



# Welcome to the Kindergarten Center!



## October 2023 Newsletter

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October 2	Stomp out Bullying, Wear Blue!
October 2-6	Week of Respect
October 5	Cashless Book Fair for students, make up day October 6 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm (Book Fair opens for adults before meeting at 6:00 pm)
October 9	Schools Closed, Columbus Day
October 9-13	Fire Prevention Week/Visit by Rutherford Fire Department
October 12	Outdoor Yoga for Students; bring a beach towel or yoga mat
October 16-20	Safe Schools Week
October 18	Unity Day, Wear orange to be united against bullying
October 18	ESL Open House for parents of students K-12, RHS Library, 6:30-7:30
October 19	Lunch Portal <b>Opens</b> for <a href="#">November</a> Orders, 8:00 am
October 24	Picture Retake Day ( Email your teacher if you wish to have retake)
October 25	Walk to School with the Mayor-Meet at Lincoln Park at 8:25 am
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:10 pm (Weather permitting); <b>Optional Lunch Pick up at 12:05</b>

### Absences/Attendance/Arrival

A child must be present for 4 hours to be marked present for the day. The North Lobby Entrance Doors are open from 8:30-8:45. Students may be walked to the arrival area or let out in the front of the school via the drop off lane. If your child arrives after the doors have closed, they must be signed in at the main office. At no time shall a child be dropped off to school when school is in session. All absences must be reported to the main office. Please report your child absent by 9:00 am.

- Call the main office to report an absence at 201 438-7675 ext. 6219

**OR**

- Email [kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org](mailto:kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org) with your child's information. Upon return, please provide a written note regarding their absence(s) signed by a parent/guardian as well as a note from the physician if applicable.

Students who are absent more than 18 days may be retained as noted in the Student Handbook however sick children should not attend school. Please provide the proper documentation for health related absences for our records in the event 18 days are accumulated. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Allergies and Medical Information

All medical forms are available online and Nurse Erica Farrell can be contacted at 201 438-7675 ext. 7278 or [efarrell@rutherfordschools.org](mailto:efarrell@rutherfordschools.org). Please be sure Nurse Erica is notified of any changes or updates regarding any medical situations as the year progresses.

### Birthday Celebrations

**Birthday celebrations are food free.** To celebrate your child on their special day, students may bring in a party favor, donate an item such as a book or game to the class, and/or have a guest reader. Additionally, party invitations will be distributed at school **only** if the whole class or all boys/ all girls are invited. Please contact your child's teacher directly to coordinate.

## **Cashless Book Fair**

Set up an eWallet account in your child's name on our Book Fair website for October 5. Students shop during the school day. Parents may shop prior to the PTA meeting. Make up day is on Friday, October 6. To get started with eWallet and online shopping go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/rutherfordkcenter>. Details and ewallet directions attached.

## **Dismissal**

Students are dismissed from the designated dismissal doors at 2:35. Parents/guardians must meet their child directly at their class dismissal area to ensure a safe dismissal. Parking in crosswalks and blocking driveways pose safety hazards and is inconsiderate to our neighbors. If your child is being picked up by someone that is not on the authorized dismissal list, please be sure you have contacted the teacher prior to the start of the day.

## **Drop-off Line**

The drop-off line begins on Highland Cross and continues north on Sylvan Street. Please follow the staff's directives as you pull up. Cars are to pull all the way up to the driveway and pull up directly to the car behind them. Once stopped in the drop-off lane on Sylvan Street, please have your child exit the car **independently**. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to exit the car when utilizing the drop-off lane. Staff is there to supervise, however, your child must be able to independently exit the car. This includes unbuckling and opening/closing the door. If your child can not, you must park and walk your child to the front of the building.

## **Extra Set of Clothes**

If you have not already done so, please place an extra set of clothes with undergarments (in a labeled ziplock bag) inside your child's backpack in case of a spill or accident. The clothing will be kept at school. This is separate from that requested by Bulldog Care.

## **Halloween Parade**

Students will be allowed to go home for a one hour lunch on October 31 and return in their halloween costume. Additional information has been shared, including a permission slip if your child will be leaving for lunch. If your child is remaining in school, staff will be available to assist students who send their costume in a bag labeled.

## **Lost Items**

To reduce the number of items in our Lost and Found Box, which will be located in the lobby, please label all clothing items (sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, hats etc.) with your child's name or initials. From time to time we will have all items outside the school for parents to go through.

## **Lunch**

Parents must provide a drink and lunch for their child daily. Please see the options below:

**Lunch from Home:** Please provide a lunch meal, snack and drink. The school does not heat lunches or provide drinks. Glass containers are not permitted to be sent to school. Please practice opening containers independently and be sure to send utensils/napkins.

**PTA Lunch:** The PTA provides pre-order lunches from various local businesses. The specifics regarding the lunches will be shared directly by the PTA. They will offer Pizza on Mondays, Bagels on Tuesdays, and Jim Dandy's on Fridays. This will begin the week of October 2.

**Ordered Lunch:** The Kindergarten Center falls under Lincoln School for lunch ordering and you **must** select Lincoln School as the school when prompted. Specific information regarding the lunch service has been shared. The district will notify families via email as to when the lunch portal is open for each month. **Lunch orders are not accepted after the closing date of the portal.**

*If a child does not have lunch, they will receive an extra lunch or crackers and jelly.*

## **Outdoor Yoga**

As the weather finally begins to look like fall, we look forward to our fall yoga sessions on October 12 and incorporating some signs of the season with the fall breeze and falling leaves.

**Playground/School Grounds**

Bulldog Care has priority to use the outdoor school grounds beginning at 3:00 daily. Should you allow time for your child to play following dismissal, please be sure to leave school grounds by 3:00. All children must be well supervised by their adult. Children should be in sight of their adult at all times and should refrain from playing on the stairs, ringing the bells to the building, throwing rocks or any other items, standing on top of the climbing "rock" on the playground or being physical with other children. **It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to maintain the safety of our students.**

# September Highlights

