

# AUGUST 19, 2022



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*Our mission is a shared commitment to educate the whole child in a safe and nurturing community.*

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## WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

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We are excited to open the doors for this new school year! We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer! Our staff at White Bluffs have been working hard making the building and classrooms look great. We value partnering with parents and invite you to join with us this year to help continue our work with your students in a safe and nurturing community. **We ask that parents stay outside of the school building on the first day of school.** You are welcome to take pictures and give hugs to your students outside before they enter the school. Also, traffic can be tricky to navigate for the first few days of school. Please see the traffic guidelines at the end of this newsletter.

## OFFICE HOURS

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- Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
- Fridays: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Front doors will remain locked all year for safety. If you need assistance from the office or entrance into the school, please call us and we will be happy to assist you.
- The office phone number will be posted on the doors: 509-967-6575

## VOLUNTEERS

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- Volunteers are welcome this year. Please follow the online application process found on the RSD website: <https://www.rsd.edu/community/volunteer>
- A new application is required every year

## BUSSING INFORMATION

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- Bus routes and times can be viewed from the transportation website. Please scroll to the bottom of the bus route PDF document to find routes for WBE.
- <https://www.rsd.edu/departments/transportation>
- Dispatch: 509-967-6151

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ***General Information/Auto Attendant with Options***

509.967.6575

### ***Attendance***

Attendance Office Email: [wbe.attendance@rsd.edu](mailto:wbe.attendance@rsd.edu)

### ***Transportation/Bus***

509.967.6151

<https://www.rsd.edu/departments/transportation>

### ***News and Information***

District Website: <https://www.rsd.edu>

White Bluffs Website: <https://www.whitebluffs.rsd.edu>

White Bluffs PTO Facebook: *White Bluffs Elementary Parent Teacher Organization*

## DAILY SCHEDULES

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- Breakfast starts at 8:15 (optional)
- Students can line up outside as early as 8:30. Please do not drop your students off prior to 8:30, unless they are having breakfast, as there is no outside supervision before that.
- School starts at 8:40 (tardy bell at 8:45)
- School ends at 3:15 Monday-Thursday
- Every Friday is early release at 2:15

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

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- School breakfast and lunch is no longer free to all students (see pricing on next page)
- Breakfast and lunch accounts can be created at <https://www.mymealtime.com/>
- If buying a school lunch, students will choose either a hot lunch or cold lunch option
- Lunch may also be brought from home (microwaves are no longer available)
- Breakfast is available for purchase starting at 8:15
- The lunch and breakfast menus are posted on the district website monthly at this link: <https://richlandsd.sodexomyway.com/landing/elem>
- Students may bring a healthy snack from home to be eaten during snack time

**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH & BREAKFAST PRICING  
2022-2023 School Year**

<u>Student Prices</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Full Price Lunch	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.25	\$4.25
Reduced Price Lunch (PreK–12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Full Price Breakfast	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.75
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$ .00	\$ .00	N/A
Milk	\$ .50	\$ .50	\$ .50

<b>UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE</b>	
<b>August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Meet and Greet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Name A-M: 1:00-2:00 pm</li> <li>• Last Name N-Z: 2:00-3:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>August 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Day of School for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade!</b>
<b>August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Kindergarten Parent Connect Meetings</b>
<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Day of Kindergarten</b>
<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Spirit Friday! (Spirit Friday will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month)</b>
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labor Day ***NO SCHOOL***</b>
<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open House</b>
<b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fall Professional Day ***NO SCHOOL***</b>

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

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- Coming back to school, we need to be very aware that our pickup and drop off procedures are of the utmost importance. Thank you for reading through our procedures (next page) and understanding why we ask each person to abide by them. Safety is our priority!
- **We ask that families do not use the pathway between cars in the staff parking lot as a short cut to get into line before school.** This parking lot is very congested and busy with staff and busses arriving/leaving at various times. Drivers in this lot are not expecting pedestrians to be in this area once they enter the lot. To keep everyone safe, we are respectfully asking that families use the sidewalk along the playground as their route up to the building. We know this takes extra time, but it is worth it for the safety of our families and students.
- **Please see traffic safety map and information on the next page**

# Traffic Safety Information!

The safety of our students and patrons of White Bluffs Elementary in our parking lot is of great importance. Approximately 425 of our 750 student population are dropped off and picked up each day making our parking lot a safety concern.

This plan has been designed to offer multiple drop-off zones and traffic patterns that help to move traffic through a confined area with the least amount of pedestrian conflict. Please take the time to learn how you can help with the safety of our children.

