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# RAY WATKINS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2025

### Foster Family Month

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. It is my honour to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the important work of both family and foster caregivers, and to thank them for their unwavering commitment and dedication to British Columbia's children and youth in care. This October will mark the 35th Foster Family Month in British Columbia.

Caregivers of all kinds show incredible kindness and generosity in opening their hearts and homes and sharing their lives with vulnerable children and youth. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for these young people, not only do they help them cope with what can be very difficult times, they also help them begin to heal and work through the challenges they have experienced. Over the years, I have met many amazing caregivers whose compassion and dedication to the children and youth they care for has left a lasting impression on me.

Please join me in celebrating these caregivers for the crucial role they play in all our communities, and for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

Sincerely,  
Jodie Wickens  
Minister of Children and Family Development

### OCTOBER

#### Upcoming Events

- 01 - Terry Fox Run and Family BBQ
- 03 - School Not in Session
- 08 - Picture Day 📷
- 13 - Thanksgiving 🦃
- 17 - ProD Day 💡
- 31 - School not in Session

### OCTOBER 30

**RWES Halloween Fun**  
**1:00 PM Costume Parade in**  
**gym**  
**followed by**  
**Halloween FUN**

**NEW!**

## Student Sign out policy

We are implementing a new policy effective immediately regarding early dismissals from school.

If your child needs to leave school early for any reason (appointments, illness, family emergencies, etc.), you or an authorized guardian must now come to the main office to sign them out in person. Students will no longer be dismissed early without this office check-out process.

This policy helps us maintain accurate records and ensure the safety and security of all our students throughout the school day.

Please plan accordingly for any upcoming early dismissals and allow a few extra minutes for the sign-out process when picking up your child. If you have any questions about this new procedure, please don't hesitate to contact the main office.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our students safe.

## StrongStart

8:50 to 11:30

Room 116

Everyday that school is in session

## Cellphones in School



By removing the distractions from digital devices, students can focus on their education. This leads to better learning outcomes and helps support their mental health and social connections.

Contact your child's school or district to learn more about their digital device policy:

<https://bcschoolcontacts.gov.bc.ca/>

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## Students Leaving School Grounds

Students are required to have parental or guardian permission in order to leave school grounds during the school day. This policy is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of students and to provide accountability for their whereabouts while under the school's supervision. Parents or guardians must provide written or verbal permission for a student to leave school grounds before the student is allowed to do so. If a student tries to leave without permission, the school may contact the parent or guardian to confirm and enforce this policy.

What's it like being kissed by a vampire?  
It's a pain in the neck.

# RWES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

How quickly time flies. It's hard to believe that summer has already turned to fall. I love the warmth of summer, but I love seeing the leaves change colour as the weather cools down. As a reminder, as the weather changes and we begin to get cooler days, and more rain please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We are all doing our best to keep children from getting sick and an important part of that is keeping them warm and dry when they are outside.

Another way that families can help out with their children is by contacting the school office to let us know if your child will be absent. This year we are trying to do a better job of tracking absences by identifying students as sick, on a medical appointment, going to a club, etc.

Did you know that showing up every day is important to your child's success and learning from kindergarten onward. Missing 10% of school (1-2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Build reading and math skills.
- Building relationships.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

When do absences become a problem!

- Satisfactory- 9 or fewer absences
- Warning signs- 10 -17 days missed
- Chronic absence- 18 or more days

Here are some things you can do to help your child.

- Set regular bedtime and morning routines.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- Develop back-up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up.
- If your child seems anxious about coming to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Take care,  
Ms. Toth, Principal

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# OCTOBER

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3 School Not in Session
6	7	8 Picture Day	10	11
13 Thanksgiving	14	15	16	17 Pro D Day School Not in Session
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30 Halloween Fun @ 1:00	31 School Not in Session

## KUU-US Crisis Line

1 800 558 8717

BC Wide Indigenous Crisis  
and Support Line

## Representative for Children and Youth

1 800 476 3933

## Kids Help Phone

1 800 668 6868

TEXT 686868

## BC Nurses Line

8-1-1

## Upper Parking Lot

Please remember to drop off students in  
the upper parking lot.

Please remember the lower parking lot is  
for Staff parking.

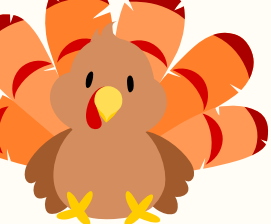
The RCMP randomly patrol our parking lots  
to ensure student safety.

## Student SAFETY!

Please do not drive your vehicle  
through the school Fire Access Lane  
(through the playground).

Drop off and pick up for students is  
located in the upper parking lot.





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# RWES



## Get to know...



# MC

**Megan Collins, Teacher**

I started in the District as an on-call teacher in 2014. I have taught students from Kindergarten to grade 12. For the last five years, I have been the Learning Assistance Resource Teacher for RWES. I work with teachers and students to create an inclusive learning environment where everyone's needs are provided for.

I have three wonderful children. Two of which already attend RWES. My husband works at the Fire Department. When I am not busy looking after my family (including my two new puppies) I like to draw and create clay sculptures. I also love to read whenever I get the chance.

**sd84.bc.ca**

School District 84 has created a new page on the district website called "Accessibility in our Schools." This page has resources and links to community organizations that support diverse learners, families, and staff across SD84.

Please check it out at:  
<https://sd84.bc.ca/accessibility-in-our-schools/>

## Grade 7 Grad...



**Name:** Jasmine

**Favorite Movie or TV show:** Big Mouth

**Favorite Book:** "Escape from Chernobyl"

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Favorite Memory:** Every memory.

**Favorite Colour:** Navy Blue

**Favorite Animals:** Wolves

**Favorite Things to do Outside of School:**  
Gymnastics

## Contact




**Email:**

[rwesadmin@viw.sd84.bc.ca](mailto:rwesadmin@viw.sd84.bc.ca)

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## November

- 06 - Picture Retakes 
- 11 - Remembrance Day 
- 14 - School is not in Session
- 28 - ProD Day School not in Session 

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# OCTOBER MENU

M	T	W	TH	F
		B: Muffins L: BBQ 1	B: Cereal L: Nuggets & Tots 2	School Not in Session 3
6 B: Smoothies L: Poutine	7 B: Cereal L: Burritos	8 B: Egg Cheese Pie L: Sandwiches	9 B: Muffins & Yogurt L: Baked Pasta	10 B: Oatmeal L: Pizza
13 Thanksgiving	14 B: Smoothies L: Nachos with Cheese Sauce	15 B: Cereal L: Sloppy Joes	16 B: Muffins & Yogurt L: Turkey & Mashed Potato	17 Pro D Day School Not in Session
20 B: Smoothies L: Mac & Cheese	21 B: Cereal L: Taco Salad	22 B: Cinnamon French Toast L: Hot Dogs	23 B: Muffins & Yogurt L: Breakfast Burritos	24 B: Pancakes L: Pizza
27	28	29	30	31 School Not in Session
TBA				

All meals are served with fresh fruit and vegetables.

What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred?  
Spooktacles.

