

Sep 10 Class Meetings

Sep 19 School Photos

Sep 21 PAC CARNIVAL 11:00-3:00

Sep 22 **NO SCHOOL**NonInstructional
Day

Sep 26 WES Terry Fox Run

Sep 29 ORANGE SHIRT DAY

> WHOLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP -Spirit Trail

Sep 30 **NO SCHOOL**National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Please do not send any food that may contain tree nuts to school with your child.



WES PAC NEWS:

Next PAC Meeting Monday, Oct 6th 6:30pm @ WES

*All parents welcome and invited to attend!



WES PILLARS

Look after yourself.
Look after each other.
Look after this place.
Be a respectful listener
and a powerful speaker.

WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, "Where Children Soar"
SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



Dear Windermere Elementary School Families,

As we get ready to kick off another wonderful school year, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of you—whether you're returning for another year or joining our WES family for the first time. I am beginning my fifth year as Principal of Windermere Elementary, and I continue to be honored and excited to serve this amazing school community.

At WES, our mission is simple yet powerful: **Windermere Elementary is a safe place to grow and learn.** Every day, our staff is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where your child feels supported, challenged, and celebrated. We believe that when children feel safe and valued, they thrive—both academically and socially.

I truly believe that education is a team effort, and I am grateful to partner with such caring and involved families. Your support, encouragement, and communication make a world of difference in the success of our students. Together, we can make this school year one of growth, learning, and joyful memories.

Please keep an eye on your email and our school website for important updates, upcoming events, and ways to get involved. Our doors are always open, and we look forward to building strong relationships with you throughout the year.

Here's to a fantastic start and a school year filled with discovery, laughter, and connection.

With warm regards,

Keri Gust, Principal



Hello All WES Parents,

This is a note to encourage parents to join our WES PAC. Over the years we have had a great group of engaged parents with a passion to enhance our student's experience at WES and brighten the school community sprit. This year we have many key parents aging out (kids are soon finished at WES) and we are seeking new and excited parents to join. Without increased parent help we will not be able to offer the hot lunch program, whole school winter lunch and maybe even the carnival fundraiser. With the funds that PAC raises each year we are able to add several opportunities and enrichment experiences for our students and staff. For example, without PAC funds we would not be able to rent the CV Centre in town for the beloved WES Variety Show.

PAC is an important piece to the overall education experience our students get. We have always been fortunate to have a very active group of parents and we want this to continue into the future.

PLEASE consider joining us for the first PAC meeting of the year on Monday October 6th at 6:30. Remember many hands make light work and together we can continue to do all the amazing things PAC has done in the past.

~WES PAC



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Friday, September 19

STUFFIES!!!

Windermere Community Carnival is on the 21st of September 2025.

We have a stuffie collection bin at the front office for any donations.

Thanks for supporting our school!



Volunteering at WES

WES has many opportunities for parents to be volunteers—field trips, hot lunches, in the classroom, etc. There are two necessary requirements that all adults volunteering to be around our students need to complete.

- 1. Criminal Records Check
- —once completed, they are valid with us for five years.
- 2. Annual Child Abuse Reporting Protocol (CARP)

—this is an annual requirement for ALL staff and volunteers. It is now available to be completed online for your convenience.

Please contact Mrs. Nelson at the office for more information on how to complete these requirements if you are interested.

