Good evening Rosemont Families,

On behalf of the staff at Rosemont Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you, in-person, to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you were able to spend time this summer with family and friends. We are looking forward to a productive partnership to ensure all children achieve their highest potential. This week's **Rosemont Community Connection** features important Back-to School information.

Mission Statement

At Rosemont Elementary School we are **COMMITTED** to building a community of lifelong learners. Together, we will-

- foster positive Relationships with students, staff, and families;
- deliver **Rigorous** instruction; and
- achieve **Results** for our students.

Assistant Principal Update

Congratulations to Mrs. Simon, our principal intern. She is now the acting principal at Watkins Mill Elementary School. I wish Mrs. Simon all the best as she begins this next chapter in her career as an MCPS leader. Interviews for a new assistant principal will take place this month; I will keep you updated once the position has been filled.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021. During orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers and other staff members. The sessions are for children who will be five years old by September 1, 2021, and their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians should call Rosemont Elementary School at 301-840-7123 to make an appointment to register. You must have a schedule appointment to attend.

Masks/Face Coverings

As you are aware, on July 27, the Board of Education announced that **all students**, **staff**, **and visitors across all levels (elementary, middle, and high) will be required to wear face coverings in school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.** This expectation represents a continuation of current practice. Face coverings are not required outdoors, but strongly are recommended for unvaccinated individuals and on school busses, all students will be required to wear face coverings.

Open House

Open House is on Friday, August 27 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. At the Open House you will have a chance to visit your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher. Please note that information about your child's teacher will be provided on the day of Open House.

Free & Reduced Meals

Apply for Free and Reduced Meal at <u>MySchoolApps.com</u> for the 2021-22 school year.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 30. School begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m. Children should not arrive at school before 8:40 a.m.

Name Tags

Name tags are very important to ensure student safety. K-3 students should wear a name tag that includes the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Grade Level and Teacher Name
- Room Number
- Phone Number
- Dismissal Plan bus color/global/car-rider

Student Transportation

MCPS has updated the bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year. Please check the attachment to identify your child's arrival and departure bus route, color and pick up time. If your child will ride a bus, I strongly encourage you to put your child on the bus the first day of school to acclimate her/him to the routine of riding the bus. If your bus is late or if you are uncertain about which bus your child should ride, please contact the Shady Grove North bus depot at 240-740-6220.

School Supplies

School is fast approaching. Each grade level has a specific supply list. You may download the attachment to identify which supplies your child will need this school year.

Back to School Night

Plan ahead! Back-to-School Night for grades K-5 will be held on **Tuesday, September 14 from 6:30 – 8:00p.m.** During the meeting, you will have a chance to hear from administration, the PTA president, and your child's teacher about their instructional program.

Summer Maintenance

In an effort to maintain good indoor air quality and optimize HVAC system operation, staff from the Division of Maintenance & Operations performed preventive maintenance activities at Rosemont over the summer. As part of this process, technicians systematically cleaned and sanitize HVAC units throughout the school and replaced air filters. In addition, mechanics serviced exhaust fans and made repairs as necessary to HVAC-system related equipment and controls. Portable buildings will be included in this process as well.

PreK Students

All PreK and CAPP teachers will be contacting parents and students soon to schedule virtual home visits. School does not start on Monday, August 31 for PreK and CAPP students.

All information stated during this message will be automatically sent via email and can be found on our school website. Otherwise, a hard copy may be picked up at Rosemont between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday – Friday.

I look forward to meeting all of you and learning about your children. I am excited about the 2021-2022 school year. It is my hope that we can all work together to form a strong partnership, calling upon the strengths of home, school, and the Gaithersburg community. This concludes the weekly Rosemont Community Connection.

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