

Kindergarten Center



December 2018 Newsletter



Absences/Attendance: All absences must be reported to the main office. Please report your child absent by 9:00 am by calling the office at 201 438-7675 ext. 6219 or you may 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 or a note from their physician for the days your child was not in attendance. **Daily attendance is a requirement for every grade.**

Birthday Celebrations: Birthday celebrations are food free at the Kindergarten Center. Please contact the teacher directly regarding your child's birthday celebration. Additionally, invitations will be distributed at school only if the whole class or all boys/all girls are invited. Please contact the teacher directly regarding your child's birthday celebration.

Box Tops: The Kindergarten Center Box Top race is underway. Each box top is redeemed for 10 cents for the school to use. Please send Box Tops into school with your child at any time. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbors to help out too! We were able to purchase an outdoor table and we are looking to purchase another! Thank you for your continued support!

Cold Weather: Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather. **Students go outside to play daily.** Remember to label all additional clothing.

Dismissal: Parents/guardians **must park legally** when picking up a child at dismissal. Parking in crosswalks and blocking driveways pose safety hazards. The Rutherford Police Department will be monitoring and the continued cooperation from parents is appreciated. While on school property, please be sure that your child/children are well supervised and playing appropriately.

Drop-off Line: The drop-off line begins on Highland Cross and continues north on Sylvan Street. Cars are to pull up directly to the car behind them, with the first car pulling up to the sign. Once stopped in the drop-off lane on Sylvan Street, please have your child exit the car independently. 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.

Early Dismissal and Delayed Opening: You will be notified via the Connect 5 System regarding any change in schedules. **In the event of an early dismissal, students will be dismissed at 12:45 pm. Please note that the YMCA does not run its afternoon program on early dismissal days due to emergency closings and students must be picked up at the end of their day.** There is no lunch on these days and students should be provided a substantial nut-free snack. **In the event of a delayed opening, main doors will open at 10:30 am with class beginning at 10:45 am. The YMCA does not run the before care program on delayed opening days.** There is no lunch on these days and students should be provided a substantial nut-free snack. Dismissal procedures remain the same.

Holiday Boutique: The Holiday Boutique is scheduled for December 5. Additional information has been sent home.

Hour of Code: The Rutherford High School Computer Club, under the direction of Ms. Margaret Nastasi, will be visiting the K-Center on December 14 to introduce the topic of computer coding with our students.

Library Tales: Each class will be visiting the Rutherford Public Library beginning in January. Students will travel to the library on district buses. Students will hear a story from the librarian and will be able to check out books. If your child does not have a library card, one will be issued. Student do not need to bring their library cards.

Mitten Tree: Our annual Mitten Tree is up in the lobby area outside the main office. We are collecting new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. These items will be donated to the Rutherford Social Services Department to benefit local families.

Silver Bells: If anyone is in need of assistance with winter clothing or gifts for the holidays, assistance is available. Please reach out to Nurse Erica. Any communication will remain confidential.

Website: Please visit www.rutherfordschools.org/kcenter/ for information about our school. Receive updates via email by entering your email address under "subscribe" on the K-Center page and refer to the K-Center's Google Calendar for upcoming events.

YMCA Meadowlands After Care: Please be sure to contact the YMCA at 855-788-9622 **AND** the Kindergarten Center main office, 201-438-7675 ext. 6219, if your child is not attending aftercare.

December Important Dates

November 26-December 18	Mitten Tree Collection
December 5	Holiday Boutique
December 7	"J is for Jersey" Celebrate the letter J by wearing your favorite team jersey to school!
December 10	Lunch Portal Opens for January Orders, 8 am
December 14	Hour of Code
	Report Cards Issued
December 20	Lunch Portal Closes for January Orders, 7 am
	"P is for Pajamas" Celebrate the letter P by wearing your favorite pajamas to school! (No pajamas with feet or slippers)
December 21	One Session Day, 12:45 Dismissal, No Lunch Served
December 24-January 1	Schools Closed, Holiday Recess
January 2	Schools Reopen