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Rock Spring Elementary School/ 706-764-1383

ROCK SPRING AND BEYOND!

Preparing Students not only for their education at Rock Spring Elementary but BEYOND as well (middle school, From the desk of Mrs. Gilstrap:

* Welcome to Rock Spring Elementary! This is going to be a great year. Each month, a RSE newsletter will go home to inform you of events and information regarding our school. This is just one-way RSE communicates with parents.

*Make sure that your child has turned in all of their forms (emergency card, student handbook and FYI signature page). These forms are very important and are needed back as soon as possible.

*Communication-Please make sure to JOIN your child's teacher DOJO. The teacher will send home information through DOJO and administration will send home information as well. At our school's website <http://rse.walkerschools.org>. You will find current information about our school. Teachers can be contacted through email address, Dojo or feel free to contact them during their planning time or before/after school (but not during instruction time). You will also receive email blasts and newsletters in order to keep you informed. The RSE Student Handbook provides parents additional information and school guidelines. Please make sure you take time to read it. If you are on Facebook, please like our school "RSE Rock Spring Elementary".

*PBIS: RSE is excited to continue to be a PBIS school. For our new Rockets, PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports. You may hear your child talk about SOARING, expectations, rocket bucks, DOJO points and rewards or acknowledgements. A letter will go out giving you more information about PBIS at our school.

*Mornings and Afternoons- We are working on our morning and afternoon car and bus dismissals. On Friday, the bus routes did run smoother. We understand the morning time with car riders is experiencing delays. Please bear with us. We are trying to make this better but it will take time.

*As a parent, what can you do? Make sure there is a set time for your child to do their homework. Stay informed of what is taking place in school. Be involved. With teachers and parents working together all children will benefit. I know this is going to be a successful school year. Again, thank you for the success you have already helped us achieve as well as the work you will no doubt continue to perform to help your child and our school be stars.

Upcoming Events for August:

*Aug. 21st-Meet the Ramblers Night-4:00-6:00 at LaFayette Rec

TITLE I SCHOOL

Rock Spring Elementary is a Title I school. Being a Title I school is based on the percentage of our population qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Federal funds are then given to our school. The money provided to our school last year was used to purchase new types of technology, which directly benefit all students. Laptops, chromebooks, document cameras, and iPads were just some of the items secured to help your children be more engaged learners. Last year, Title I funded a teacher, Parent Involvement Coordinator, web subscriptions and added additional technology in the classroom. We will continue to fund a teacher, Parent Engagement Coordinator and provide additional technology and website subscriptions.

CAR RIDER LINE

We know there are long lines! We are working on this!

Here is the general information of how it should flow:

MORNINGS- In the mornings, there is a single drop off line. The lane for drop off is the lane beside the sidewalk. Please make sure your child is ready to exit the vehicle with their belongings. Once the line is stopped, students can exit their car. They do not have to wait on a staff member to open the car door. Please make sure you follow the car line (**Do not stop at the kindergarten door if the line is moving forward, this holds up traffic.**). Also, if your child gets out on the driver side, please walk them around the front of the car to the sidewalk.

AFTERNOONS- Thank you for your patience with the afternoon traffic. It takes a little while to work out the kinks. Cars can begin to line up at 1:30 in front of the school. We will begin the double line at 2:00. Please make sure you have your car rider ID tag every day. Your child will be called and then escorted to their car by a teacher. There will be a teacher that will release the cars once all the students are loaded safely. Reminder: There are no parent walk-ups in the afternoon. You must stay in the car rider line. We will bring your child to you. This is a safety precaution.

VERY IMPORTANT- While in the car rider line, no cell phones can be used (no texting, phone calls, Facebook, etc.). It is important to us that all students are safe. If your attention is directed to a phone, there is a chance of an accident.

Buzzer- Please remember that our doors are locked at 7:30. You must be buzzed in when you enter the building stating your name, your child's name and purpose. This helps us to protect our students.

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Turn in your child's
EMERGENCY CARD!

Breakfast and Lunch are free. There are some items that the cafeteria will have for sale that do cost (ex. cookie, extra milk).

Free and Reduced lunch forms will come home (even though they are already free, we don't know if this will continue second semester). Please fill it out when it comes home and return to school. This will help with our Title I funding. Thank you!

COVID

A schoolcast call went out on Friday to inform you of how our school will inform you of any positive cases and close contacts. Our school will be using SchoolCast Messenger calls to keep you updated. It is important that we have your phone number so you can receive these calls. If at any point during the school year, your phone number changes, please let the office know.

Our school staff continues to clean our building thoroughly several times a day. We want to ensure we have a clean environment for our students and staff.

If you or your child experience any symptoms of Covid 19, please keep them at home and let the office know. We greatly appreciate your support!

Handicapped Parking: Vehicles that have a handicapped sticker or tag may park in the designated spaces. We have several parents that need these spaces. Please do not park in the blue spaces, unless you have the correct credentials. Sheriff deputies will be patrolling this as well.

PTO

PTO is a valued part of our school community. I would like to personally invite all parents, friends and community members to join our hard-working PTO to support our children and their education. Mrs. Tiffany Volpe is our PTO President. If you are interested in helping PTO, please let us know. PTO will have several meetings/events coming up. We will love to get more people involved. Also, PTO does have a Facebook page....RSE Rock Spring Elementary PTO.

SAVE THOSE INK CARTRIDGES!

Our school is recycling ink cartridges. If you have an ink cartridge that you have used, instead of throwing it away, please bring it to school. We turn these in and receive a discount on our ink we purchase!

**To Ensure ALL Students Graduate -
Ready for College,
Ready for Work,
Ready for Life!**