



NEWS FOR PARENTS

From the Desk of Mrs. Laurie Kovalcik, Principal

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year. A fresh start gives us all a chance to learn something new, and to make a few new friendships. The Rosemont School Faculty and Staff are ready to make this happen for each and every student during the 2019-2020 school year.

Speaking of new beginnings...I am very excited to serve as Principal to the community that I have called my work home for 22 years. I can't imagine working along side a more dedicated and supportive staff. This is also true of the parents that I have had the pleasure to build relationships with that have helped keep the Rosemont Elementary School and the community working together to educate our children.

Our responsibilities as educators seem to grow each year with new Illinois laws. Our goals can be summed up in a few words that culminate objectives for our students; set high expectations for each and every student, keep our students safe, and make their years at Rosemont School memorable ones. With our community behind us, there's nothing we can't do.

This is the first of four newsletters that you will receive. The newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each quarter with your child, and will include the quarterly school calendar, upcoming events, and other important notifications. Information specific to your child's grade can be found under the classroom link for your child's teacher. Please be sure to also check our website often to read about great things happening at school. Some of the more commonly asked questions regarding school policies are included in this first newsletter, however the complete Parent/Student Handbook can currently be found on our school website homepage, and all year online under the Quick Links tab. If you have any questions, please call the school at 847-825-0144.

As your new Principal I look forward to meeting your family at the many events we hold at our school, but please know my door is always open. TOGETHER, let's have a great school year!

1ST QUARTER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2019

Aug. 26 - Fall MAP Testing Begins
(Aug. 26-30 for Grades K-7)

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sept. 2 - No School - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 4 - AimsWeb Testing Begins
(Sept. 4-5 for Grades K-8)

Sept. 3 - Scholastic Book Fair Opens
(Runs through Sept. 9th)

Sept. 4 - Open House/Benefit Club Meeting
7:00pm (Gym)

Sept. 9 - October Hot Lunch Orders Due

Sept. 9 - Fall MAP Testing Begins
(Sept. 9-13 for Grade 8)

Sept. 9 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
(Phyllis J. Anderson Lunchroom)

Sept. 11 - L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30pm
(Phyllis J. Anderson Lunchroom)

Sept. 12 - Mid Quarter - Progress Reports (K-8)

Sept. 12 - Picture Day

OCTOBER 2019

Oct. 7 - November Hot Lunch Orders Due

Oct. 11 - No School - Teacher Institute Day

Oct. 11 - End of 1st Quarter
(Report Cards distributed at Parent/Teacher
Conferences on 10/17 & 10/18 - Grades K-8)

2nd Quarter Dates: Oct. 15 - Dec. 20, 2019

A Few Important Upcoming 2nd Quarter Dates in October - Please Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 14 - No School - Columbus Day Holiday

Oct. 15 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Oct. 15 - Benefit Club Meeting - 6:45pm

Oct. 16 - Picture Retake Day

Oct. 17 - Junior High 1st Quarter Honor Roll & Perfect
Attendance Awards Assembly - 1:30pm

Oct. 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:00-8:00pm (2pm dismissal)

Oct. 18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00-12:00pm (no school)

Open House & Benefit Club Meeting

We hope to see all parents and students at Open House on September 4th. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym with announcements from Mrs. Kovalcik, followed by the Benefit Club meeting. At the conclusion of these meetings, you will have an opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet your child's teachers.

Attendance

If your child will be tardy or absent from school, please notify the office by 8:30 a.m. If your child arrives tardy, please make sure he/she reports to the front office to check in before heading to class. If a student is absent for 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required in order to return to school. When a student is absent, he/she will have the same number of days missed to make up the classwork upon their return. Please help your child arrive to school on time every day.

Truancy

Per Illinois State Law, students who miss 5% or more of the 176 regular school days without valid cause are considered truant. If your child is truant, you will receive a letter at the end of the quarter. The number of days missed will be noted on your child's report card.

Fall MAP Testing

Students in grades K - 7 will be involved in MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) the week of August 26th. Students in grade 8 will test the week of September 9th. This computerized test is given in reading, language, and math. The difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all of the previous questions. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level. Please remind your child of the importance of trying their very best on these tests.

Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is taking place September 3rd through 9th, before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and after school from 3:00-3:30 p.m. The Book Fair will also be open during Open House. There will be a wide variety of reading materials available at reasonable prices for all grade levels. Profits from this fundraiser go towards the 8th grade class trip to Washington.

L.A.F.F. Night

Literacy Activities for Families (L.A.F.F.) is a family oriented program that meets 4 times during the school year. This program encourages family reading time along with a wide variety of arts, crafts and computer activities for parents and children. Families with students in Preschool through 5th grade have the opportunity to sign up. Information will be sent home with your child in advance of each program.

Progress Reports & Report Cards

The middle of the 1st quarter is September 12th. Progress reports will be sent home with students in grades K - 5, and mailed home for junior high students in grades 6 - 8. The 1st quarter will end on October 11th. Report cards will be distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents with children in grades 3 - 8 can conveniently check grades online anytime at www.teacherease.com.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 17th & 18th. Conferences will be taking place from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 17th, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on October 18th. More information will be sent home closer to conference dates.

Hot Lunch Program

The cost for hot lunch is \$3.35 per meal ordered. Every child wanting hot lunch must submit an order form, including children on the state lunch program. Order forms for hot lunch are sent home with students a month in advance. Order forms with exact payment (cash or check) are due by the deadline. If your child will be eating a lunch from home versus ordering hot lunch, we ask that you please send the lunch to school in the morning with your child. If for some reason you need to drop off a lunch for your child, we ask that you write your child's name on the lunch and place it in the front office for your child to pick-up.

