Happy New School Year,
We hope that you have had a great summer and are excited for the beginning of school. We have been working to learn as much as we can about Rising Sun and are realizing what a wonderful school community this is. As we begin the new year please know that communication is very important to us and as issues arise we encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher or call the office. This newsletter is filled with information to help you with the beginning of school such as the name of your child’s teacher. Please understand that the class lists were developed to meet the instructional needs of the students and teacher schedules have been set based on where students are assigned. For this reason, we cannot make changes as this will have a negative impact on the schedules. We look forward to the new school year and thank you in advance for all that you do to support the home/school partnership.

Mr. Loman and Mrs. Fortune

Important Class Lists Information
As a reminder, we no longer post class lists. Your child’s homeroom assignment is listed in the gray box below. A great deal of time and strategic planning have gone into the process of student placement for this school year. Careful consideration was given to creating classrooms that are balanced academically and socially. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and changes to class lists will not be made. Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him/her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. All of our staff work hard to make school a positive experience for all students. RSES is eagerly looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

Reminders:
⇒ First day back for students in all grades PK - 5 is Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019; PS Mon/Tues begins Tuesday, Sept. 3; PS Thu/Fri begins Thursday, Sept. 5
⇒ School hours:
  ⇒ Homeroom:
    8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
  ⇒ Instruction begins at
    9:00 a.m.
  ⇒ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
    9:00 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.
  ⇒ Wednesday (early dismissal)
    9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
⇒ School lunch prices for Elementary:
  ⇒ Full price - $2.75
  ⇒ Reduced price - NO CHARGE
  ⇒ A La Carte Milk price - $0.50
⇒ Student lunch numbers
⇒ Student lunch numbers are their student I.D. numbers. Please work with your child to memorize this number at the beginning of the year.

Birthday Celebrations:
Due to the increasing number of students with severe food allergies and additional safety concerns our local partner, Pleasant View Baptist Church, has volunteered to come in on a monthly basis to help us celebrate your child’s birthday with non-food items and small gifts. Those children with summer birthdays will be celebrated as well.

Thank you in advance for all that you do to support the home/school partnership.

You’re Invited to a Welcome Back to School Social!
We are inviting our school community to come in Thursday, August 29, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to informally visit the classrooms and meet the staff. Please remember that this is not the time to conference with the teacher.

We invite everyone to stop in the cafeteria on your way out for a cool treat!

RSES WEBSITE
Visit our page at https://www.ccps.org/rses, click “Teachers,” and learn a few things that you might not have known about members of our staff.
Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Rising-Sun-Elementary-School-335513993505830/
RSES Staff Update

◊ We say “Goodbye” to:
  * Mrs. Susan Fahringer, Kitchen Manager, Retired
  * Mrs. Lindsay Faulkner, Media Specialist Working full-time at her home school
  * Mrs. Cindy Fitzpatrick, Principal Accepted a position at the Board office
  * Mrs. Sherri Isaac, Assistant Principal Accepted a Principal position at Chesapeake City Elementary
  * Mrs. Melissa Malesh, Grade 1 Accepted a Counselor position in the County
  * Mrs. Tanya Nolan, Acting Kitchen Manager Transferred to Calvert
  * Mr. Timothy Nolan, Pupil Personnel Worker Transferred to Bohemia Manor area
  * Mrs. Denise Sabol, Physical Education Working full-time at her home school
  * Mrs. Megan Williams Resigned

◊ We say “Hello” to:
  * Mr. Alan Loman, Principal Transferred from Chesapeake City Elementary
  * Mrs. Katie Fortune, Assistant Principal Transferred from Perryville Elementary
  * Mrs. Jamie Henderson, Paraprofessional Transferred from Harford County
  * Mrs. Melissa Linkous, Paraprofessional Transferred from Cherry Hill Middle
  * Mrs. Darlene Ritchie, Physical Education Working at RSES on Wednesdays
  * Rebecca Roberts, Kitchen Manager Transferred from Calvert Elementary
  * Mrs. Constance Seibert, Media Specialist Working at RSES on Thursdays
  * Mrs. Jamie Watt, Paraprofessional Transferred from Elkton Elementary
  * Mrs. Theresa Sienkiewicz, Paraprofessional Transferred from Bainbridge Elementary
  * Mrs. Megan Wieck, Pupil Personnel Worker Transferred from Perryville Area

◊ New Assignments:
  * Mrs. Ashley Ashley from Grade 3 to Kindergarten
  * Mrs. Elizabeth Basht from Grade 3 to Kindergarten
  * Mrs. Laura Matthai from Kindergarten to Grade 1
  * Mrs. Melissa Murphy from Kindergarten to Pre-K
  * Mrs. Carly Palmer from Special Education to Grade 3
  * Ms. Kate Weaver from Grade 2 to Grade 3

Specialization Blocks for Grades 3—5:

Once again grades 3, 4, and 5, will have specialization blocks. Teachers are in teams of 2 and 3. The grade level teacher teams this year are as follows:

