



Welcome to the Kindergarten Center!



September 2023 Newsletter

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Supervisor - Mrs. Megan Caughey (Coy)

School Secretary - Mrs. Liz Rizzi

Main office: 201-438-7675 ext. 6219

Reporting an Absence: Call main office or kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org

School Nurse- Nurse Erica Farrell

Nurse's office: 201-438-7675 ext. 7278

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Each month a newsletter will be sent home via email to families with upcoming dates to remember, some news from the month before and important information relevant to your child's kindergarten experience. This month's newsletter is an overview of our school procedures and is the only paper newsletter being sent home! Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Upcoming September dates:

September 7	Spirit Wear Sale Starts
September 11	High Five to Hometown Heroes -Dress in Red, White & Blue Day
September 13	Back To School Night in the evening
September 15	Picture Day
September 21	Lunch Portal Opens 8:00 am for October Orders
September 29	School Spirit Day-Dress in Blue and White and/or Bulldog Gear Dance-a-thon PTA Fundraiser

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. 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 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.

Daily attendance is a requirement for every grade including Kindergarten. Students who are absent more than 18 days may be retained as noted in the Student Handbook.

Allergies and Medical Information

All medical forms are available online and Nurse Erica can be contacted at 201-438-7675 ext. 7278 or 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.

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. If your child attends Lincoln School in the morning, it is important that they have a set of clothing at both schools.

Lost Items

To reduce the number of items in our Lost and Found Box, which will be located in the north 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.

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. Ordering for October begins on September 21. **Lunch orders are not accepted after the closing date of the portal.**

PTA Lunch: The PTA has partnered with local businesses to provide additional lunch options to students. This lunch option will start the week of October 2 and the specifics will be shared directly by the PTA at Back to School Night.

Tuesday	Union Ave Bagels
Wednesday	Chris' Pizza
Thursday	Jim Dandy's

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

Picture Day

All children will have their picture taken on Friday, September 15. There are no order forms to fill out. Your child's proof will be delivered to the K-Center in about three weeks with an online code to view and/or order your child's portrait. Picture Retake day is Tuesday, October 24.

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.**