



Thursday, August 20, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

We are at T-minus six days until the start of the 2020-21 school year. The intent of this week's newsletter is to answer some common questions and lay out details of the first week of school.

**WE WANT TO SEE YOUR SMILING FACES AND WE JUST CAN'T WAIT!**

Monday, August 24th from 12:00-3:00 will be a "WELCOME BACK WALK THROUGH" event for students and their immediate family. In order to ensure a safe return to school there are some very important procedures that will need to be followed. We will need to all work together to pull this off, but it is our sincere hope that it will allow many of our families to get a glimpse at classrooms and drop off supplies that may otherwise be a challenge for students to carry in on the first day of school.

- Students may come with one or two adults (immediate family members). Siblings are not allowed to attend each other's walk through. We recognize the challenge this creates for families and ask that everyone understand the need for such limitations at this time. We miss our big, old family hot dog night as much as you do. Our hope is that our efforts now will lead to greater flexibility sooner.
- The student and their parents/guardians must enter through the designated entrance for their team. See attachment below. Doors will be clearly marked with yard signs in front of the school.
  - The Voyager team entrance is through the main entrance. To ensure only Voyager students enter through the main doors please DO NOT plan to visit the office from 12-3 on Monday, August 24th. Only Voyagers and their families will be permitted to enter at that time.
- Masks are required of all who enter the building. If the guest of a student is medically unable to wear a mask, we ask you contact the school for another time to walk through after the scheduled hours of this event. Arrangements will be made for such situations.
- To ensure social distancing only one student and their guests from each classroom will be allowed in the building at a time. A staff member will be at the exterior doors to allow families access. Families waiting will need to remain outside and distance along the sidewalks.
- Students may find their classroom and locker while dropping off supplies. Students may not tour the building beyond their team's hallway, classroom and locker.
- At the end students will exit out the exterior doors in each classroom which for some may require a walk outside from the back of the building to the parking lot.

- Visits will be scheduled based on the last name of the student as follows
  - Last names A-H may visit between 12:00-1:00
  - Last names I-R may visit between 1:00-2:00
  - Last names S-Z may visit between 2:00-3:00
- **BOTH IN SCHOOL AND DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO VISIT DURING THIS TIME.**
- Distance Learning students may pick up technology and see the classroom their teacher will be teaching from during the virtual school day.
- In School students whose first day of school is Wednesday, August 26th will be able to pick up learning materials for their first day of learning at home (8/25).

### **OUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th**

It should be noted that at least one of our surrounding school districts has chosen to move the start of their school year back a week of August 31st to ensure they are ready to offer services to all students. RPSA is ready to go and our plan is in place so we are starting the school year as originally planned in our [20/21 calendar](#).

- Team Blue is in school and Team Grey is learning from home. See the [August 13th newsletter](#) for more information.
- All Distance Learners begin on Tuesday, August 25th and have regularly scheduled school days beginning immediately. There is not a hybrid or blended start to the year for Distance Learning students. All Distance Learning students should plan to participate in learning with their teacher daily based on the original calendar for the school year.
- Doors open at 7:45. Students must remain in cars until the school doors are opened.
- Students enter through their designated entrance doors only. The Entrance and Exit plan is linked here. [Student Entrance and Exit Doorways](#)
- The school day ends at 3:25 with pick up outside. All adults must remain in their cars for pick up.

### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS**

- The breakfast and lunch menus are on our website and [linked here](#). Please ignore the menu for August 24th as school starts on August 25th.
- The cost for breakfast is \$2.00 for full price and .30 is the reduced rate. The cost of lunch is \$3.50 and .40 is the reduced lunch rate.
- Free and reduced lunch paperwork will be sent home the first day of school.
- The main office is open from 9:00am-2:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to make payments. Payments may also be sent in a labeled envelope with a student.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Due to strict requirements prohibiting shared school supplies to begin the school year, a list of allowable supplies has been created by each team. [Distance Learning Student Supply List](#) and [In School Student Supply List](#) Families will receive this information during their virtual family

visit with the teacher. It is linked here again for your reference. Due to limits on storage, supplies not listed will be sent home with the student to be used on days a student learns from home.

### **QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS AND STILL MORE QUESTIONS**

Every student and their family will be invited to a virtual family visit sometime this week. Our staff has set a goal to meet with 100% of families through a video meeting to set the foundation of a strong home/school relationship. Teachers are fielding lots of questions and many are passed on to our whole staff to ensure consistency in the information going to families. If you have further questions, you can contact a member of the leadership team through [Family Survey](#). If it is easier you may also email a member of the school leadership team and someone will reply as soon as possible. Our goal is to answer every question in a timely manner. Your questions help us see the world through the eyes of a family member and lead to the decisions we make along the way. Please don't hesitate to contact us...

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Thank you for choosing to be part of the RPSA community during these challenging times. We are committed to offering a safe, meaningful and truly exciting learning experience for our students.

In Partnership,  
The RPSA Staff