

Summer News



Eugene Reimer
Middle School

July 2018

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Principal, Mr. Ian Levings

Hello Parents & Students of Eugene Reimer School!

We hope that your summer has been restful, relaxing, and safe! The purpose of this newsletter is to provide some information that should help you plan and organize for the new school year.

**Class lists will be posted
on the windows at the
front of the school on
Friday, August 31st
after 4:00 pm.**

Principal's Message...

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the new parents who do not know me yet. I grew up on the North Shore of Vancouver before earning degrees in History, Geography, Urban Planning and Education at Simon Fraser University. After that I have continued my education by earning a Master's Degree in School Administration from Western Washington University, as well as a Certificate in Restorative Justice from SFU. I have a long history in Abbotsford as I have taught at several schools in the District since 1998.

I look forward to building on the cutting edge programs at Eugene Reimer that were started last year. With a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), athletics, a strong Band/Music Program, and a Soccer Academy; it is our goal to offer a program of interest for every student.

I am ecstatic to be back at Reimer as I was on staff the very first year the school opened. Reimer is truly my home. This being my 14th year as a Vice – Principal and Principal, I am excited to be your child's Principal. Eugene Reimer Middle is recognized as a highly effective learning environment. Through hard work our students perform at the top of all middle schools in the District as well as throughout the province.

I look forward to working with Eugene Reimer's Vice Principal, Mr. Nick Cochrane. Mr. Cochrane grew up in Coquitlam and has been with the school district for 14 years at Simpson Traditional and ATMS as a teacher and Vice-Principal.

We are both excited to be your admin team for the 2018/19 school year. Eugene Reimer Middle is quickly being recognized as a place to be in Abbotsford. This is proven by our enrollment that has sharply risen this year, due to our new programs.

As always please do not be a stranger to our school community. Please volunteer in whatever capacity you can. Whether you can coach a sport, help out on our Parent Advisory Committee or supervise on a field trip, making a connection to your child's school is a key ingredient to success.

Welcome...

Please join us in saying a big welcome to the following new staff at Reimer for the upcoming school year:

Mrs. Sidhu — Grade 6
Mr. Virk - ELL

If you are moving and are not planning on attending Reimer Middle in September, please be sure to call us at (604) 504-5343 or email us at eugenereimer@abbyschools.ca to let us know.

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 29TH**

WEB Grade 6 Orientation!

We are inviting all new students and their parents/guardians to the school from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. There will be a short parent presentation at 8:40 in the gym. Also, students will be able to meet some of the staff!

SCHOOL OPENING INFO

Tuesday, September 4th DAY 1 (HALF DAY)

Grade 6 students are to be present at school in the morning from **8:30 - 9:45 am** and then will be released for the remainder of the day.

Grade 7/8 students are to be present at school from **10:00 - 11:15 am** and report to their homeroom divisions. Grade 7/8 students please do not come early.

On this day students will meet their teachers and receive information about the shape of the school year including school expectations. There will be a brief assembly for the Grade 6's but Grade 7's and 8's will be reporting directly to their classrooms. Please do not bring school supplies.

Finding Your TENTATIVE Homeroom Division

On the first day you will find tentative homeroom lists posted at the front of the building. The lists will have the grade level, room number, teacher name and division number at the top. Look for your name on the lists and proceed to your grade location as noted below. Your teacher will be waiting for you.

8:25 am	Gr 6's proceed to the gym and meet your teachers
8:30 - 9:45 am	Gr 6's are given instruction by teachers
10:00 am	Gr 7's & 8's enter the school and proceed to your divisions room.
10:00 - 11:15 am	Gr 7's & 8's are given instruction by teachers

Wednesday, September 7th DAY 2

Students are in school for the entire day and continue orientation activities, receive course information from their teachers and begin the academic year. All students should go to their homerooms.

Thursday/Friday, September 8th/9th DAYS 3 & 4

Students begin team-building activities with their teachers and pods.

TRANSPORTATION INFO

School Bus Transportation

Regular bussing begins on the first day of school, September 5th. They will not be running on a staggered schedule. Eugene Reimer Middle does not organize any transportation. Please call 604-855-5278 for anything to do with bussing.

