



**UPCOMING DATES**

**June 26**

Grade 9 Social PAT  
Grade 8 – ELA  
Grade 7 – Math

**June 27**

Grade 9 ELA Part B  
Grade 8 Science  
Grade 7 – Science  
Kindergarten Year  
End Celebration –  
Kindergarten Last  
Day

**June 28**

Grade 9 Math PAT  
Grade 8 Math  
Grade 7 LA Reading

**June 29**

Last Day of School  
Report Cards  
Dismissal at 11:55

**June 30**

Appeals Day. School  
closes for summer at  
12:30 pm.

Weekly Update:  
June 26 – 30, 2017



It's hard to believe that it is the last week of June. It has been a terrific year! I would like to recognize the hard work of the staff of Rideau Park School. Our focus has been to try and be a little bit better every day and I am very proud of the learning that took place in the 2016-2017 school year.

As we look forward to next year there will be some staffing changes. The CBE has had over 500 job postings this month. This has provided opportunities for teachers to seek out new opportunities, promotions and perhaps schools a bit closer to home. The following staff will be leaving us:

Andrea Bell- Midnapore School

Christine McKinnon- Sunalta School

Heather Charles –General leave for a year

Jessica Kaminski- West Ridge School

Lisa Lima- Vincent Massey School

Tyler Gordon- John Ware School

Kayla Lewis- Temporary contract ending (Laurie Paddock to return)

We want to thank these teachers for the work that they have done at Rideau Park School. We wish them well in the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I know that students will be fortunate to have the opportunity to learn with these excellent individuals.

Staffing for next year continues to be in process. We can announce that Heather Pragnall, Michelle Lee, Carl Pocock, Paul Schmidt and Pamela Blanchard will be joining the team. Kathryn Rocker and Laurie Paddock will be returning. We have not finalized teaching assignments for next year.

I can also share that the hiring of the new principal is in process. Great care is being taken to ensure that we have the best fit for our school. When the new principal is announced we will send notification to the school community.

Over the summer you will notice that the school is fenced off and that work has begun on flood mitigation. This project involves both building and ground works. When the project is completed the boilers will be moved from the basement to the roof of the music room, the music room and entrance to the gym foyer will be reconfigured, the playground will be shifted and a new sport court will be installed. Project updates and details will be found on our website.

We wish all of the student and families a safe and enjoyable summer!

Thank you for a terrific 2016 – 2017 school year.

Thank you to Susanne Williams and all the parents who took the time to make the most amazing dishes for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

#### **Bicycle Thefts**

If your children are riding their bikes to school be advised that there have been a couple of bike thefts from the stands at the front of the school. Please make sure that all bikes are locked with a very sturdy lock that cannot be cut.

As you see the attendance sheet attached to the report card please keep the following in mind.

#### **What is an Excused vs.Unexcused Absence as mandated by Alberta Education**

##### **Excused Absences**

- **Illness, mental health conditions or medical/dental appointment.**
- **Family emergency, death or will in the family**
- **Public Health quarantine**
- **Religious or cultural observance**
- **Court**
- **Extreme weather, transportation cancellations**
- **An absence directly related to homeless status**
- **Suspension from School**
- **Expulsion from a school with no permission to re-enroll**

##### **Unexcused Absences**

- **Any absence from school for a day or a portion there of that does not meet the above criteria.**

##### **Family Holidays**

- **We recognize travel may present unique learning opportunities and that many students in our district have extended families who reside outside of Alberta. These extended absences can create gaps in student learning and social development. To support informed parent/guardian decisions around extended absences we suggest principals or designate review the potential implications of the extended absence. In most cases these absences would be recorded as unexcused.**

#### **School Opening – September 5th**

Our school bell times will remain the same for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Kindergarten will have a staggered entry. Mrs. Crone will be sending an email out to all kindy parents this week.

**Elementary students will attend all day.**

**Junior High Students have a staggered entry:**

**Grade 7                      8:25 am – 11:55 am**

**Grade 8 & 9                12:40 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Wednesday students Grade 1 – 9 attend all day.**

