

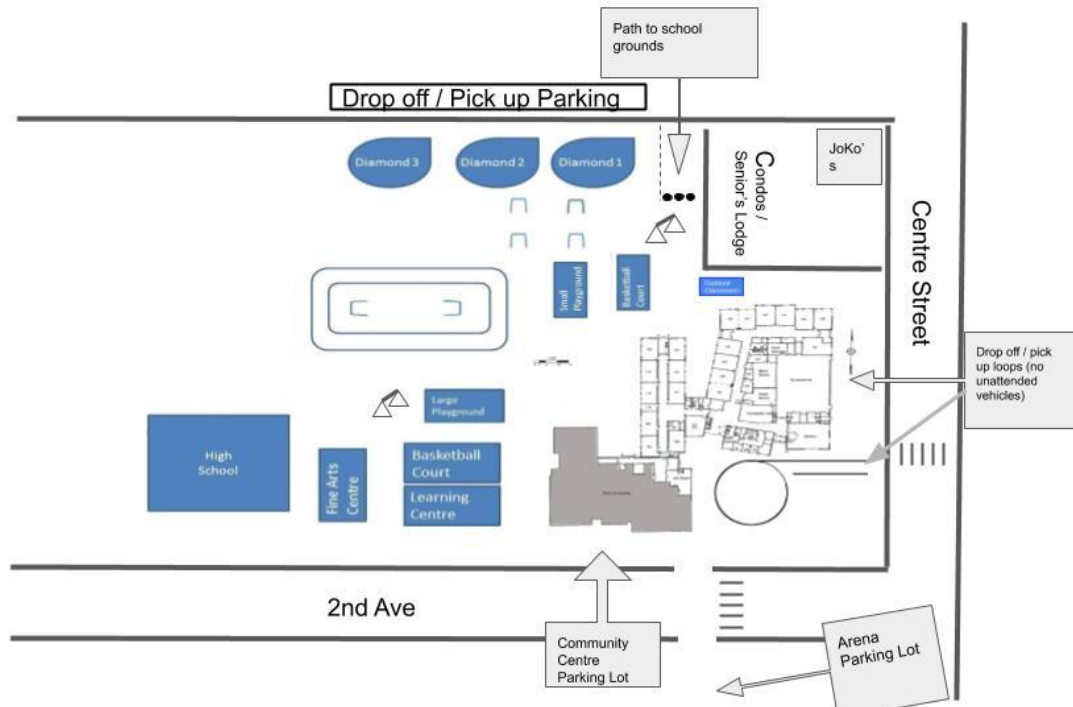


# River Valley: Back to School - Sept. 2022

## Before September 1

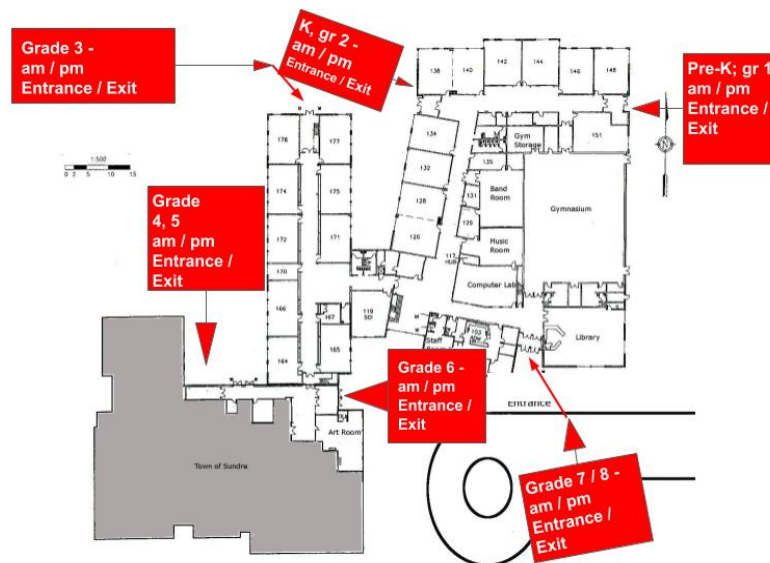
- Check out the back to school supply lists [here](#) so you can purchase what your child needs for school.
- If your child is a bus student you should receive a call from your driver a day or two prior to the first day to advise of pick up and drop off schedule.
- Class Placement information was provided on the last day of school in June for students registered to continue with us this fall. If you need to double check placement, you can do so through Powerschool starting on Monday, Aug 29th. To review how to access PowerSchool, [click this link](#). If you have just registered, or registered over the summer, a staff member will call you by August 31st to provide class placement information. If you have not heard from someone by noon on Aug 31st, please call the office at 403-638-3939 to check in - thank you.
- Visit your child's teacher's [staff profile on the school website](#). Please note that we have had some staffing changes over the summer, and the school will be in touch by August 31st if your child has a different teacher than was shared at the end of June - thank you for your patience and understanding in this regard.
- It is essential that you update the demographic form that will be coming to you electronically from CESD as soon as possible with parent and emergency contact information as well as any pre-existing medical condition information.