Traffic Flow and Safety

Parents are asked to follow all traffic signs in the parking lot. **The busiest time of the parking lot is 10-15 minutes before school starts and after school ends. Please avoid these times, walk or carpool to school.**

Parking – Please only stop in the marked areas to drop off and pick up your children.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Supplies List and Uniform Dress Code

The supplies list and uniform dress code is available at the school during summer office hours and on Eugene Reimer Middle's website <https://eugenereimer.abbyschools.ca/parents-students>

Lockers will not be assigned on the first day of school, therefore, it is **NOT** necessary for students to bring all their supplies to school on the first day.

Remaining 2018/19 Report Cards - Unclaimed report cards are available for pick up in the school office.

Closed Campus

During the school year we have a closed campus for the safety and security of our students. This means that students are expected to stay on campus **at all times** (including lunch time) unless previous arrangements are made with the school by the parents or guardians. All visitors (including parents) to the campus are expected to check in at the office upon entering the building.

Attendance & Late Arrivals

A reliable indicator of student success is consistency of attendance at school. Students who attend **all** of their classes **all** of the time experience greater academic success in school and personal success later. We will do whatever we can as a teaching community to ensure that your children are engaged in interesting and demanding learning experiences designed to arouse their curiosity and prepare them for academic and personal success after they leave Eugene Reimer Middle.

We take the tracking of students' attendance very seriously.

- Ensure that your children arrive on time to school - students who are late create disruption to the learning environment for others and often find it uncomfortable arriving to a class when it has already begun.
- Ensure that the office is notified of absences and/or lates with a phone call or a note from a parent or guardian.
- Remind your child to sign-in at the office if they come late to school.
- If your child needs to leave school early for any reason please send them with a note for their teacher that can be forwarded to the office when they leave.
- If your child needs to leave school early and does not have a note we will attempt to call his/her home.
- If you are here to pick up your child we ask that you come into the building to ensure that the child is leaving with a parent or guardian.

Parent Involvement

We welcome your involvement and participation in the life of Eugene Reimer Middle School. We have a developing tradition of parental volunteerism at our school. This is a tradition we want to continue.

We welcome your help and participation on the PAC. Come to meet other parents and find out how we can support our children during these important and formative years.

Please contact Mr. Levings (Principal) if you have an interest in visiting the school during the instructional day and observing our learning community in action.

Student Fees

In accordance with [District Policy AP 317](#) Student Fees: 3.3 Student Activity Fee for Middle and Secondary Schools: The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks and locker rentals.

We ask that all parents/guardians to pay their child's fees electronically through the District's new online payment system (<https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com>). Receipts are automatically available through this online account as soon as your payment is processed. Directions to set up your School Cash account are below and we are willing to help if you have any problems.

Finally ...

The office will return to normal office hours Monday to Friday beginning August 27, 2018. Should you have any questions, please visit <http://eugenereimer.abbyschools.ca>. All updates will be put under the "Announcement" section of the website.

We hope you're looking forward to the new school year ... we certainly are.

Proudly,

Mr. Levings, Principal

Mr. Cochrane, Vice Principal

Administrative Team, Eugene Reimer Middle School





SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018/2019

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Hours of Instruction per Day	295 minutes
Year-end Closing (Administrative Day)	1
Number of non-instructional days	7
Length of office operation per day	7:30 am to 3:00 pm
WEB Grade 6 Orientation (8:50 am -11:30 pm)	August 29, 2018
School Opening (1/2-day dismissal)	September 04, 2018
Meet the Teacher Night	September 20, 2018
Non-Instructional Day #1	September 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day #2	October 19, 2018
Remembrance Day (in lieu)	November 12, 2018
First Report Card	November 21, 2018
Parent/Teacher Conference Day (no classes for students)	November 22, 2018
Non-Instructional Day #3	November 23, 2018
Winter Break	December 24 to January 4, 2019
School Reopens	January 07, 2019
Non-Instructional Day #4	January 25, 2019
Non-Instructional Day #5	February 14, 2019
Non-Instructional Day #6	February 15, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Second Report Card	March 8, 2019
Last Day before Spring Break	March 15, 2019
Spring Break	March 18 to March 29, 2019
School Reopens	April 1, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day #7	May 18, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Last Day of Classes - Final Report Cards go home	June 27, 2019
Administration Day	June 28, 2019

**Please see the website at eugeneireimer.abbyschools.ca
for updates and information at that time.**

How do we communicate news & events to our parents?

