



Dear Rolling Terrace Families,

This letter contains a few quick updates regarding our plans for reopening.

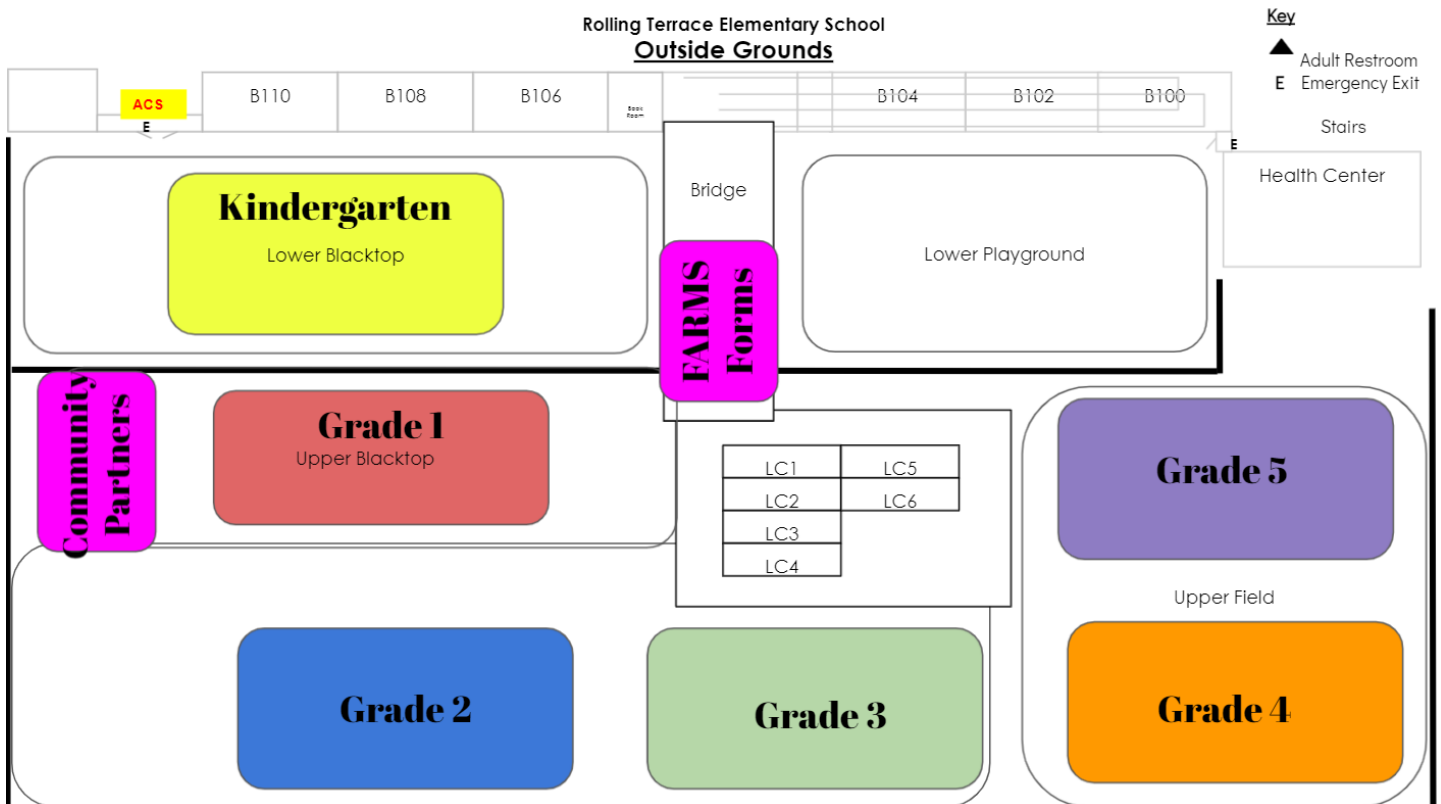
**Outdoor Lunch**

As we plan for reopening, the safety and health of our community remains our most important priority. We have been hard at work planning ways to offer outdoor lunch for all our students. We are pleased to have created a schedule that allows students to eat outside three days a week. On days when students eat inside, students will maintain social distancing while they are eating and all face the same direction. This will allow us to have less students eating lunch in the All-Purpose Room

**Open House**

We are looking forward to seeing you Friday for our Open House. MCPS has provided guidance that large gatherings, such as Open House and Back to School Night cannot be offered indoors. Therefore, for Open House tomorrow it will be outdoors, on the field and blacktop. Please dress for warm weather.

- Kindergarten Open House Friday, August 27 from 1 PM-2 PM. Please bring your ticket so you can meet your teachers. We will all meet in the lower blacktop in the back of the school at 1 PM, rain or shine.
- Grades 1-5 Open House Friday, August 27 at 2 PM. There is a map below 2 that shows where each grade will meet. Plan to come and meet your teacher and classmates.



## **Back to School Night**

Based on MCPS guidance, we will have to offer Back to School Night virtually. The dates and times will remain the same:

- September 9 6:15 PM- 7:30 PM- Grades 2-5
- September 14 6:15 PM-7:30 PM- Kindergarten-Grade 1

Teachers will share a Zoom link for the meeting prior to each date.

## **Continuity of Learning**

In the event that a student or class needs to quarantine, our leadership team has developed a plan for students to receive live instruction online from a non-classroom-based teacher. Classroom teachers will coordinate with staff to plan instruction that keeps students engaged in the curriculum and classroom learning.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

On the first three days of school (8/30, 8/31 & 9/1) we will all meet at the back of the school to provide outside space for us to gather and maintain social distance. Parents will say good-bye outside and students and teachers will enter the building in a staggered manner. Car riders will be dropped off in the car loop and adults will direct them to walk to the back of the building. Families who drive and would like to walk their children to the back of the school will need to find parking and walk to the back of the school. Bus riders will exit buses in the bus loop and be escorted to the back of school by staff to join their class.

Beginning September 2, we will begin our normal arrival routine.

- Kindergarten students will enter in the back of the school directly into their classrooms.
- Grades 1-5 will enter the building through the main front doors.

As with Spring and Summer 2021, families will be asked to say goodbye outside the marked off area in the front. This will limit the number of individuals gathered under the overhang in the front of the building. Staff will be outside to assist with arrival as well as inside the building to support students as they go to their classrooms.

Dismissal will return to our regular procedures:

- Kindergarten will dismiss from their classrooms onto the lower blacktop.
- Grade 1 will dismiss to the lower blacktop
- Grades 2 and 3 will dismiss to the upper blacktop
- Grades 4 and 5 will dismiss through the door near the bus loop

Reminder that dismissal is at 3:25, so thank you for being on time.

Bus routes will be posted on our website once we receive them.

## **Free and Reduced Meals Applications**

Free and reduced meal applications are now available online in multiple languages.

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Please call the main office if you have any questions (240)740-1950. Applications are important so that our community continues to receive the support and resources needed.

## **Amazon Smile**

Please keep in mind that you can designate Rolling Terrace ES as a beneficiary for Amazon Smile. These funds help support our students and staff.