooms for a meet and greet. The 102nd School Fair, in collaboration with the Community Fair, will also be getting off the ground, and exhibits of student work from last year will be available for viewing in the school gym. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date, and please also note that there is no school Sept 10th as staff engage in judging School Fair entries.

Thank you for having faith in us to continue to keep your children safe, well, learning and growing. Enjoy the last few days of summer break and we look forward to seeing you very soon!

Cheers,

Leslie Cooper-Shand
Principal
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