Dear Rumney Families,

What a wonderful week it has been at Rumney! It has been so exciting to see how much our students have grown and changed since we last had them in the building and also getting to know our new students.

There has been lots of learning, growing, and improving processes this week. All in all, we are so thankful for the flexibility, adaptability, of all of our students, staff, and families. It truly takes all of us to make this work and we’re so thankful for your support. Please know that overall your kids have done an incredible job at wearing masks, keeping distance, hand washing, and everything else that has changed. We have been encouraged and inspired this week and have a lot to be thankful for.

A few reminders and updates for this week:

- Please do your very best to submit the morning screening through Base Camp every morning before school and check out How to use Base Camp Health or call us at school if you have any questions.
  - Next week only PreK parents/guardians will be able to bring their child into the classroom. Kindergarten students (and parents) will hopefully have had conversations about the morning transition and will be ready to enter through the front lobby doors on their own each morning. Please contact me if there are extenuating circumstances that we should discuss.
  - Students who have already had the Base Camp screening have a quick temperature check (less than 1 second) and then head on their way to class. Students needing a full screening have about a 1-2 minute screening. It’s no problem and we’re happy to do it but it helps your child get quickly to their classroom if this is completed.

  - The eligibility list from Base Camp is printed at 8:35am each morning. Please make every effort to submit before then so that your child can enter quickly and isn’t sent for a screening due to timing of submitting/printing. Thank you!

- We’ve made considerable improvements around both drop-off and pick-up and we thank you for your patience! On Tuesday our total arrival time was 15 minutes (now it’s between 10-11 minutes!). On Tuesday our total dismissal time was 23 minutes (now it’s also averaging 11 minutes!). Thank you for your patience and understanding as we get accustomed to new practices to get a large number of vehicle riders into cars safely.

Thankful for your ongoing support.

Mr. Provost
Casey Provost, RMS Principal, cprovost@u32.org
Upcoming Events

★ Wednesday, September 23rd -- Picture Day (RESCHEDULED)
★ Monday, October 12th -- Teacher In-service (No School for Students)
★ Tuesday, October 27th -- Picture Retake Day (Remote Learners are invited this day)
★ Wednesday, November 11th -- Parent/Teacher Conferences
★ November 25th to 27th -- Thanksgiving Recess (No School for Students)

Picture Day - Rescheduled

Picture day for Rumney in-person students has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 23. Picture day for our remote students is still scheduled for Tuesday, October 27.

The picture ordering pamphlet sent home with students at the beginning of this week can be placed in recycling. Please be on the lookout for information from Lifetouch with details on the rescheduled picture day and a new Rumney school ID to order picture packages from their website. New Lifetouch paper pamphlets are expected early next week and will be sent home with students once we receive them.

PickUp Patrol Reminder

Since it’s been nearly half a year since we’ve had students back at school, we want to take this opportunity to remind Rumney parents/guardians of PickUp Patrol. We recommend that you add this link to your phone’s home screen or that you bookmark it on your computer for easy access.

We encourage parents/guardians to use PickUp Patrol to notify the office for student

❖ Dismissal Plans
❖ Absences
❖ Early Dismissals
❖ Late Arrivals

If you have not yet done so, please set up your child’s default dismissal plan. You can have the same dismissal plan for every day of the week or have different dismissal plans for each day of the week. For example, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays Mary is picked up by a parent. On Wednesdays and Thursdays Mary takes the U7 bus home. You will then only need to enter “plan changes” if the dismissal for your child that day is different from their default plan.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with this site, PickUp Patrol is a secure site that eliminates the need for you to send notes, write emails, or call the school to change your student’s dismissal plans. From a smartphone or a computer, you can make plan changes anytime, anywhere—days, weeks, or even months in advance.

Please view the PickUp Patrol FAQ for parents/guardians for more information.
Message from the Nurse

Hello and Welcome Back Rumney Families,

It has been such a joy seeing the kids walk back through these doors after such a prolonged break from school. I want to share with you some information from the new state guidelines concerning “When I should send my child to school” vs. “When I should keep my child home”.

In a nutshell, if your child has any ONE of the following symptoms, it is OK to return to school when at least 24 hours after symptom improvement or resolution has passed:

❖ fever lasting less than 24 hours that resolves without antipyretics (Ibuprofen, Tylenol)
❖ sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue, diarrhea, headache

Please call your medical provider to determine the need for a COVID-19 test if you have:

❖ Fever (> 100.4) with either sore throat, diarrhea, muscle aches, headache, and/or fatigue, OR
❖ Fever alone that persists for more than 24 hours, OR
❖ Any combination of sore throat, diarrhea, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, and runny nose

Consult your medical provider to arrange a COVID-19 test if you have:

❖ Fever (> 100.4) with cough and/or runny nose, OR
❖ Cough and/or shortness of breath without fever, OR
❖ Loss of taste or smell without fever

An easy-to-read flowchart to use for a COVID-19 home screening tool is being developed and will be sent to parents as soon as it is ready. Please call the school nurse if you are confused about this guidance or if you are unsure about whether or not to send your child to school. If you decide to keep your child home, please call or email the school nurse to let her know the reason why you have decided to keep your child home.

For further guidance, you may also call the COVID-19 Call Center located at Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) in Berlin. They will provide you with information on what to do and can also set up a COVID-19 test if they think one is necessary. This service is offered from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. They can be reached at 802-371-5310.

One last thing; thank you to all the parents who have started to use the Base Camp Health website to report your child’s health status prior to school each morning. Even if your child will be staying home, we ask that you still complete the survey. If you are having difficulties navigating or logging-into the Base Camp website, please reach out to the school nurse for help. Our school district COVID-19 Coordinator can also be contacted for COVID-19 and Base Camp related questions at 802-229-0553 ext. 1317.

Kind Regards,
Bonne Dunham, Rumney Memorial School Nurse
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Outdoor Learning Adventures!

Fifth Grade Music Class

Kindergarteners having fun with sidewalk drawing
Preschoolers having a great first week!

First Graders enjoying their outside classroom!
Kindergarteners in their outdoor classroom space.