



# ROSARYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PARENT PAW PRINT

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### PGCPS Upcoming School Closings:

9/5/16  
*Labor Day*

9/30/16  
*Professional Development Day for Staff*

10/12/16  
*Yom Kippur*

10/21/16  
*MSEA Convention for Teachers*

10/28/16  
*2 Hour Early Release*

10/31/16  
*Teacher Grading Day*



### A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL EDWARDS:

**OPENING WEEK:** Opening day at Rosaryville Elementary School (RES) was a great success! To keep you well-informed, please review the following items that were sent home today in your child's backpack:



### FIRST DAY BACKPACK MAIL

- ✓ **Monthly Parent Newsletter**- Distributed monthly via backpack mail and school website.
- ✓ **Free and Reduced Lunch Flyer**- All interested families must apply each year. See details on flyer.
- ✓ **Emergency Contact Form**- Please complete and return by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Media/Photo Release Form**- Please complete and return by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Back to School Night Flyer**- Meet our staff and learn about your child's daily schedule and curriculum.
- ✓ **Claire's Gourmet Flyer**- Fundraiser runs from 8/31/16 until 10/3/16.
- ✓ **Donation Form**- If fundraising isn't your style, consider making a donation to our school. See details on form.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Official school hours are 7:45-1:55. Students may begin arriving to school as early as 7:30. Students are not allowed entry into the building prior to 7:30 because supervision is unavailable. Only students that are registered for the Before and After Care Program may enter the building between 7:00-7:30. It is important that children arrive to school on time. Students arriving after 7:50 are marked tardy. Dismissal begins daily at 1:55 and the only students supervised after 2:15 are those participating in the Before and Aftercare Program.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING ROSARYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Prince George's County Public Schools will continue to utilize a visitor management system called Raptor V-Soft. The Raptor system allows main office staff to screen, monitor and manage visitors that request entry into the school. Upon arriving to RES, all guests will be required to:

- ✓ Ring the bell located on the left door of the main entrance
- ✓ Enter main office
- ✓ Present Government Issued Identification so that it can be scanned through a security database
- ✓ Receive visitors badge that lists photo, date and time of visit, purpose, and intended location
- ✓ Please understand that completing this screening process can potentially delay the start of your visit if the school has a high-volume of guests at one time.

We thank you in advance for your patience when participating in this mandated procedure. (Select exceptions and precautions will be made during occasions/events when an extremely high volume of visitors are anticipated and the guest interaction with students will be in public spaces that are closely monitored by staff.)

### MORNING ARRIVAL FOR CAR RIDERS:

In order to ensure the safety of our students, parents of car riders are asked to adhere to the following rules.

#### Kiss & Ride Rules

1. Be patient (anticipate delays during the first 2 weeks of school).
2. Drop off begins at 7:30.
3. Students should exit from passenger side of vehicle.
4. Travel in one direction (follow the arrows)
5. Do not park or exit your vehicle (use a parking space if there is a need to exit vehicle)
6. No passing.
7. Be courteous to the assigned staff.

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**WALKING CHILDREN TO CLASS IN THE MORNING:**

After the first day of school, we encourage parents to allow their children to walk to class independently. If a parent chooses to walk their child to class daily, please be advised that the aforementioned screening process in the main office takes time. Arrival is the busiest time of our day and our office staff moves quickly to welcome and process each guest. Please anticipate the possibility of standing in a line for 2-3 minutes when waiting to be checked in. We thank you in advance for your patience.

**DISMISSAL PROCESS:**

The RES dismissal process begins at 1:55 and typically ends by 2:10. The following steps outline the daily dismissal process.

Dismissal

1. RES Before and Aftercare students are released from class at 1:50.
2. PreK and kindergarten students line up for pick-up at the kiss & ride sidewalk.
3. Bus and aftercare van riders report to their busses.
4. Car riders and walkers are released after busses leave school grounds.

Pick UP Locations and Time Approximations		
Grade	Location	Time
Prek and Kindergarten	Kiss and Ride Sidewalk	1:55
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Kiss and Ride Sidewalk	2:00-2:10

\*\*\*During the first week of school, the dismissal process will take longer in order to ensure accuracy. Parents of car riders, walkers and bus riders should all anticipate the possibility of minor delays.\*\*\*

**REQUESTS FOR EARLY RELEASE FROM SCHOOL:**

When there is a need to pick up a child prior to dismissal, please arrive before 1:30. The office team is not permitted to call for students to come and wait in the office prior to the parent or guardian arriving. Upon arrival, the parent/guardian must submit a government issued ID. After the parent /guardian has been officially identified and verified as an approved party for release, the office staff then calls the classroom for the student to be dismissed. It typically takes at least 5 minutes for the student to then pack up and report to the office. Please keep this process in mind when requesting early release from school.

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH:** Breakfast is available for **free** to all Rosaryville students regardless of Free and Reduced Lunch status. Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:50 in students' homerooms. Please visit the following website to view daily lunch menus. A hard-copy of the menu will be sent home monthly in students' backpacks. The prices for lunch are:

Lunch Price: \$2.75

Reduced Lunch: \$.40

**To view menus and to set up online payment account, please visit the following site:**

<http://www1.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/>



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