(250)342-6640 or nicole.nelson@sd6.bc.ca



School District No. 6 Rocky Mountain 2025/2026 School Calendar



September 3	Schools Open	Monda	y through Thursday:		
September 22	Non-Instructional Day	8:25	Warning Bell		
September 30	National Day for				
	Truth & Reconciliation	8:28	Classes Begin		
October 13	Thanksgiving	10:11	Recess Begins		
October 15	Early Dismissal (12:45)				
October 23	Interim Reports	10:30	Recess Ends		
October 24	Non-Instructional Day	12:00	Lunch Begins		
November 11	Remembrance Day				
December 15	First Formal Report	12:20	Lunch Ends		
December 20	Christmas Break Starts	12:25	Recess Begins		
January 5	School Reopens				
January 26	Non-Instructional Day	12:45	Warning Bell		
February 16	Family Day	12:49	Classes Begin		
February 17	Non-Instructional Day				
March 4	Early Dismissal (12:45)	2:45	Dismissal		
March 9	Second Formal Report	Friday:			
March 14	Spring Break Starts	-			
March 30	School Reopens	8:25	Warning Bell		
April 3	Good Friday	8-28	Classes Begin		
April 6	Easter Monday	0.20	Classes Degin		
April 20	Non-Instructional Day	10:34	Recess Begins		
May 8	Interim Reports				
May 18	Victoria Day	10:55	Recess Ends		
June 24	Final Report Card	12:45	Dismissal		
June 24	Last Day for Students				
June 25	Non-Instructional Day				
June 26	Administrative Day				
	Schools Close				



Have you filled out your Start Up Forms yet?

Visit <u>clevrTM</u> (<u>clevrcloud.ca</u>) to fill in your forms.

The District has created a <u>Clevr Guide for Parents/Guardians</u> for your use. If you run into problems, contact your school.

PARKING LOT SAFETY AT WES



Just a friendly reminder that the bus area in front of the school is reserved for bus drop off and pick up only.

When dropping off and picking up your child at school, please park on the south side of the fence along the street or pull into the parking lot on the west side of the school.

The driving lane on the east side of the school is reserved for Emergency Vehicles and SD#6 maintenance vehicles only.

Please <u>do not</u> pull into this lane to pick up or drop off your children as it is also extremely dangerous for our students who use this for a safe walking path as they enter and exit the school grounds.



Hello Windermere families!

My name is Sierra Franklin, or the youth know me as Ms. Bubbles. I am so excited to be joining Windermere Elementary as your new Youth Care Worker. I will be at the school five days a week, supporting students and helping to build a safe, caring school environment.

I am also happy to announce that I'm the new Nutrition Lead and will be running the Breakfast Program each morning starting September 8th from 8:10-8:25am by the gym entrance.

I would love to meet you, please feel free to stop by and say hi when you drop off your kids! Looking forward to an awesome year together.

Breakfast Program Sept 8-12

Monday Breakfast: Strawberry Banana Smoothie

Lunch: oranges

Tuesday Breakfast: Chocolate Chia Pudding and Bananas

Lunch: apples

Wednesday Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Wraps with Oranges

Lunch: peppers and tomatoes

Thursday Breakfast: Apple Muffins

Lunch: carrots

Friday Breakfast: Egg Cups and Apples

Lunch: leftover fruit and veggies

Breakfast Program Sept 15-19

Monday Breakfast: Tropical Smoothies and Oranges

Lunch: peas and tomatoes

Tuesday Breakfast: Bagels with jam and apples

Lunch: apples

Wednesday Breakfast: Yoghurt with granola and bananas

Lunch: carrots

Thursday Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole and Oranges

Lunch: leftover veggies

Friday Breakfast: Hashbrowns

Lunch: leftover fruit



Student Violence Threat Assessment – Fair Notice to Parents

Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or gestures.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of student threat assessment?

The purposes of student threat assessment are:

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat maker's) behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan tha addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person
 of concern.

What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Assessment?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")
- Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Weapon possession (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including but not limited to: race, culture, religion and/or sexual orientation

Collection Notice

Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from publicly available open-source social media sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is a reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.



If something at school is making you feel unsafe use the **erase Report It** tool found at erase.gov.bc.ca to send an anonymous confidential message to your school or the Safe School Coordinator, who will follow up on it right away.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	l Labour Day	2 No School Non- Instructional Day	3	4	5 Pancake Breakfast & Welcome Assembly	6
7	8	9	10 CLASS MEETINGS	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 School Photo Day	20
21 PAC CARNIVAL	No School Non- Instructional Day	23	24	25	26 WES Terry Fox Run	27
28	29 Orange Shirt Day School-Wide Field Trip to Spirit Trail	30 No School National Day for Truth & Reconciliation				