



NEWS FOR PARENTS

From the Desk of Mr. Kevin Anderson, Principal/Superintendent

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. 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. The complete school calendar, sporting practices and games, and dates for other extra-curricular activities can be found on the Rosemont School website at www.rosemont78.org. Please also be sure to visit your child's teacher's web page often on our school website to keep up-to-date on information specific to your child. This 1st quarter newsletter also includes some of the more commonly inquired school policies and frequently asked questions. If you have any questions at all, please call the school. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your child's education. Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

1ST QUARTER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

- Aug. 16 - September Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Aug. 18 - Jersey Mike's Lunch Orders Due
(Optional - Benefit Club Fundraiser)
- Aug. 21 - Fall MAP Testing Begins
(Aug. 21-25 for Grades K-7)
- Aug. 31 - Giordano's Lunch Fundraiser
(If ordered in advance)

SEPTEMBER 2017

- Sept. 4 - No School - Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 5 - October Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Sept. 5 - Scholastic Book Fair Opens
(Runs through Sept. 11)
- Sept. 6 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting - 6:00pm
- Sept. 6 - Open House/Benefit Club Meeting - 7:00pm
(8th Grade Bake Sale & Book Fair)
- Sept. 11 - Fall MAP Testing Begins
(Sept. 11-15 for Grade 8)
- Sept. 12 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- Sept. 13 - Mid Quarter - Progress Reports (K-8)
- Sept. 13 - L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30pm
- Sept. 19 - Early Dismissal at 11:30am - SIP Day
- Sept. 20 - Picture Day
- Sept. 21 - Jersey Mike's Lunch Fundraiser
(If ordered in advance)

OCTOBER 2017

- Oct. 9 - No School - Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct. 10 - November Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Oct. 10 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- Oct. 10 - Benefit Club Meeting - 6:45pm
- Oct. 12 - 6th Grade Departs for Springfield
(Return date October 13)
- Oct. 13 - End of 1st Quarter
(Report Cards distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences on 10/19 & 10/20 - Grades K-8)

2nd Quarter Dates: Oct. 16 - Dec. 22

Mark Your Calendar:

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Oct. 19 & 20

ATHLETICS

Information on Leyden-Norwood Athletic Conference sports can be found on our website. 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.)

Open House & Benefit Club Meeting

We hope to see all parents and students at our Open House on September 6, 2017. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym with a presentation from Principal Anderson, 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. There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair and 8th Grade Bake Sale taking place in the Phyllis J. Anderson lunchroom. Benefit Club parent volunteers will also be selling school Spirit Wear. We are striving for 100% attendance. Please join us!

Attendance

If your child will be tardy or absent from school, you must 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. When a student is absent, he/she will have the same number of days missed to makeup the classwork and homework upon their return.

Truancy

Per Illinois State Law, students who miss 5% or more of the 174 regular school days without valid cause are considered truant. If your child is truant, you will receive a letter at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters indicating the number of days missed.

Fall MAP Testing

Students in grades 1 - 7 will be involved in MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) the week of August 21, 2017. Students in grade 8 will test the week of September 11, 2017. 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

Our Scholastic Book Fair is taking place September 5-11, 2017 before school from 8-8:30 a.m. and after school from 3-3:30 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, DC.

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 13, 2017. 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 13, 2017. Report cards will be distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents with children in grades 4 - 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 19 & 20, 2017. Conferences will be taking place from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on both days. More information will be sent home closer to conference dates.

Hot Lunch Program

Our outside food service provider is Open Kitchens. The cost for hot lunch is \$3.25 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 set 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 & Parking

All visitors are required to enter through the front door of the building (entrance 1) and proceed directly to the office. All visitors must sign in, take a guest badge, and return to the office to sign out before leaving the school. 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, 11:30 a.m. early dismissal, 2:00 p.m. dismissal days, 4:00 p.m. dismissal, or any other later dismissal for any activities or events 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 in the morning 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 15, 2017

Physical - Required for grades PK, K & 6
Deadline: September 29, 2017

Dental - Required for grades K, 2, & 6
Deadline: April 13, 2018

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on September 20, 2017. 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 class.

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 your child's 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.

Bus Rules

Students are only permitted to ride the bus to a stop which they are assigned based on where they live. Students are not permitted to ride the bus to a 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!

Asthma Inhalers & All Other Medications

If you indicated on your child's registration form that he/she has asthma and you feel that your child may need to use an inhaler at school, please complete and return a Self-Administration of Medication form and bring it to school along with the inhaler. Forms can be printed from our website or are available in the office. Any and all medication needed to be self-administered at school requires an authorization form on file and the medication must remain in the school office.

Returning For After School Functions When Leaving School Early

If a child leaves school before the end of the school day dismissal, 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. Please call or stop by the school for more details.

Excuse Time from Physical Education/Swim

Students may be excused from physical education/swim class with a written request from a parent for no more than two days. After the second day for the same reason, a written excuse note from a physician is required.

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.

2017-18 Rosemont School Calendar

August

8	New Student Registration Day – 8:30 to 2:30
8	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
9	Preschool Orientation for Parents – 6:30 to 7:00 pm
14	Teacher Institute Day – No School
15	First Day of School (K-8) – Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
16	First Full Day of School (K-8)
18	First Day of School (PreK)
21-25	Fall MAP Testing (K-7) – NO FIELD TRIPS*

September

4	Labor Day Holiday – No School
6	Open House/Benefit Club Mtg. – 7:00pm
11-15	Fall MAP Testing (Grade 8)
12	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
13	Mid Quarter
13	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm
19	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
20	Picture Day

October

9	Columbus Holiday – No School
10	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
10	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
12-13	6 th Grade Springfield Trip
13	End of 1 st Quarter
19	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:00 to 8:00 pm
20	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm Parent /Teacher Conferences – 3:00 to 8:00 pm
23-25	7 th Grade White Pines Outdoor Ed. Trip
25	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm

November

6	Teacher Institute Day – No School
7-10	Cultural Event Week
10	Veterans' Day Holiday – No School
13	School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
17	Mid Quarter
21	Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
22-24	Thanksgiving Break – No School
30	Santa's Workshop

December

1	Santa's Workshop
5	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
11	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
12	Science/Social Studies Fair – 6:30 pm
14	Kindergarten/Band Program – 7:00 pm
22	2 nd Quarter Ends
22	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
25	Winter Break Begins – No School

* No Field Trips or any extra events during the School day, i.e. Jr. Achievement

January

8	Teacher Institute Day –No School
8	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
8	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
9	Classes Resume after Winter Break
15	M.L. King Holiday – No School
16-19	Winter MAP Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*
24	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm
26	Grandparents/100 th Day

February

6	Mid Quarter
12	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
15	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:00 to 7:00 pm
16	No School for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00 am to 11:00 am
19	Presidents' Day – No School
21	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm

March

2	Preschool Screening – By Appt. Only
5	Pulaski Holiday – No School
9	End of 3 rd Quarter
12	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
12	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
13	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
23	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
26	Spring Break Begins

April

3	Classes Resume after Spring Break
9	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
9	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
19	Drama Club Play
19	Mid Quarter
24	Graduation Pictures
25	8 th Grade Leaves for Washington DC Trip
28	8 th Grade Returns from Washington DC Trip

May

1	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
3	Art Fair/Ice Cream Social/Band/Choir Performances
7-11	Spring MAP Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*
14	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
18	Teacher Institute Day – No School
20	8 th Grade Graduation – 2:00 pm
23	Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 am
23	Last Day of Preschool
24	Last Day of School if no emergency days used – (Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm)

June

11	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
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