

Nose Creek Elementary School

Committed to Your Child's Safety



Safety is paramount at Nose Creek Elementary. To ensure our students are safe, the following protocols are in place divisionally and school-wide throughout the year to support all children and staff.

Supervision

Each morning, Mr. Murphy greets the students as they arrive, to ensure kids are safe and potential issues are dealt with quickly. Three morning supervisors are on duty ten minutes before school starts at 8:08 A.M. One supervisor will meet the bus, the second will remain on the West side of the building near the play structures and another supervisor will patrol the East side of the building near the portables. When the busses depart the supervisor who met them will migrate to the back of the school in the North field. Supervisors will be wearing bright vests so children will know who to go to if needed. During morning and lunch recess four supervisors will be on duty, one on the West, one on the East and Two in the North field.

Attendance

Students are greeted by their teacher at their door every morning. As they enter the classroom their attendance is electronically recorded and the office verifies absences if the students are not already excused.

Automated Telephone System

Once classroom teachers have taken attendance electronically our Automated Telephone System will dial/email parents to inform them if a child is absent and unexcused. It is of the utmost importance to the school that parents inform us if your child will be absent.

Peer Helpers

We have 4-6 Peer Helpers from Grade Four that wear bright green vests and help patrol the playground. These students help identify if a child is in need of assistance and will point it out to an adult supervisor. Peer Helpers are extra sets of eyes but it is the adult supervisors who deal with conflict resolution.

Student illness or accident

Students who are ill are sent to the infirmary. There they rest and depending upon how sick they are parents may be asked to come and take them home or take them to their family doctor. The school community would expect if your child were sick that they stay home rather than spread their sickness to others. If a child bumps his or her head a phone call will be made home once the office is notified. All children requiring ice packs or band-aids for minor scrapes will receive one.

Nut Aware School

As a "nut aware" school we promote the safety of those who are allergic by asking that nut products not be brought to school.

Safety Presentations

Throughout the school year various agencies such as the RCMP and Fire Department may work with students to expand upon topics from bicycle safety to Internet safety. Guest speakers will promote positive messages to students through interactive sessions. During school assemblies our students will also role model acceptable behavior.

Lock-Down - Shelter in Place

Each year Nose Creek School conducts two lock down drills. This "soft" drill is done in a manner that allows students to feel secure and at ease. Staff know in advance the expectations of the lock down drill. When we conduct the drill, we 'talk the students' through a practice where we ask everyone to stay in their respective classrooms. The drill lasts from 4-5 minutes. Students sit away from windows, all doors are locked, blinds are drawn and the school goes silent. In preparation of a potential longer stay in the classroom, each area is provided with a kit of provisions that include food, water and other emergency supplies.

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Criminal Record Check

All prospective volunteers are asked to complete a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check Application. This process is as follows. Applicants are to pick up this form signed by the principal from the school office. This form is filled out by the parent and then taken to their local RCMP detachment. The RCMP then run a background check on the applicant. If the background check proves positive the applicant is allowed to volunteer in the school and accompany students on field trips. There will be no exceptions for volunteers. The background check lasts five years but each year the volunteer must sign a new form declaring nothing has changed regarding their background and eligible status to volunteer, as well as a confidentiality form that requires volunteers keep all information at the school level private.

Playground Equipment

Once a month our playground equipment is checked by Rocky View Schools Grounds department to ensure it meets approved safety standards. Our climbing wall is checked annually to ensure all parts are safe and secure.

Cold Days

On intensely cold days, students stay inside for recess where they participate in many activities.

Individual Response Plan

Students who have serious medical concerns have a medical response plan created by trained staff with input from parents. While all plans are preventative in nature, responding to the needs of a child in distress will be of the utmost importance.

School Patrols Keep Us Safe!

We are pleased to offer School Patrols under the direction of Mrs. Cooper. Grade Four student Safety Patrols are stationed on Bayside Blvd., at the crosswalk located at the South end of the playground. They are AMA Safety Patrol trained to increase pedestrian safety. Thank you for assisting your child to learn and follow these requests for their own safety and a parent's peace of mind. Patrols wear fluorescent yellow vests, use whistles, and hold stop signs to create a safe crossing for students. School patrols are on duty at 8:00 and 2:45

Monday to
Thursday
and 12:50 on
Friday.



First Aid Certification

Nose Creek School has ten staff with Standard/CPR Training. These numbers exceed the mandated standard.

Parent Telephone Numbers

Parents, please ensure that you have given the correct and most up to date phone numbers to the office. It is imperative that the school is able to contact you during the day if needed.

Fire Drills

Each year Nose Creek School holds six fire drills, three in the fall and three in the spring. Initially the principal speaks to students on the school wide intercom system in conjunction with the classroom teachers and directions are given on how to proceed. Students are asked to walk with purpose and head to designated exit doors and to an appointed gathering area on the field. By the third fire drill, once students have acclimated and have been reassured that it is a drill, we graduate to the ringing of school wide bells. Fire drills vary from morning to afternoon to ensure all Kindergarten students are able to practice.

Child Development Advisor

If a child wishes to see one of our Child Development Advisors he/she can at any time. Our Principal has an open door policy and staff are trained in conflict resolution. Staff welcome conversations from all students.

Health Nurse

We are able to utilize the Public Health Nurse for any questions regarding health and safety concerns within our classrooms.