

Be Somebody Who Makes Everybody Feel Like a Somebody.

~Brad Montague

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Fostering relationships and teamwork for student success.



Eagle Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family enjoying the summer fun. As we move closer to the upcoming school year, please see important dates and information below. On behalf of our staff, we can't wait to begin the learning journey with you and our young Eagles!

Meet & Greet/Ice Cream Social

Families are invited to attend a Meet and Greet/Ice Cream Social, 4:00-5:00 p.m. on August 28. This is a great opportunity for students and families to meet teachers, drop off school supplies and practice the walking routes to classrooms from the back gates, bus lane, or front parking. As an added bonus, an ice cream treat will be provided for all to enjoy!

Kindergarten families will have an opportunity to see the classroom and drop off supplies during Family Connections meetings, August 30 and 31. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received a link to sign up for a time. **Kindergarten classrooms will not be open during Meet & Greet, but you will be able to meet your teacher and have an ice cream treat! 😊

Due to limited parking availability, we encourage families to walk, carpool or take advantage of the shuttle bus service that will be provided on the following schedule:

- Bus #1** 3:45 p.m. - Pick up at Maple Ridge Park, on the corner of Maple Ridge Way SE and SE Maple Ridge Dr.
- Bus #2:** 3:45 p.m. – Pick up at SE 248th Street @ 238th PL SE (Belmont Woods)
3:49 p.m. – Pick up at SE 244th St @ 236th Ave SE (Patrick's Fair)
3:53 p.m. – Pick up at SE 240th Way @ 231st Ave SE (Valley Meadow)
- Bus #3** 3:45 p.m. – Pick up at 234th Ave SE (Greenbrier)
3:55 p.m. – Pick up at 264th St @ 242nd Ave SE (Woodridge)
- All Busses** 5:05 p.m. - Leave Rock Creek and return families to pick up locations.

First Day of School Dates

August 30: Grades 1-5

September 5: Kindergarten



Frequently Asked Questions:

What are school hours?

Monday-Thursday: 9:10 a.m.- 3:50 p.m.

Friday Early Release: 9:10 a.m.-1:50 p.m.

- Early Release Fridays will begin on Friday, Sept. 6 – Friday, Sept. 1 will be a full day.
- Each day, students may enter their classrooms beginning at 9:00 a.m. Students dropped off between 8:55-9:00 a.m. will wait on the black top (near/under covered area) with a staff member.
- There is no student supervision prior to 8:55 a.m.

Where do I drop off and pick up my student(s)?

Parents/Drivers, please use our front parking lot for drop off and pick up. There will be signs and cones to show you the traffic flow direction. Please drive carefully!

A few additional ways you can help us keep the drop off process running smoothly...

- Car Seats – To help keep our car line moving efficiently, please place car seats on the passenger side of your vehicle; this is also a safety measure as students will not need to be walked between cars before stepping on the front sidewalk.
- **Each parent/driver will be given a pink 8 ½ x 11-inch card. Please write the name(s) of your student on the card and place it on the passenger side dashboard for staff to see. This is a tremendous help in our communication for efficient release of students from the blacktop. Thank you!**
- Parents must remain in their car during drop off and/or pick up time. Sometimes there is an urge for parents to park their car and walk their children to and from vehicles. The unintended consequence slows down the process, so we ask parents/drivers to please stay in their vehicles.
- Gates one and two are meant to be used by students who walk to school.

What if my child isn't feeling well?

- Students should **stay home** when not feeling well. Contact the attendance line at 425-413-3309 or by email at rcoffice@tahomasd.us. If you have questions about when your child can return to school after an illness, please contact Nurse Jessica at 425-413-3314.

What if my child doesn't feel well while at school?

- Please encourage your child (we will too!), to let their teacher know if they are not feeling well while at school. Subsequently, students will be checked by the nurse and if necessary, parents will be called to pick up. In these cases, we ask that all children are picked up in a timely manner.

What will lunch look like this year?

- Your child will need to bring a lunch or money to purchase a lunch. To apply for free/reduced cost lunch, review the options for paying for lunches or see lunch menus, please visit our Nutrition Service website [here](#).
- Students will eat lunch in their classroom.

Questions?

- General Questions: 425-413-3300
- Transportation: 425-413-3220
- Attendance: 425-413-3309

**Our Rock Creek Family Handbook, which contains more detailed information on school policies and procedures, will be emailed home in the next couple of weeks. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



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