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January 27, 2021
7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held via Google Meet and closed for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be recorded with a copy of the recording posted on the CRPS website.

The October 21st and November 24th CRPS Public School Board meetings were closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meetings were available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meetings were recorded and the recordings are posted on the division website.

Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

As with so many things in 2020, registration for Kindergarten will look different this year. Kindergarten **online registration** for Canadian Rockies Public Schools will open on **November 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**

Half Day and Full Day options are available to parents at Elizabeth Rummel School and Banff Elementary School. A full day program is available at Exshaw School. A Nature Immersion kindergarten program is available at Alpenglow School. As well, French Immersion and half English and half French Immersion options are available at Elizabeth Rummel School. The online registration form is available on the [CRPS website](#). Register now!

Mental Health and Wellness Supports

The Board of Trustees and Administration have recently engaged with students, teachers, and parent/community members to obtain their perspectives in relation to several key questions. This information will be used to assist the board in developing the Four-Year Education Plan for the division. During these

sessions, we heard comments about the changes in how education is presented and how staff and students have been asked to pivot as a result of COVID-19. The Board has heard many comments on the anxiety that students are feeling along with the uncertainty of their future plans.

The Board of Trustees along with senior administration want to ensure that both students and their families are aware of the many resources available to them within the division. For a small school division we are most fortunate to offer a wide range of programs and qualified staff to assist students during these unsettled times. We encourage students and families to please reach out if you are feeling overwhelmed or just need someone to talk with. The following document "[Mental Health Supports and Counselling Supports in CRPS](#)" outlines a list of personnel available within the division and the general scope of their work to assist families in finding the right person to connect to.



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Community Support for Nutrition Program

CRPS believes in and supports Whole Child education and so we continue to support students and families in need by providing breakfast programs. Deputy Superintendent Debbie McKibbin reported that the school division recently received a \$50,000 Bow Valley Emergency Grant (Canmore Rotary, Banff Canmore Community Foundation, Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation) to support food for learning programs across all CRPS schools. This grant will be used in 2 ways: to purchase grocery cards to support our vulnerable families and to purchase nutritious food to prepare snacks, breakfast and lunches for students in need at each school.

The Chart below illustrates the programs available at each of our schools

School	Nutrition Program Components
BES	Food For Learning Emergency Grocery Vouchers
BCHS	Food for Learning Emergency Grocery Vouchers
CCHS	Grab and Go Breakfast Program Food For Learning Emergency Grocery Vouchers
ERS	Food for Learning Emergency Grocery Vouchers
LGMS	Food For Learning Emergency Grocery Vouchers
Exshaw	Food For Learning Lunch Program Breakfast Program (Beginning December 1) Emergency Grocery Vouchers



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PAUW Foundation Donation

The school division's partnership with the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation supports enhanced programming and healthy learning experiences for our students. The donation from the foundation for the 2020-2021 school year is \$441,500, directly supporting activities in the areas of extracurricular activities, outdoor education, academics and wellness across all schools in the division. The Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation remains committed to supporting our amazing "made-in-the-mountains" learning experiences for CRPS students.



Distance Education/Flexible Learning

Canadian Rockies flexible learning addresses learning needs for current CRPS students, returning students and students outside our district in Grades 10 - 12 through online teacher-supported courses and through blended courses. Blended courses include both an online and experiential component. Courses range from academic courses such as English, forensic studies, math and biology, to experiential courses such as Water Experience, Winter Travel, CALM, and Equine Leadership. There are currently 48 courses being offered via Distance Education for Grades 10 to 12.

Course offerings will be updated throughout the year as online courses are developed. For more information or to register please go to crps.ca or phone Canmore Collegiate High School at (403)678-6192 or the District Office at (403)609-6072.

At-Home Learning

Canadian Rockies School Division has been providing At-Home Learning to students since last March. During the first quarter of this school year, 298 students were being supported virtually. Darin Larson and Debbie McKibbin worked to provide support to teachers who were leading these virtual classrooms.



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Environmental Update

CRPS is committed to taking steps to help address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and share in the Bow Valley's efforts to become more energy efficient.

CRPS began with a small solar panel installation at Banff Community High School in 2010. Over the past 2 years, we have continued with panel installations at Banff Elementary School, Lawrence Grassi Middle School, Elizabeth Rummel School and Canmore Collegiate High School. Most recently, we added another 247 panels to the pre-existing system at Banff Community High School. At present we have a total of 1829 solar panels which have the capacity to generate 703,584 KWH of annual electrical energy; that is 700 mega watts back to the grid as well as our annual estimated greenhouse gas reduction of 401 tonnes of CO₂.



Occupational Health & Safety

The provincial Occupational Health and Safety Department conducted an on-site Hazards and Risk Assessment of the district facilities as part of their oversight program. The provincial representatives were very impressed with the CRPS COVID-19 protocols and no orders were issued regarding our facilities.

CRPS is committed to providing a safe learning environment for staff and students and will continue to review changing scenarios within the pandemic as needed.

COVID-19 Update

Premier Jason Kenney announced new guidelines for the residents of Alberta. This included some changes to the education of students in Grades 7-12. Starting November 30th, students in Grades 7 to 12 will move to At-Home Learning until Christmas break. All students in Grades K to 12 will be involved in At-Home Learning for the week of January 4 to 8, following the Christmas Break. Face-to-face classes are scheduled to resume Monday, January 11, 2021.

Please check the [CRPS website](https://www.crps.ca) regularly for the most current information surrounding divisional and school plans.



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