

Rocky Lake Elementary FAQ Sheet #1- June 2, 2022

1. What is the address and phone number of Rocky Lake Elementary (RLE)?

426 Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford NS B4A 2T5
902-832-8907

2. What are the bell times at RLE?

The morning bell for students to enter the building is 8:15am and the bell at dismissal goes at 2:35pm

3. Does RLE have a playground?

The outside space consists of a basketball court and a soccer field. There are also stencils on the ground for a variety of other games.

4. Does RLE have a cafeteria?

There is a cafeteria space at RLE, where students eat. However, there is not a food service, such as Chartwells, for families/staff to purchase lunches.

5. Does RLE have microwaves in the cafeteria for heating up lunches?

There are no microwaves to heat up lunches.

6. What information is available around transportation?

At this time, the routes have not been completed yet. I would like to assure you, however, that safety is always considered when designing these routes. As well, routes are made by considering how many students are on the bus, where students are being picked up, and what is the safest and quickest route. Routing information should be completed by mid-July. Families with students who qualify for transportation should receive an email with routing information around that time. If you don't

hear anything by mid-July, you may want to check your “junk” box (as sometimes it is filtered and goes to the junk box instead of the inbox) or call our transportation department at 902-431-4723.

7. Will my child be in a class with a friend?

The RLE staff have been meeting with teams from both schools to create class lists. Creating these lists involves many considerations, such as student gender, student strengths, student challenges and personalities. We are doing our best to ensure that students have a friend in class with them.

8. What are the current class configurations for RLE next year?

With our current student numbers of Grade 5 students and Grade 6 students, we will have the following classes:

7-Grade 5 classes

9- Grade 6 classes

4- Grade 5/6 classes

Staffing is not yet completed and will continue to be reviewed right up until school opening. Combined classes are part of our normal class compositions in all our schools. It is a great learning opportunity for all students in combined classes.

9. Will supports and resources be available if my child has challenges or special needs?

At RLE we will have the same access of support for our students, such as a resource teacher, learning center teacher, school counsellor, speech language pathologist, school psychologist, autism specialist, EPAs, YMCA Settlement Worker, and SchoolsPlus. We have been meeting with Bedford South and Kingswood Elementary teams, along with student services personnel to prepare for the fall. If you feel your child requires any extra support, please reach out to Susan Casey, Principal scasey@hrce.ca.

10. Is RLE accessible?

RLE is accessible to the main areas of the building for those with mobility challenges. There is an elevator and accessible washrooms available inside the building. The back area and field are also accessible.

11. Will there be an open house so families can tour the RLE building?

On Wednesday, June 15th, 2022, we will be having a Fine Arts Open House at RLE. We would like to extend an invitation to our new families from Bedford South and Kingswood elementary to come tour RLE and look at the displays of student work from 6:30-7:30 pm. Our RLE community will be joining in on the evening from 7:00-8:00 pm.

12. What is the school mascot and what are the school colours?

A raven is the school mascot and the colours are blue and yellow and black.