## Parking / Drop off and Pick up Areas



## Before 8:30

- As it has always been, it is important that students remain at home if they are ill. If your child will be staying home either because they are ill or have an appointment, please contact the school office at 403-638-3939 to let us know they will be away.
- There will be playground supervision starting at 8:10, so please do not drop off children prior to this. Students will be allowed into the building at 8:20 - the first bell is at 8:25, and students may choose to play outside until the first bell.
- You may choose to drop your child off at one of the numerous, supervised drop-off areas noted in the diagram above. These include the ball diamond area to the North, the East side loop, the South front loop, the Arena parking lot, or the Community Centre parking lot. Please pull tight to the right side of the parking loop so others can navigate past, and please do not leave your vehicle unattended if in one of the school loops - thank you.
- If you are walking your children to the school, please bring them to one of the entrances to the school grounds no earlier than 8:20 where supervisors will direct them to enter the school through their designated entrances. You may accompany your child to their classroom on Sept 1 - 8. After this parents are not able to enter the school, so we are able to maintain safety and security for all. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents are able to access the building with their child until the end of September as these youngest students may need more time to adjust and are on a staggered start schedule. As has been our practice in the past, if you have a pre-arranged appointment at the school, please enter through the front doors. Please see [RVS Safe & Secure](#) processes for more specific info.
- Students arriving after the 8:25 bell should enter through the front doors and check in with the office.



## Recess

- We run 2 schedules for the school (K-5) and (6-8). PreK has its own unique timetable as well.
- Recess zones for Primary grade groups will be utilized until mid-October, and then we would revisit this with the possibility of opening zones to all students. The zone start up allows kids smaller groups of the same age students to play with as they all get their bearings being back at school together. Further, it makes effective supervision,

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|  | <p>supporting safe play and positive social interactions, much more manageable. We have seen reduced discipline due to the use of recess zones. Grades will mix together in designated play areas as follows: K-2 and 3-5. Zones will change each day so kids have opportunities in all play areas. As noted, the need for zones will be revisited after Thanksgiving. Grade 6-8 will not use recess zones at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students are required to stay on property at recess time.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Lunch</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Growly and vending machines will be available for Grades 2-8 - stay tuned for dates.</li> <li>● Classrooms have microwaves - your homeroom teacher may share guidelines for sending heat up lunches.</li> <li>● Students are not able to walk home for lunch, or leave school property during the day without parent permission, via phone call to the office.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Dismissal</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you are picking up your child in one of the designated areas outside the school, please be here by 3:00. Parents are able to enter the building through the front doors and wait for your child in the designated waiting area inside.</li> <li>● Supervision is in place to facilitate students safely connecting with parents and the bus.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Extra Curricular Activities &amp; Clubs</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KM Club will be kicking off on Sept 6. Parents are welcome to meet their child at the track to accompany them on their walk/ run at lunch recess. We would ask that no pets join, please &amp; thanks.</li> <li>● RVS will host a Welcome Back Open House from 5:00 - 7:00 on Sept 8. Families are able to access the building to see classrooms and other spaces, including the gym which will display student School Fair work from last year. All school staff will be in the building for a meet and greet opportunity. BBQ burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings will be available to purchase, with all funds going to support school activities. A community registration night for various extracurricular opportunities for kids will be taking place simultaneously in the community gym- we hope to see you there!</li> <li>● Parent Volunteers are welcome at RVS. Please connect with your child's teacher or administration to see what opportunities are available. All volunteers need to complete required paperwork prior to volunteering, which is <a href="#">posted on the school website</a>.</li> <li>● The first sports of the year are Cross Country and Volleyball -stay tuned for information. More information can be found on the <a href="#">Athletics page</a> of our website.</li> <li>● School Council is a great way to stay connected to your child's education and school. The first meeting is September 20th at 4:00 in the RVS Library -childcare is provided - we hope to see you there!</li> </ul> |