



# Eastview Middle School

## General Information 2022-2023

### *Hello Eagles!*

The jump from elementary to middle school is often a scary one for both students and parents. This document will give you some general information about our school to help the transition go smoothly. Please call if you have any questions.

Our office staff is as follows:

- Mr. Kevin Robertson – Principal and administrator in charge of Gr. 6
- Ms. Sue Merry – Vice Principal and administrator in charge of Gr. 8
- Mrs. Leah Deschenes – Vice Principal and administrator in charge of Gr. 7
- Mrs. Rhonda Lyons – reception
- Mrs. Kristine Roberts – student registration, attendance & report cards
- Ms. Crystal Pell – finance & scheduling

### **School Start Up - Staggered Starts:**

- Wednesday, August 31 - First day of school for students
- Please note that start up dates are still to be determined. It is typical that grade 6 students would have the morning of the first day(s) only. Grade 7 and 8 students will come for the afternoon. This may be over two days for August 2022. This information will be communicated to families at a later time.

**Attendance:** Please call the **ATTENDANCE LINE** (403-346-3246) or email the [ATTENDANCE MAILBOX](mailto:evattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca) (evattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca) if your child will not be at school. These are available 24 hours and you can call or email even if the absence is several days away. We use an automated phone out system for attendance, so calls will be computer generated. It is possible for anyone to send an email to the attendance mailbox, so please regularly check the attendance on PowerSchool and let us know if you think something is wrong. Please note that we take attendance in 7 periods per day, so the attendance on your report card could be a high number. For example, 21 absences is really 3 days!

### **School Hours:**

- 8:40 - front doors open
- 8:53 - first bell
- 8:58 - school starts
- 10:40 - 10:47 Nutrition break
- 12:29-12:50 eat lunch    12:50-1:20 outside time
- 3:31 - dismissal

**Coming to School Late:** all students **must check in at the office.**

**Leaving School Early:** Eastview is a “Closed Campus” and students are not allowed to leave unless they are signed out by parents. The Eastview Shopping Center is off limits at all times during the school day and students will not be allowed to go there even if they have a note. If your child will be leaving school early, you must send a note, phone us, or come in and sign them out. We cannot allow students to leave with anyone who is not listed as an Alternate Contact unless we have been advised by a parent that this is okay.

**Agendas:** Grade 6 students will be provided with an agenda at no cost.

**Messages/Items for Students:** There are MANY requests for messages and delivery of items to students each day. In order to cut back on the number of announcements, please make sure your child is aware of the days’ arrangements before they come to school. This includes what time they are leaving for appointments or if you will be dropping off a lunch or school work for them. We don’t interrupt classes to give messages, except in the event of an emergency and must rely on students to hear their name on the PA during the noisy break times.

**Getting information to parents:** The same system that we use for attendance has the ability to do mass emails and calls to parents. This is how MOST information will be communicated to families, so please make sure that we have your correct phone numbers and email address on file so that you get these important messages. We have also started to utilize text messages with important information. You can participate in this service by sending a text message of “Y” or “YES” to # 978338.

**School Communication:**

- ***The best resource is our website, [www.eastview.rdpsd.ab.ca](http://www.eastview.rdpsd.ab.ca)***
- Check your email - approx. 98% of our communication is done via email.
- See the latest Weekly News for all information including band information and more.
- Email your teacher to stay on top of missed work.
- Sign up for Text / SMS messages. (Text “Yes” to #978338)
- Stay connected through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.



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<https://www.facebook.com/evmsreddeer>



TWITTER - @evm\_school

**School Fees:** The Alberta government has passed Bill 1, and that has reduced school fees. We do have a charge for locks, field trips, any optional purchase or activity and for any enhanced option. At Eastview, Band is the only option classes that has a fee. Fee statements will be emailed in late September. These bills will be relatively small so we would ask that you pay them right away.

**Fee Payments:** All payments must be made online, or by cash or cheque at the school. In order to view & pay fees online, you must be logged in to your PARENT PowerSchool account. (Please note that the ability to view and pay fees is NOT available on the PowerSchool app.) Cheques are payable to RDPSD - EMS.

**Parent Powerschool Accounts:** The PowerSchool PARENT portal provides families the ability to view attendance and achievement information for students, as well as access the online payment system, consent forms and our Red Deer Student Verification Process (RSVP). You will need to type <http://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public> into the address bar to start.

