

## Welcome to Rosthern Elementary School!

### **Principal's Message:**

Rosthern Elementary School parents, students, and community members,

I am thrilled to be starting September by sending you this letter as the principal of Rosthern Elementary! We/I am so lucky to be a part of such a hardworking and caring staff as well as community! We have many exciting events planned this year as we head into what will be the Elementary schools last year to exist. Honoring our Buildings is a theme you will see consistently throughout this school year as we prepare to move into the new Pre-K – Grade 12 Rosthern Community School next year!

For the many of you who do not yet know me, my name is Andrea Foster and I am the new principal here at RES. I feel privileged and honored to be following in the footsteps of Lorraine Fitzgerald, and I know that I have much to learn from this school! A little background about me, I have been teaching at the high school for 12 years, 2 of those years I was the vice-principal with Mr. Ralph Epp and Mr. Mitch Luiten. As a senior English and art teacher I have a lot to learn about Pre-K to grade 5 and I am so happy to continue that learning in Rosthern! I too have children, my son Braeden is 13 and my daughter Sydney is 11 they both go to school in Saskatoon. Along with our kids, my husband Hugh and I are an active family who like to work at the farm, ski, boat, camp, white water kayak, play hockey and figure skate. I grew up in a small town where my mom was a teacher and my dad still farms. I love small towns and the feeling of community, I am very excited to get to know all of you and continue to learn about the community of Rosthern! Please do not hesitate to stop by, give me a call, or send me an email to say hi!

The start of a new school year also brings a few new staff members to RES: we wish to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Dane Arntsen who is teaching Grade 2/3, Mrs. Allysa Brewster is with the Grade 4 class, Ms. Delanie Adams-Beavereye is our Pre-K teacher and Mrs. Cheyenne Elliot is interning with Mrs. Amber Lehman this fall! Please see below for a complete list of our RES Dream Team of staff and educators!

The September calendar is already full of events and activities at RES. Please note the Meet the Family night barbbq will be on Wednesday, September 11th. Missoula theater is back and will be performing another fantastic play, stay tuned for details of many activities!

As we start off this new school year, we will be working as a staff along with the staff of the high school to further explore the concept of engagement in our classrooms. Some of the key questions we'll be asking are:

- How do we all make sure that students are enjoying what they are learning about?
- What can we do to keep students interested in all school subjects?
- If our goal is for all students to be successful, what specific steps can we take to help get them there?
- How can parents and community members become allies in helping kids learn?

If you ever have questions about your child's progress and the things they are doing in school, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teachers, or myself.

Mr. Luiten and myself have been extremely involved in the Rosthern Community School process. Currently we are selecting soft seating for the new school, we have completed another site visit and

We will soon be revealing the new school logos! A reminder that we are fundraising for an accessible playground, a storage garage and a digital sign. Please families we need your support to make this a success and bring these extremely important elements to our beautiful new school!

I am looking forward to connecting with all of you! Please see below some important items our school has to share!

Andrea Foster

**Attendance:**

Your child's safety is important to us! Please inform the office **(306-232-4434)**, email the school **([res@spiritsd.ca](mailto:res@spiritsd.ca))** when your child will be away from school. Please also keep your information updated with the office so we can contact you! 😊

**Peanut/Nut Alert School:**

We are a nut free school! Thank-you for reading labels carefully and not sending items to school that contain or may contain any nuts.

**RES Daily Bell Schedule:**

First Bell: 8:45am  
Second Bell: 8:53am  
Recess Bell: 10:30am – 10:45am  
Lunch Bell: 12:00pm  
First Bell: 12:45pm  
Second Bell: 12:51pm  
Dismissal: 3:11pm

*\* Please note that we do not have before or after school supervision; thank-you for sending your child to school at the first bell.*

**Microwaves:**

Unfortunately we do not have microwaves available for student use.

**“Two Shoes” Please!**

We take pride in the cleanliness of our school! Thank-you for sending an indoor (non-marking soles) and an outdoor pair of shoes.

**Recess:**

Recess is an excellent time to stay active, enjoy the outdoors and spend time with friends! We use -25 degrees Celsius as a guideline along with factors such as wind-chill and time of year when determining if children will be outside during these times. Please be prepared for the weather with the right clothing so we can build snow forts (soon)!

**Breakfast/Snack Program:**

We are so lucky to have a nutritious breakfast/snack program that is funded by donations and ran by volunteers. Muffins, fruit and milk are provided on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and a small snack on Thursday mornings. This program is available to all students!

## **RES Parent Important Dates**

**2019/2020**

**Term 1:** Sept 3 – Nov 21

**Term 2:** Nov 25 – March 27

**Term 3:** March 30 – June 26

**Kindergarten Report Cards:** February 12 and June 17

**Kindergarten Learning Conferences:** November 26 4:00 - 8:00 May 26 p.m.

November 27 9:00 – 5:00 May 27 a.m.

**Grade 1-5 Report Cards:** November 21, March 27 & June 26

**Grade 1-5 Learning Conferences:** October 24 &30; February 5 & 13.

**Days in Lieu:** November 22 & March 16.

**Christmas Break:** Dec 23 – Jan 3

**February Break:** Feb 17 – Feb 21

**Easter Break:** April 10 – April 17

**No School:** Sept 27, Oct 11, Oct 14, Nov 8, Nov 11, Jan 31, March 9, May 15, June 5

**Meet the Family Night: Sept 11**

**Missoula:** Sept. 16-20 **Performance:** Sept 21

**Terry Fox:** Sep 26

**Orange Shirt Day:** Sept 30

**Picture Day:** Oct 10 **Retakes:** Nov 1

**Christmas Concert:** December 18, 19

## RES Staff 2019-2020

Andrea Foster	Principal
Kristen Block	Resource
Zlatan Cilimdzc	Phys Ed/Resource
Amber Lehmann	Grade 5
Karen Lehmann	Grade 4
Susan Westmacott	Grade 4
Allysa Brewster	Grade 4
Heather Ens	Grade 3
Dane Arntsen	Grade 2/3
Jacque Thiessen	Grade 1 / 2
Tiffany Crouch	Grade 1
Karen Marsh-Hogan	Kindergarten
Delanie Adams-Beavereye	Pre-K
Elaine Stobbs	EA
Nadine Reiger	EA
Cindy Klassen	EA
Allison Esperance	EA
Patti Werschner	EA
Shirley Janzen	EA
Jenna Pokol	Counsellor
Nathan Buller-Kormos	Head Caretaker
Sharon Blocha	Assistant Caretaker
Megan Quinney	Administrative Assistant
Cheyenne Elliott	Grade 5 Intern