Visitors

All visitors are required to enter through the front door of the building (entrance 1) and proceed directly to the office. All visitors must present a drivers license or state ID, wear the issued visitors badge while in the building, and check out upon leaving.

Parking

The school has ample legal parking spots. Please do not stop or park in front of the building entrance or in the bus lanes. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed.

Late Pick-Up Fees

The school does not have staff available to supervise students after the 3pm dismissal time unless a student is involved in a scheduled after school activity or program. Therefore, a late fee of \$1 per student, per minute, will be charged if a student is picked up 5 minutes after the scheduled dismissal time. This policy applies in all situations including the regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal days, 2:00 p.m. dismissal days, 4:00 p.m. dismissal, or any other later dismissal for any activities taking place at school.

Parent Contact Information

If your phone number or email changes during the school year, please be sure to contact the office with updated information.

Morning Drop-Off's

Student supervision begins at 8:10 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before that time.

Health Regulations & Deadlines

Illinois state law requires students entering certain grades to submit proof of physical, dental, and vision examinations as noted below. Failure to provide proof of state required examinations may result in your child being excluded from school.

Vision - Required for Kindergarten
Deadline: August 13, 2019

Physical - Required for grades PK, K & 6
Deadline: August 13, 2019

Dental - Required for grades K, 2, & 6
Deadline: April 12, 2020

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on September 12, 2019. Order forms and picture package information will be sent home with your child closer to this date. Even if you don't order a picture package, your child will have their picture taken for the school yearbook and student ID card on this day.

Birthday Celebrations

Birthday treats, bouquets of flowers, balloons, and gifts for students or their classmates are not permitted. To celebrate your child's birthday, we suggest you donate a grade level appropriate book to school for the class to share. Birthday party invitations can only be distributed in the classroom if an invitation is available for every student in your child's grade.

After School Transportation Plans (K - 4)

If your child will be leaving early or returning home via an alternate method not stated on your child's After School Transportation Plans form, a note must be written in your child's assignment notebook to his/her teacher. Without communication from a parent/guardian a child will be sent home the usual way. Unless it is unavoidable, please do not call during the school day to change your child's after school transportation plans. Plans should be made in the morning before sending your child to school, and communicated with the teacher using your child's assignment notebook, or emailed prior to 8:00 a.m.

Bus Rules

Students are only permitted to ride the bus to the stop which they are assigned based on where they live. Students are not permitted to ride the bus to a relative's or friend's home.

Benefit Club

We hope everyone will support our parent group, Benefit Club. Dues are \$5 per family. Benefit Club meetings are held five times during the school year. Please get involved, attend the meetings, and support the fundraising activities held throughout the school year. All profits are used to purchase items for the school that directly benefit the children. Thank you in advance for your support!

Medication

Any medication that a child needs to take during school must be stored in the front office. This includes inhalers, epi pens, cough medicine, allergy medicine, aspirin, itch cream, cough drops, etc. A Request for Self-Administration of Medication form must be submitted along with the medication. This form can be printed from our website or is available in the office.

Returning For After School Functions When Leaving School Early

If a child leaves school before the end of the school day, or leaves during the school day and returns, they cannot come back for any after school activities, sports, or evening events unless a doctor's excuse note is provided.

Library Reimbursement Program

The Village of Rosemont offers residents a Library Reimbursement program which allows Rosemont families to utilize libraries in Schiller Park and Des Plaines. An out-of-district library card will cost approximately \$220.00, but the Village of Rosemont reimburses you 75% of the cost. Reimbursement forms are available in the school office.

Excuse Time from Physical Education/Swim

Students may be excused from gym or swim class with a written request from a parent for no more than one day. A written excuse note from a physician is required for requests longer than one day. Requests must be submitted in advance direct to your child's P.E. teacher via a written note or email.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Information on extra-curricular activities can be found on our website under the Teams & Clubs link. Coaches will announce and post tryout dates for students. All students must conform to the Illinois Elementary School Association requirements and have submitted to the front office the Pre-Participation Examination Form and Student/Parent Consent and Acknowledgement Form in order to tryout for any sport including cheerleading. Swim club participants do not require these two additional forms, however, a current physical is required prior to tryouts. Addresses for all away games can be found under the Teams & Clubs link, under Norwood Conference Maps.

Homework Program (Grades 1-4)

Homework Program for students in grades 1-4 is held Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (there is a 4pm bus run). Homework Program is teacher recommended only, and begins at the start of each quarter. It is intended to reinforce the curriculum and is offered to those children who need additional help completing assignments. If a child is signed up, they are expected to attend daily until the quarter is complete, or they are released by the teacher.

Homework Program (Grades 5-8)

Homework Program for students in grades 5-8 is held Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (there is a morning bus run). Students are required to attend if they currently have either 2 "D's" or 1 "F". Teachers submit the list of students required to attend each week, and parents are notified via email if their child needs to attend.

Behavioral Interventions/Reflection Time

To ensure a safe, positive school and classroom environment, teachers will use a variety of behavioral interventions that can be reviewed in the Student/Parent Handbook. Reflection Time will be assigned to students who have not shown improvement or growth from interventions made by teachers, or multiple behavior logs that have been recorded and reviewed by school administration. Reflection time will be served on Wednesday's from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Bus service is not provided at 5:00 p.m.)

Cell Phones/Smart Watches/Personal Electronic Devices "Away For The Day"

Students are not permitted to use cell phones, smart watches, or personal electronic devices on the Rosemont School Campus. If a parent/guardian needs to communicate with a student, they should call the school. These electronic devices should be turned off and given to homeroom teachers to safety monitor until dismissal. Additional details regarding this school policy can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Questions

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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Email addresses for teachers and staff can be found on our website.

WELCOME
BACK!

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SCHOOL YEAR



GO COBRAS!