Grade 3:
  ⇒ 2 teacher team:
      Mrs. Ciolek—Math, Science, and Social Studies
      Ms. Weaver—Reading, Spelling, and Handwriting
  ⇒ 3 teacher team:
      Mrs. Aro—Math
      Ms. Bell—Handwriting, Science, and Social Studies
      Mrs. Palmer—Reading and Spelling

Grade 4:
  ⇒ 2 teacher team:
      Mrs. Finley—Math, Science, and Social Studies
      Mrs. Yaun—Reading, Spelling, and Handwriting
  ⇒ 3 teacher team:
      Mrs. Crowl—Math
      Mrs. Evans—Reading and Spelling
      Mrs. Mullin—Handwriting, Science, and Social Studies

Grade 5:
  ⇒ 2 teacher team:
      Mrs. Weaver—Math, Science, and Social Studies
      Ms. Schmook—Reading, Spelling, and Handwriting
  ⇒ 3 teacher team:
      Mrs. Langshaw—Reading and Spelling
      Ms. Pawlowski—Math
      Mrs. Wasko—Handwriting, Science, and Social Studies

Nurse’s Corner:
  ⇒ Just a reminder that any medications must be brought to school with a completed authorization form by an adult. These are available in the school office at any time. Students may not keep medications in their backpacks. This includes items such as Tylenol, Cough Drops, and Lip Balm.
  ⇒ All immunization records are due to school by the first day. If you have questions or have misplaced any form please contact our office or stop in so that we may replace it.

It is very important to notify the School Nurse of any known allergies so that information can be shared confidentially with your child’s teacher.
Car Loop Etiquette:

Arrival
⇒ Parents/guardians choosing to transport their children both to and from school should enter the car loop in front of the school building. **Students may NOT be dropped off in the bus loop or parking lot.** In the morning, doors to the building from the car loop will open at 8:40 am. Please do not release your child from your car until the school doors are opened and staff members are present. To increase the efficiency of the car loop, we ask that all adults remain in the car. Our school staff will assist students who need help getting out of the car. Please have students ready to get out of the car upon your arrival. This includes having shoes and coats on, book bags packed, and all materials readily available for a quick exit. Doors will close promptly at 9:00 am. If you arrive after 9:00 am you must sign your child into school in the main office.
⇒ Parent of Pre-school students will drop students off in a designated location in the staff parking lot near the car rider loop.

Dismissal
⇒ Information regarding guidelines and sign-up procedures will be available at our Welcome Back Social. In addition this will be sent home on the first day of school. Please read the information carefully as it is imperative for the safety of all children that procedures/expectations are followed by everyone. **You must fill out the car rider loop form each year for your child to be able to use the car rider loop for afternoon pickup. Students are not permitted to be picked up in the car rider loop unless a legal guardian has filled out the proper form.**

Mark Your Calendars:

Fall Picture Day
◊ Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019
◊ Re-takes: Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

Interim and Report Card Dates
◊ Interims End / Interims sent home
  ◊ Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 / Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019
  ◊ Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 / Monday, Dec. 16, 2019
  ◊ Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 / Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020
  ◊ Wednesday, May 6, 2020 / Thursday, May 14, 2020
◊ Marking Period Ends / Report Cards sent home
  ◊ Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 / Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019
  ◊ Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 / Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020
  ◊ Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2020/ Tuesday, Apr. 14, 2020
  ◊ Friday, Jun. 5, 2020 / Friday, Jun. 12, 2020

American Education Week
◊ Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 - Friday, Nov. 22, 2019

Turkey Trot (students only - during specials)
◊ Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019

5th Grade Promotion (tentative date)
◊ Friday, Jun. 12, 2020

PTA Sponsored Events (so far)
* Trick or Treat Night
  Friday, Oct. 25 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
* Movie Night
  Friday, Nov. 8 - 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm

How can you help our school earn money?
1. **Martin’s A+ Rewards continues…..** Rising Sun Elementary School will once again participate in the Martin’s A+ Rewards program. If you shop at Martin’s you are just one step away from helping our school earn money. Each year between September - March, all you have to do is shop and use your Bonus Card at checkout! It’s that easy. Pick up directions for registration at our Back to School night or ask for more info at their customer service desk.

2. **Box tops!** Save those box tops from items you already purchase at the store. Our PTA collects them and turns them in. Check with Mrs. Sowers about volunteering to help trim the box tops so that they will be accepted and credited to our school.

3. **Coca-Cola caps.** Yes, you read that right. Check under the cap the next time you have a Coca-Cola product. If there is a code, SAVE IT and SEND IT IN!! Mrs. Hall will enter that number into a website [https://us.coca-cola.com/give/](https://us.coca-cola.com/give/)

3 simple ways to help our school by doing everyday things. *(We no longer collect soup labels)*
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**First Day back for ALL 10-mo staff**

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ECE Meet & Greet
Times TBD

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Welcome Back Social
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

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**August 2019**

Last week before school starts! Rest up and relax and get ready for a fantastic year at RSES!! We can’t wait to see you here.

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**HOLIDAY—Schools and offices closed**

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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL GRADES**

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Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm *(EVERY Wednesday)*

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**Tiger Pride**

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Bus Driver In-Service, 9:10 am

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Open House 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

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**Tiger Pride**

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