- ✓ Through our website – www.eugeneireimer.abbyschools.ca
 - ✓ Through your child's planner
 - ✓ PA Announcements (for benefit of the students)
 - ✓ Through mass emails/phone calls (used only critical/important info)
-  Through our mobile app—Abby Schools
 -  Like us on Facebook—@ReimerRavens
 -  Through Twitter - @ReimerRavens
 -  Instagram - ReimerRavens

Uniform Dress Code Examples

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**Pants / Shorts
Or Capri's**
Black or
Khakis



Crested items available



31281 Wheel Avenue
Abbotsford, BC
604.864.9728



**Cardigan
Sweaters**



Crested or Non Crested

Polo Shirts

Red
Grey
White
Black or Navy



**Crested Quarter Zip
Sweaters**

Red
Grey or
Black



**Crested Crewneck
Sweaters**

Red
Grey or
Black



Non Crested items available at



COMING SOON

Reimer Ravens spirit
wear will be made
available as an option
to wear for a fresh
uniform look!

Drop Off & Parking Tips



Before and After School Traffic Tips

1. **NO PARKING** near the main entrance gate
2. Parking is only permitted in designated parking area
3. Avoid picking up or dropping off during peak hours, which are between 8:15-8:25 am and 2:10-2:25 pm.
4. Do **NOT** leave your car unattended in the pick up or drop off area
5. Please pull ahead as space opens up to keep the flow of traffic moving
6. Our library is now open from 8:00 am—2:30 pm for early drop off
7. Please consider carpooling, walking, or riding a bike to school. This will help to reduce the amount of cars in the pick-up and drop off area.
8. Staff priority is the safety of the students. Our priority is the cross walk.
9. Be patient and drive extremely careful while in the pick-up and drop off area
10. Firhill Drive is a single lane roadway that only permits two-way travel and is not wide enough to allow for vehicles to double up. Do **NOT** double up, try to pass or park on Firhill Drive at any time of day.

SchoolCashOnline

Step-by-step sheet for parents/guardians

For safety and efficiency reasons, Abbotsford School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the [GET HELP](#) option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email (example on right)

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you used to register. Log into your email and click on the link provided inside to confirm your email address and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Add Student (example on right)

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Type in "Abbotsford School District"
- Choose "Eugene Reimer Middle School" from the drop done menu
- Click the box next to "I don't have the student number."
- Enter First & Last Name
- Click on the small red calendar to the right of the "Birth Date" and choose your child's birth date.
- Click **Confirm**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

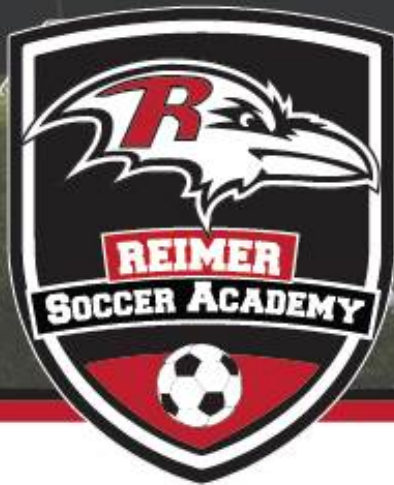
Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.



Note: all information is stored on a confidential basis on a server in Canada.



JOIN THE REIMER SOCCER ACADEMY

- Eugene Reimer Middle is excited to announce that Registration for the Reimer Soccer Academy is **NOW OPEN!**
- Grades six through eight, competing in the U11-U14 range.
- Through participation in the soccer academy, students will have the opportunity to develop a range of technical soccer skills coupled with a unique educational experience. Students will learn soccer from certified coaches and will receive support, not only in maintaining a healthy balance of on field technique, theory and training, but also learn to become leaders in the classroom.
- The Reimer Soccer Academy offers more than just soccer drills.
- Two sessions per week, over 84 sessions per year, of on field training will occur and in addition there will be bi-weekly classroom sessions covering the following topics:

Technical Skill sessions

Physical development/movement sessions

Tactical/Game sessions

Classroom/theory sessions

Free play/self-discovery sessions

Player video tape analysis

Ongoing player assessments (ie. Player report sheets)



- Registration for the Soccer Academy is available to students who are currently a member of any organized community soccer team.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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