

RTA Grade 7-9 Information



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My name is Ms. Lewis and I am
the principal of RTA.



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RTA School Orientation in September:

Teachers will spend the first few days of school in September, helping students orient themselves around the building.

If a student ever finds themselves lost, they can always ask another adult for help.

During the first couple of weeks, teachers will take students outside, sharing boundaries well as bringing them to the gym, the music room, the computer labs, the library, and art room.

Students will always travel together as a class.





Lockers

Each student in grades 5 – 7 receives an assigned locker.

The school will provide students with a special school lock.

Teachers spend the first week of school helping students practice using a lock beforehand.

The staff keeps track of the combinations should a student forget theirs, after a long weekend or break.

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Grade 7 -9 Homerooms:

In total, RTA will have about 710 students next year. There are 5 classes of grade 7, 8 and 9.

Each student will be assigned to a key Homeroom Teacher – for example: 701, 702, 703, 704 or 705.

Students will also have an opportunity to see their friends who are not in their homeroom classes outside at recess, during lunch clubs and on field experiences.





Lunchtime:

Gr. 7-9 students eat lunch during the first half of the day.

During the second half of the day, students are able to go outside to play.

Students in grade 7-9 may go off-campus during their designated off-campus day – for example, every Thursday, grade 7s may go off-campus to purchase a treat at a vendor across the road.

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Next Year Teachers:

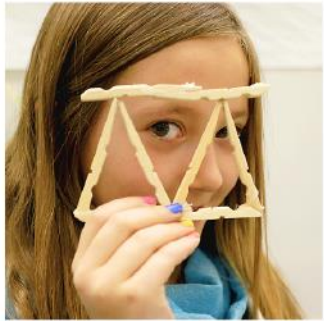
Similar other schools,
schedules and teachers are not
finalized until the August.

Students will receive an email
from their HR teacher in August
before school starts, sharing
information such as HR class,
where to meet and teacher
name.

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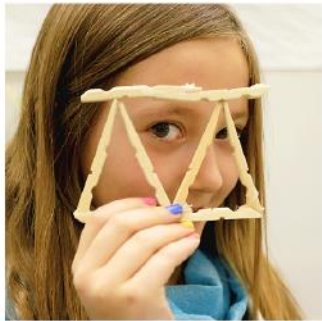


HUM and SMATH Teachers:

In grade 7-9, students will typically have two core teachers: one teacher for HUM (English Language Arts and Social Studies) and another teacher for SMATH (Science and Math).

Students will have a different teacher for PE, Band (if they decided to select Band as an option) and CTF.





Monday – Thursday Schedule:

RTA students rotate through a 6 period schedule, with A days (Monday & Wednesdays) and B days (Tuesday and Thursday).

Example Schedule:

- P1 Science
- P2 PE
- P3 Math
- LUNCH
- P4 Social
- P5 ELA
- P6 CTF (A and B days are different modules)



Healthy Hunger:

RTA has Healthy Hunger options for interested families, which are posted on the Week in a Glance.

RTA does not have a cafeteria.

Students bring a lunch to school. And, if a student forgets a lunch, they can come to the office.

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Student Supports

We have many student supports at RTA.

PE & Wellness, Art, Music & ELL Specialists

Resource Teacher – Ms. George

Lunchroom Supervisors

Attendance Secretary and Admin Secretary

Bus Monitors

Educational Assistants

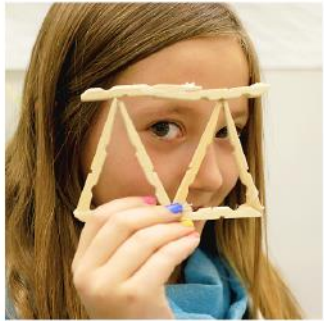
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Principal and Assistant Principal

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2024-2025 Bell Times:

Monday –Thursday

- 8:40 Doors Open
- 8:55-3:35 PM

Friday – Early Dismissal

- 8:40 Doors Open
- 8:55-12:35 PM.

Lunch 11:47-12:36 PM





RTA Outside Boundaries:

HR teachers and the lunchroom supervisors will explain the school boundaries.

Basically, it's everything inside the field – not the community centre, nor the Maple Ridge playground.

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Clubs at RT Alderman School:

Woozers, we have a lot of clubs at RTA!

If you go to the RTA website, you can review the huge list of clubs – D&D, Chess and Drama Club are popular.

Of course, every year the list changes, as we have new students with different interests. Clubs occur during lunch, starting in October.

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Technology

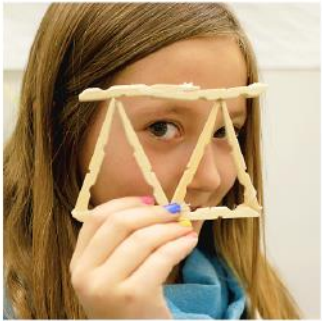
We have a lot of technology at RTA:

- 2 Student Labs
- 3 Computer Cards (chromebooks)
- Desktops in the Learning Commons
- 1 Class set of ipads for Robotics
- Ardinos
- Makey Makey
- Makers Space
- Python Coding and much, much more!

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RTA Science Fair

RTA Science Fair is held during the third week in January.

While RTA students have an opportunity to present their science fair projects at school, not everyone goes on to the Calgary Youth Science Fair (CYSF) in April.

Science Fair projects live both inside and outside the classroom. Students receive marks on their science fair project that count towards their report card. Each year, the students with the top scores present at U of C, possibly winning prizes and awards.





Athletics:

Outside of daily PE, grade 7-9 students may choose to join club or competitive teams: wrestling, fitness club, intermural clubs, basketball development, track and field, cross country, volleyball, badminton, etc.

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Vending Machines:

The school has vending machines which are accessible prior to lunch, during lunch, and after school.

While they are primarily intended for after school athletics, students may purchase food items to supplement their existing lunch.

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Snacks:

Teachers will provide students with an opportunity to eat a snack during the day.

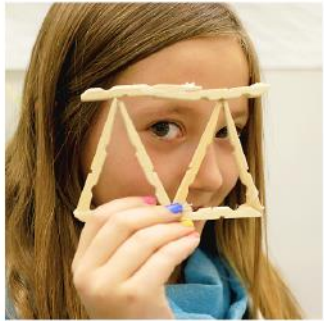
Snack times will change depending upon the day and the learning.

Students should never bring energy drinks, 2 liter pop bottles, slurpees, or giant bags of candy or chips to school.

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Homeroom Classes:

Teachers work very hard to create well balanced classrooms that foster the best learning for everyone.

Sometimes students have good after school friends that may not good in class friends.

It is a very complex and difficult task, and students are always encouraged to explore new friendships and connections.





Career Technology Foundations (CTF):

At RTA, students rotate through 4 CTF modules in each grade (unless they choose to take BAND, which replaces 2 modules).

Grade 7 CTF Modules

- Business Cluster - Information Processing (INF/Science Fair)
- Resources Cluster - Wildlife (ART)
- Resources Cluster – Agriculture (AGR)
- Technology Cluster- Electro Technology (ELT)