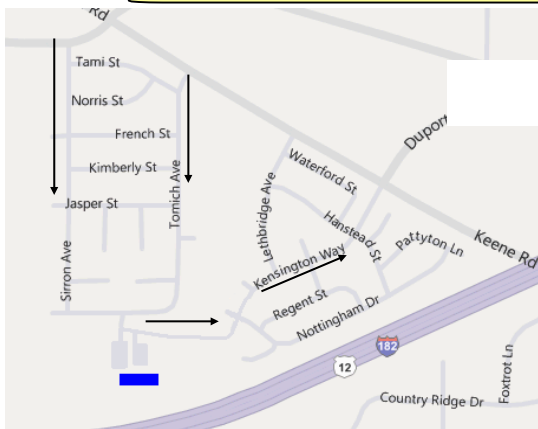
White Bluffs Elementary



Preparing your child for Drop-off.

1. Talk the process through with your child before you arrive.
2. Have backpack/materials with child so that you don't have to hunt for items.
3. Plan your "good-byes" before drop-off and greetings after pick-up.

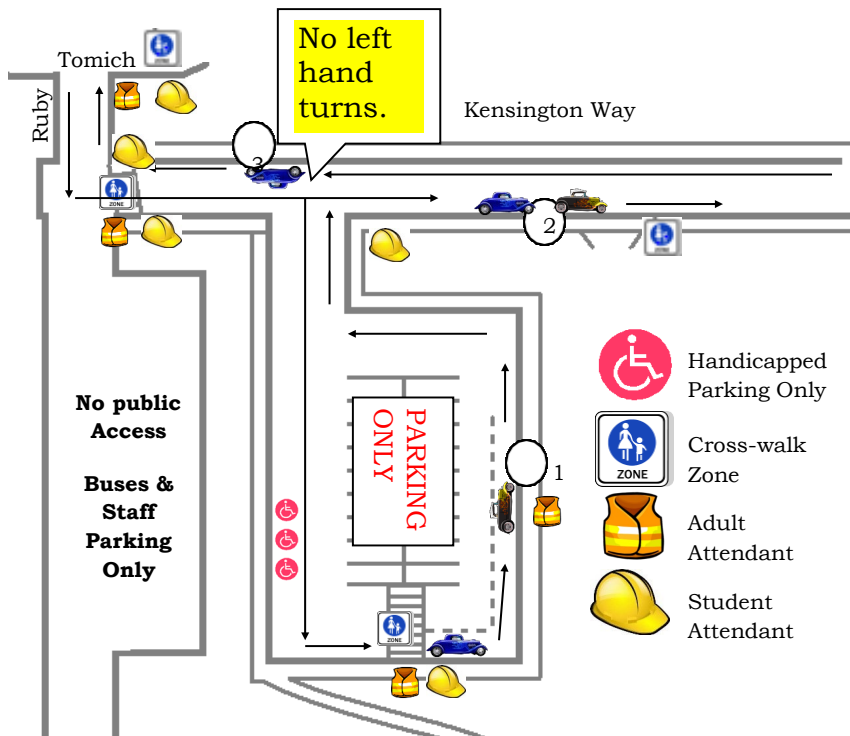
## Overall Traffic Flow



To prevent the bottle-neck affect of traffic converging at White Bluffs we are... school... Ruby, and leave the area on Kensington Way.

**If you approach White Bluffs Elementary West-bound on Kensington at 8:25 – 8:40 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., you will not be able to turn into the parking lot. You will only be able to drop off or pick up on the right side of the street and exit the area through Tomich Ave.**

## Drop-off Zones



Drop-off Zones are where you may approach, pause to let your child out of the vehicle and then leave.

Drop-off Zone #1—will be the primary drop-off area. Vehicles choosing to drop off will enter the parking lot from Tomich Ave or Sirron Ave only. Circle around the south end of the parking lot and pull forward as directed by an adult attendant. Once your child(ren) safely exit the vehicle, continue around the north end of the parking lot and exit to the right on Kensington Way only.

Zone #2—Must be approached from Tomich or Kensington Way. Allow student to exit vehicle safely onto the curb and proceed on Kensington Way. This zone is also for overflow parking and special events.

Zone #3—Must be approached from Kensington Way. Allow student to exit vehicle safely onto the curb and proceed onto Tomich avenue or continue on Kensington Way. Zone #3 is intended for minimal use. Students are to walk to the cross-walk and follow crossing guard's directions to enter campus.

### Parking & Special Events

Public parking is in the main parking lot and along Kensington Way. During Special Events requiring more parking, drop-off zones will be closed.