



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO STAFF AND PARENTS

**Dear WES parents and guardians,**

The current public health order required that we extend winter break until January 10, 2022. During this week, we have been focused on ensuring that our school spaces are ready, and that we have planning in place for any contingency. We have also been updating our protocols in response to the Omicron variant of COVID-19. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back on Monday! We still have much uncertainty as we move forward, but we have done this before and we will get through it again, together.

Please read the health and safety guidelines below to learn of the updates in our protocols.

Please read the [K-12 communicable Disease Guidelines](#) including the recent December 30, 2021 update.

You will continue to receive emails with updated information and plans as they unfold, both from our district office as well as from the school.

Thank you for your patience and support. We have missed our students and we look forward to getting back to regular classes Monday, January 10, 2022. Again, please know that I welcome conversations and connection with WES families so please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Keri Gust,  
Principal,  
Windermere Elementary School  
Rocky Mountain School District

## PARENTS OR VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

When school resumes, after winter break, any adult wishing to enter the school must make an appointment.

Please contact the office if you need to enter the school. This includes picking up or dropping off of students. Please remain in your vehicle limiting proximity to school and other students or staff.

FYI – hot lunch will continue at this time with health and safety protocols in place.

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Parents and guardians are asked to monitor their children daily for symptoms and not to send them to school if they are sick. We will be





documenting absences due to illness over the next few weeks, so please let Mrs. Nelson in the office know if your child is absent due to illness. We do not need specific health information regarding illness. This information will help us to be prepared

as we move through this next phase. Use the [Daily Health Check App](#) and follow the recommendations. Thank you in advance.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

We will continue to have students eat in their classrooms with their grade level classmates. At the end of lunch and during morning recess, they will exit their classroom to outdoors as we have been doing all year. This will limit the amount of traffic in our hallways.

The prevention measures already in place in the school continues to be effective at reducing the risk of COVID-19. As families, you can help us by keeping your child home when they are sick and making sure that your child has a clean, well-fitted mask to wear each day.

Health and safety measures include:

### **Wearing a well fitted mask**

Masks should:

- Cover the mouth and nose and go under the chin
- Fit tightly with no gaps (consider adjustable masks)
- Be made of three layers of fabric, including two layers of tightly-woven fabric, with a filter or filter fabric between layers.
- If there are two layers with a pocket for a filter, use a filter

### **Getting fully vaccinated**

### **Staying home when sick**

### **Completing the daily health check**

### **Cleaning hands regularly**

For more information, visit the SD6 webpage:

<https://www.sd6.bc.ca/Parents/COVID-19%20Communication/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

