

September 2023

# NEWSLETTER



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATE EDUCATION

## Welcome Back to School!

We are excited to welcome students and staff back to school for the 2023-2024 school year at each of our Rocky Mountain Alternate School locations, including:

- Open Doors Alternate School (Invermere)
- Kimberley Alternate School
- Golden Alternate School



## SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Open Doors Alternate School	Mon-Thurs - 8:45am-3:15pm Friday - 8:45am-1:30pm
Kimberley Alternate School	Mon-Thurs - 8:40am - 3:10pm Friday - 8:40am - 1:35pm
Golden Alternate School	Mon-Fri - 8:45am - 3:15pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 5**

First Day of School

**SEPTEMBER 22**

School Start-Up Forms Due  
Click [HERE](#) to complete

**SEPTEMBER 25**

Non-Instructional Day  
(No School)

**OCTOBER 2**

National Day for  
Truth & Reconciliation - Sept 30  
(Oct 2 - No School in Lieu)

## First Day of School Schedule

Open Doors Alternate School  
9:00-11:00am

Kimberley Alternate School  
9:00-11:00am

Golden Alternate School  
9:00-11:00am



# FRIENDLY REMINDERS



## ATTENDANCE

We believe that **GOOD ATTENDANCE** is an important factor contributing to the academic success of students.

### ABSENCE REPORTING

Please keep us informed to report student absences

Call or text one of the teachers at your site via the contact information provided below:

#### Open Doors Alternate School

Lainey Wilson - 250-688-9474

Deanna Middlemiss - 250-688-4164

#### Kimberley Alternate School

Luc Tremblay & Andrea Watkins - please email if you do not already know her phone number

#### Golden Alternate School

Pamela Broderick & Melissa Kardash  
250-439-9353

**\*Please be sure to include the full student name and reason for absence\***

## START UP FORMS



**IMPORTANT:**  
Please complete annual Start-Up Forms

This year, the District has embarked on a project to make Start-Up Forms electronic.

It is our goal to reduce paper consumption, reduce the risk of losing forms containing sensitive information, reduce the duplication of information, make some administrative tasks paper intensive, and help make processes for families more seamless.

As we transition, we expect that there will be some challenges and ask for your grace while we implement this District-wide system.

*Click Here*

To access the online Clevr Start-Up Forms

*Click Here*

For a Clevr Guide for Parents/Guardians



**Please complete**  
**by September 22**

**CLICK HERE**

For a copy of the Transportation Assistance Application Form (for eligible parents/guardians, ie. those living beyond 4.8km from the nearest school or bus stop)



## BUSSING

ALL students must be registered **annually** as an **eligible or courtesy rider**

Open Doors Alternate Education - drop off at Open Doors from each bus, pick up at Open Doors (transfer at DTSS)  
Kimberley Alternate School - drop off at /pick up from  
Golden Alternate School - drop off/pick up from Lady Grey Elementary School

**CLICK HERE**

For a copy of a Bus Registration Form

**CLICK HERE**

For a copy of the Bus Routes & Schedules

# MEET THE STAFF!



**Principal: Lisa Tenta**  
**Administrative Assistant: Krystal Haggard**

## OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL

**Lainey Wilson**  
Teacher

**Deanna Middlemiss**  
Teacher

**Kelsey Prichard**  
Youth Care Worker

**Shannon Warren**  
Counsellor

**Sasha Taylor**  
Indigenous Education  
Support Worker

## KIMBERLEY ALTERNATE SCHOOL

**Luc Tremblay**  
Teacher

**Andrea Watkins**  
Teacher

**Robyn Wardle**  
Youth Care Worker

**Ryan McIndoe**  
Counsellor

**Robin Betker**  
Indigenous Education  
Support Worker

## GOLDEN ALTERNATE SCHOOL

**Pamela Broderick**  
Teacher

**Melissa Kardash**  
Teacher

**Mineko Spring**  
Youth Care Worker

**TBA**  
Counsellor

**Dana Setter**  
Indigenous Education  
Support Worker

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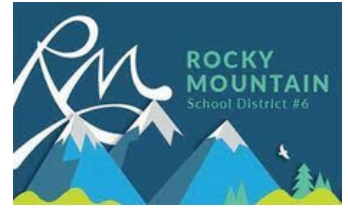
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**BUS STATUS**  
Download the new app to stay updated

### Bus Status Gets a New App!

Bus Status has a new app! To continue to receive notifications for Bus Status, download the new app from the App Store or Google Play Store before September 29. Bus Status 4 is still free to download, and has improved speed and reliability. The Bus Status app currently installed on your phone will not update automatically to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to receive notifications after September 29.

# OPEN DOORS ALTERNATE SCHOOL



**GRAND RE-OPENING**



**NEW  
NEW  
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We are excited to announce that the renovation at Open Doors Alternate School is complete and the staff and students will start the school year in the newly renovated building!

**Open Doors Alternate School will be ready for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th**

**A big thank you to our Operations Staff and the team of professionals that have worked on our building over the last year!**



**Open Doors Alternate School  
is also a Learning Hub for  
Rocky Mountain Online Learning**

