



# APRIL 2024 Newsletter



## Kindergarten Center

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April 1	April Fools Day!-Bring in a joke or riddle Author Visit Summer Enrichment Academy <a href="#">registration</a> Opens (Spots are limited. Review <a href="#">brochure</a> for more information.)
April 3	One Session Day for Students-12:45 Dismissal; Bring a snack
April 10	Cashless Book Fair for students. Additional shopping April 11
April 15-19	PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Adult Book Fair shopping prior to meeting <b>Schools Closed, Spring Recess</b>
April 18	Lunch Portal <b>Opens</b> for <b>May</b> Orders, 8:00 am
April 22	School Wide Spring Planting (Rain date April 23) Library Tales - Ms. Sayre
April 23	Library Tales - Mrs. Parkinson
April 25	Outdoor Yoga-Bring a beach towel or yoga mat
April 29	Library Tales - Mrs. Bomzer

## 2024-2025 School Year

Information regarding your child's school assignment for Grade 1 will be sent out in a letter from the respective principal in late spring. Registration for students entering kindergarten in September of 2024 has begun. Please help us spread the word that new kindergarten registration, those entering kindergarten in the fall, is open and all entering are encouraged to do so in a timely manner to help us best prepare for the incoming class. Your help is appreciated!

## Health Office/Medical Information

- Please keep all children home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol/Motrin.
- Any student that has vomiting and diarrhea must stay home for 24 hours until the symptoms have passed.
- Please be sure to follow up with the pediatrician if your child has a productive or persistent cough.
- If your child was seen by a physician, please provide a note to the school.
- Head Lice: Please continue your part by checking your child's hair daily. Please notify [Nurse Erica](#) if you identify head lice or have a question about it.
- Allergy season. If your child significantly suffers from allergies and needs medication administered during the day, please be sure to have your doctor complete the orders for administration and provide the medication with the orders to the nurse.
- **Doctor notes are required for gym and recess accommodations.**

## Absences

To report an absence, call **201 438-7675 ext. 6219** or Email [kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org](mailto:kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org)  
**Please report absences by 9:00 am.**

Provide your child's name and teacher and upon return, please provide a written note regarding their absence(s) signed by a parent/guardian and/or a note from the physician regarding their absences.

A child must be present for 4 hours to be marked present for the day. Students who are absent more than 18 days may be retained as noted in the Student Handbook. Please provide the proper documentation for health related absences for our records in the event 18 days are accumulated. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### (Late) Arrivals

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, unattended, when school is in session. As stated in the Student Handbook, a parent conference will be held to address tardiness. **Students are expected to be arriving on time and as noted, students will receive a lunch detention on the sixth tardy and on every third tardy thereafter.**

### Cashless Book Fair

Set up an eWallet account in your child's name on our Book Fair website for April 10. Students shop during the school day. Adult only shopping is available prior to the PTA meeting. Students absent on April 10 will be able to shop on the make up day on Thursday, April 11. To get started with eWallet and online shopping go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rutherfordkcenter>.

### Celebrations

**Food/candy will not be distributed from home at any time.** To celebrate your child on their birthday, 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.

### Dress for the Weather

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather. Students go outside to play on a daily basis. Remember to label all additional clothing items and to **check the lost and found regularly.** Please also be mindful of your child's footwear. Sneakers are preferred to ensure safety when playing outside. Rain and snow boots are not typically necessary and often pose potential hazards for students.

### 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

Students will be bringing home their extra set of clothes to be replaced with a more seasonal set of clothing. Please be sure to return the extra set promptly. Clothing should be in a labeled ziplock bag and include undergarments and socks. The clothing will be kept at school. This is separate from that requested by Bulldog Care.

### Library Tales

Each class will be visiting the Rutherford Public Library. Our town librarian will provide them the opportunity to explore the various resources available and read the class a story. Students will be transported to the library via district school bus or on occasion walk. **Any items that your child borrows from the library must be returned directly to the library.** The school is not responsible for items. Library cards do not need to be sent into school.

Mrs. Bomzer	April 29	Ms. Ruglio	June 11
Ms. Sayre	April 22	Mrs. Parkinson	April 23
Mrs. Witalis	May 13	Mrs. Rim	June 14
Ms. Cocoz	May 28		
Mrs. Kratzer	May 21		

## 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.

**PTA Lunch:** The PTA provides pre-order lunches from various local businesses. The specifics regarding the lunches have been shared directly by the PTA including Bagels on Tuesdays, Pizza/Pasta on Wednesdays and Jim Dandy's on Thursdays. Drinks are not included so please be sure a drink is sent to school daily.

**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.*

## Outdoor Yoga

As the weather finally begins to look like spring, we look forward to our spring yoga sessions on April 25 and May 16. Please dress to participate and bring your towel or yoga mat on these days.

## 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.**

## School Wide Spring Planting

We look forward to the students' help with the beautification of our school on April 22. The Kindergarten Center PTA will be coordinating. Please dress appropriately.

## Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA)

Registration for students entering kindergarten through grade 3 will begin on April 1 and will close on April 30. The brochure for the Summer Enrichment Academy is [attached](#). Space is limited and spaces are assigned in order of registration. The half-day program is held at Lincoln School from July 8-July 31.

## Update Contact Information

It is imperative that the Kindergarten Center have the most updated information regarding parent information and emergency contact information. It is also important that parents have identified someone that is local who is available in the event that your child needs to be picked up early due to illness or unplanned school closures.