**Lockers:** Students should make sure their regular locker and their gym locker are locked at all times as many things go missing from lockers that are not locked! Students will be issued a lock for their locker and a \$3 rental fee per year will be added to their school fees. This lock will stay on their locker in June. Students should bring one lock for their phys. ed. locker. It is the student's responsibility to keep their locker clean at all times during the school year.

**Lunches:** Many students arrive at school each day without a lunch. Our school can provide a small snack item, but we are unable to feed the MANY students who ask for food. While we realize that occasionally students just forget, it is often the same students asking for food every day because they didn't leave enough time in their morning to pack a lunch. *Please make sure to check that your child is actually bringing a lunch to school.* A child who is thinking about how hungry they are is not able to concentrate on what they are learning in class.

If you are facing financial difficulties and do not have food for lunches, The Mustard Seed will deliver a lunch to school every day for your child. Please let us know if you would like to be added to their list. We also have vending machines at school that have some items for purchase. The office does not give change for the vending machines.

**Textbooks:** Students are assigned textbooks in the fall. In June, they are expected to return ***the same textbook***. If these books are not returned or are damaged, parents will be required to pay for them. As these are costly items that often go missing from unlocked lockers, please instruct your child to make sure they keep their textbooks in a "locked" locker. If we charge you for any book that is later found, your money will be refunded.

**Gym Strip:** Students are required to change for Phys. Ed. but are NOT required to buy Eastview gym strip. If they bring an outfit from home, it should be made of stretch fabric with no collars, buttons, belts, snaps or pockets which may make it a safety hazard. The Eastview gym strip consists of a T-shirt and shorts and sells for \$35. If you purchase a gym strip, please put your student's name in the name bar as a large number of these items wind up in the Lost and Found. Clothing must be paid for before they will be given to students.

**Yearbooks:** are not mandatory but may be purchased for approx. \$18.

**Phones:** cell phones and other electronic devices must be kept in student lockers and turned off at all times during the school day, except at lunch. If the item is confiscated by a staff member, the student will be able to get it back at the end of the day. If confiscated a second time, those items will stay in the office until a parent can come in to pick them up and meet with the grade level administrator. Phones should be kept in lockers during the day to ensure they are not confiscated.

**Student Drop Off and Parking:** The area in front of the school is VERY congested before and after school, so we would ask that you establish a pick up and drop off spot somewhere other than the front lane. On **38a Avenue**, across the playground is a good spot, as is 39<sup>th</sup> Street WEST of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

- Please do not use the staff parking lot.
- Please do not park in the spot designated for the bus.
- **Visitor parking** in the parking lot to the north is designated with signs.
- The front lane is a FIRE lane and the City can and will ticket cars that are left unattended.
- We do have families that use the Handicap Parking stall. Please help us by ensuring access to this spot is clear.

**Riding the Bus:** The majority of our students take the City Bus to school as there is no "yellow school bus" transportation. Transportation fees are also covered under Bill 1, so transportation to school is free if you live over 2.4 km from school. If you live less than 2.4 km from Eastview (or from your designated school if different), you must purchase a student transit pass directly from the City of Red Deer. If you qualify for a free pass, you can choose to upgrade to an UNRESTRICTED pass for \$100/year. This will allow your student to ride the bus at any time City Transit operates, including weekends and school holidays.



#### **General Information about Bus Transport:**

Students can ride any city bus with their pass but should take the overload route if available. Overload routes pick up students from our designated areas and bring them to and from school with no transfers. These buses run once in the morning and once in the afternoon, so it is beneficial for students to know how to get to and from school on the regular city routes in case they miss the school route bus. The bus pass you receive will work for all city routes and it will be for 24 hours of each school day. It will not work on weekends, PD days and school holidays.

The following information is subject to change as the City does not publish the new routes until August, but presently:

- School route 120 goes through: Evergreen, Clearview Ridge, Clearview Meadows, Eastview.
- School route 121 goes through: Rosedale, Deerpark Village.
- School route 121 goes through: Anders, Lancaster, Morrisroe, Deerpark Estates.
- School route 122 goes through Southbrook, Inglewood.
- Route 11 (not an overload) is currently a good option for students who live in the Eastern sections of Lancaster.
- Route 4 (not an overload) is the only option for students living in north and west areas of the City. They will take Route 4 to Sorenson Station and then transfer to a bus that will take them to the area they live in.

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