



## NEWS FOR PARENTS

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

Welcome to the 2018-19 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. Information on sports and other extra-curricular activities can be found on our website at [www.rosemont78.org](http://www.rosemont78.org) under the Teams & Clubs link. Information specific to your child's grade can be found under the Classroom link for your child's teacher. Some of the more commonly asked questions regarding school policies are included in this first newsletter, however the complete Parent/Student Handbook can be found online under the Quick Links tab. If you have any questions, please call the school at 847-825-0144. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your child's education. Looking forward to a fantastic year.

### 1ST QUARTER CALENDAR

#### AUGUST 2018

- Aug. 20 - Fall MAP Testing Begins  
(Aug. 20-24 for Grades K-7)
- Aug. 24 - Chicago Dogs Fundraiser - 7:00pm  
(Benefit Club Fundraiser-Visit website for details)
- Aug. 28 - AimsWeb Testing Begins  
(Aug. 28-29 for Grades K-8)

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- Sept. 3 - No School - Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 4 - Scholastic Book Fair Opens  
(Runs through Sept. 10th)
- Sept. 5 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting - 6:00pm
- Sept. 5 - Open House/Benefit Club Meeting  
7:00pm (Gym)
- Sept. 10 - October Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Sept. 10 - Fall MAP Testing Begins  
(Sept. 10-14 for Grade 8)
- Sept. 10 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm  
(Phyllis J. Anderson Lunchroom)
- Sept. 12 - Mid Quarter - Progress Reports (K-8)
- Sept. 12 - L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30pm  
(Phyllis J. Anderson Lunchroom)
- Sept. 17 - Little Caesars Lunch Fundraiser  
(If ordered in advance)
- Sept. 19 - Picture Day
- Sept. 21 - Early Dismissal at 11:30am - SIP Day

#### OCTOBER 2018

- Oct. 8 - No School - Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct. 9 - November Hot Lunch Orders Due
- Oct. 9 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- Oct. 9 - Benefit Club Meeting - 6:45pm
- Oct. 11 - 6th Grade Departs for Springfield  
(Return date October 12)
- Oct. 12 - End of 1st Quarter  
(Report Cards distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences on 10/18 & 10/19 - Grades K-8)

#### ***2nd Quarter Dates: Oct. 15 - Dec. 21, 2018***

#### ***Mark Your Calendar***

*Junior High 1st Quarter Honor Roll Awards Assembly -  
Oct. 18 - 1:30pm - Gym*

#### ***Parent/Teacher Conferences:***

*Oct. 18 - 3:00-8:00pm (2pm dismissal)  
Oct. 19 - 3:00-8:00pm (no school)*

#### **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.

**Open House & Benefit Club Meeting**

We hope to see all parents and students at Open House on September 5, 2018. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym with a presentation from Mr. 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.

**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 makeup the classwork 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. 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 20th. Students in grade 8 will test the week of September 10th. 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 4th through 10th, 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 12, 2018. 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 12, 2018. 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](http://www.teacherease.com).

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 18 & 19, 2018. 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**

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 & 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 visitor 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 14, 2018

Physical - Required for grades PK, K & 6  
Deadline: September 28, 2018

Dental - Required for grades K, 2, & 6  
Deadline: April 12, 2019

**Picture Day**

School pictures will be taken on September 19, 2018. 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 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 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!

**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.

**Questions**

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Phone: 847-825-0144

Fax: 847-825-9704

Address: 6101 N. Ruby Street

Website: [www.rosemont78.org](http://www.rosemont78.org)

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

## 2018-19 Rosemont School Calendar

### August

7	New Student Registration Day – 8:30 to 2:30
13	Teacher Institute Day – No School
13	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
14	Preschool Parent Open House 8:30 – 2:00
14	First Day of School <b>(K-8)</b> – Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
15	First Day of School <b>(PK)</b>
15	First <b>Full</b> Day of School <b>(K-8)</b>
20-24	Fall MAP Testing <b>(K-7)</b> – NO FIELD TRIPS*
28-29	AIMSweb Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*

### September

3	Labor Day Holiday – No School
5	Open House/Benefit Club Mtg. – 7:00pm
10-14	Fall MAP Testing – <b>(Grade 8)</b>
10	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
12	Mid Quarter
12	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm
19	Picture Day
21	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am

### October

8	Columbus Holiday – No School
9	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
9	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
11-12	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Springfield Trip
12	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
18	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:00 to 8:00 pm
19	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
	Parent /Teacher Conferences – 3:00 to 8:00 pm
22-24	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade White Pines Outdoor Ed. Trip
24	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm
26	Teacher Institute Day – No School

### November

12	Veterans' Day Holiday – No School
13	School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
13-16	Cultural Event Week
16	Mid Quarter
20	Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
21-23	Thanksgiving Break – No School
29-30	Santa's Workshop

### December

10	School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
11	Science/Social Studies Fair – 6:30 pm
13	Kindergarten/Band Program – 7:00 pm
14	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
18-19	AIMSweb Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*
21	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
21	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
24	Winter Break Begins – No School

### January

7	Teacher Institute Day – No School
8	Classes Resume after Winter Break
14	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
14	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
14-18	Winter MAP Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*
21	M.L. King Holiday – No School
23	L.A.F.F. Night – 6:30 pm
25	Grandparents/100 <sup>th</sup> Day

### February

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

### March

1	Preschool Screening – By Appt. Only
4	Pulaski Holiday – No School
7	Music in our School Concert
8	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
8	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
11	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
11	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
20	ISA Testing – <b>(Grades 5 &amp; 7)</b>
22	Early Dismissal – 2:00 pm
25	Spring Break Begins

### April

1	Classes Resume after Spring Break
8	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
8	Benefit Club Mtg. – 6:45 pm
17	Mid Quarter
18	Drama Club Play
19	No School
22-26	MAP Testing – <b>(Grade 7)</b>
23	Graduation Pictures
24	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leaves for Washington DC Trip
27	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Returns from Washington DC Trip
29-30	AIMSweb Testing – NO FIELD TRIPS*

### May

1	SIP Day – Students Dismissed at 11:30 am
2	Art Fair/Ice Cream Social/Band Performances
6-10	Spring MAP Testing– <b>(Grades K-6)</b> NO FIELD TRIPS*
13	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
17	Teacher Institute Day – No School
19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 2:00 pm
22	Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 am
22	Last Day of Preschool
23	Last Day of School if no emergency days used - (Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm)

### June

10	School Board Mtg. – 6:30 pm
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\* No Field Trips or any extra events during the School Day, i.e. Jr. Achievement