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FALCON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bird's Word

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

September 8, 2022



Welcome Back

to School!! We are so excited to have your child/ren at Falcon Heights Elementary this year. Our opening day found teachers and staff greeting students outside, in our halls and in classrooms to what promises to be a fantastic year as a school community. We are welcoming back many familiar faces as well as new friends who we are looking forward to getting to know better each and every day.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members to the Falcon community:

- **Katie Leseman,**
Kindergarten - Mrs. Leseman comes to us from Parkview where she taught primary grades for the past 10 years. She is a U of M graduate.
- **Liisa Welke,**
Kindergarten - Mrs. Welke comes to us from Little Canada where she taught primary grades for the past 17 years. She holds degrees from St. Thomas and the U of M.
- **Jessica Ford,**
Special Education Teacher - Ms. Ford comes to us from Agamim Classical Academy where she was a special education teacher. She holds advanced degrees and is currently working on her doctorate at Concordia University St. Paul

- **Edward Schneider,**
Music - Mr. Schneider comes to us from Harambee where he taught music for the past 4 years. He holds degrees from the University of Illinois (Champaign/Urbana), Washington University (St. Louis), and Hamline University.
- **Nicole Moriarty,**
Gen Ed Paraprofessional
 - Ms. Moriarty is a mother of two Falcon graduates and we are thrilled to have her now on staff full time.
- **Eric Mockavak,**
Gen Ed Paraprofessional - comes to us from Parkview where he worked as a general education paraprofessional
- **Eve Zumwalt, Speech Pathologist** - teaming with Courtney Wilson
- **Joann Schonning, DAPE**
- **Kathy Antil, OT**
 - teaming with Jeanette Ramirez-Biehm

A special welcome to our new families and their students. We want you to know that you BELONG here. Together as a strong community that puts our children first we will succeed in all that we do. Thanks for being a part of Falcon Heights Elementary!

This is our first edition of the 2022-23 Bird's Word (school newsletter). It is our intent to share important information with you about what is happening at school for students and families. We will be posting the Bird's Word or Special Announcements every week via email and also on our school's webpage: <https://falconheights.isd623.org/>

Connections Night, Grades K-6 TOMORROW--Thursday, September 8, 2022
Session #1 4:30-5:15 and Session #2 5:20-6:05

It is an opportunity to hear from your child's classroom teacher about the curriculum and grade level expectations. We hope you are able to join us. Our specialist team will be on the east playground to help supervise school age children during the presentations. We do ask that infants and toddlers stay with their parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to our PTA – First Meeting of the year is Monday, September 12th

We want to extend our appreciation to the PTA for their support of our classrooms. Through PTA's generosity all teachers are gifted with funds to support their classes and teams, programs like Art Adventures, school assemblies, celebrations/recognitions, etc. We hope that all parents/guardians will consider attending **Monday's PTA meeting at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria** to learn

more about how this group impacts our school and the students.

Daily Attendance is important

to student success. Teachers are sharing many new skills and strategies everyday with your child. When a child misses school it is lost instruction. I ask that you do everything you can to have your child at school everyday, all day and on time. First thing in the morning is a critical time for students to connect and ready themselves for learning. When they arrive late it interrupts the flow of the classroom. I realize that at times it is unavoidable; however, I do ask that you make school a priority for your child and know that they are beginning to establish good life long patterns that will set them up for long term success.

Absence – If your

child is going to be absent please call the Attendance Line at 651-646-0816. If we do not hear from you by 9:30am, the health aide will attempt to contact you.

Student Drop off/Pick up reminders: The lane in the front of school is for buses only. If you are dropping off or picking up your child/ren, please use the east parking lot. It is important that EVERY DRIVER remains in their car. If you need to assist your child with their items, get them out of a carseat or give them one last hug, please park on the south side of Garden Avenue and walk them to the door. If you are dropping them at the door, have them exit the right side of the car and staff will help get everyone safely inside.

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Picture Day September 14

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From the Health Office

Welcome back

from school health services! Roseville Area

Schools will continue

to follow guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding communicable diseases including COVID.



Please do
your part by following these wellness guidelines:

If your child
has:

- A fever of 100 degrees or more, they should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal and remains normal without fever-reducing medication.
- Vomited or has diarrhea, they should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Any rash that may be disease-related or the cause is unknown, then check with your healthcare provider before sending your child back to school.

Remember, if

your child is ill please call the school to report the illness and explain the symptoms, for example, "my child is absent due to fever, cough, sore throat..."

- If your child tested positive for COVID, stay home and call the school health office. We will help determine which day they can return to school.
- If you have questions regarding your child's illness, please call your school nurse or your healthcare provider.

We have COVID

home test kits available for all staff and students! We recommend that anyone with COVID symptoms take a test. If the test is negative, come to school if feeling well enough.

If the COVID

test is positive, stay home and contact your school health office and attendance.

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID must stay home for 5 days from onset of symptoms or date of positive test.
- If symptoms are improved and they are fever-free without fever reducing medication, they may return to school wearing a mask on days 6 through 10. Return to

normal activities on day 11.

Anyone who

has close contact with someone who has COVID, such as within the household, may come to school. No quarantine! We recommend that anyone who is a close contact wear a mask for 10 days and test on day 5 after exposure. This is a recommendation, not required.

Please visit

the 623 website for more information on our school health services:
<https://www.isd623.org/services/health-services>.



**Parents:
Remember to Use PickUp Patrol for ALL Dismissal Plan
Changes**

Our school uses **PickUp Patrol** for parents to report dismissal plan changes.

PickUp Patrol saves us a great

deal of time here in the office and reduces interruptions in our classrooms—while also providing you with a convenient way to make changes to your student’s dismissal plans. Most importantly, it helps us ensure that all our students are safely dismissed to their correct after-school destinations,

**RETURNING PARENTS: Please enter and confirm
your students default plan here: <https://app.pickuppatrol.net/parents>**

An email

invitation to set up Pick Up Patrol should have arrived in your email boxes. If you haven't received an email invitation, please contact our school office at louise.portuese@isd623.org so that we can send you a registration email.

DINE OUT FOR SCHOOLS


SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 st Tuesday of the month: Falcon Heights	1 st Wednesday of the month: Chelsea Heights			
		2 nd Tuesday of the month: Brimhall Elementary	2 nd Wednesday of the month: Emmet Williams Elementary			
		3 rd Tuesday of the month: Little Canada Elementary	3 rd Wednesday of the month: Harambee Elementary			
		4 th Tuesday of the month: Roseville Lutheran Preschool				

- ROSEVILLE SCHOOLS**
- CHELSEA HEIGHTS
 - EMMET WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY
 - BRIMHALL ELEMENTARY
 - FALCON HEIGHTS
 - HARAMBEE ELEMENTARY
 - LITTLE CANADA ELEMENTARY
 - ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



HAPPY HOUR EVERYDAY!

HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS:
BOGO TAP BEER & HALF OFF WINE
2PM - 5PM & 8PM - CLOSE

 **TRIVIA MONDAYS**
7:00 PM

**WE DONATE
5% OF SALES
TO YOUR SCHOOL ON
YOUR ASSIGNED NIGHT!**





Roseville Area Schools

Quality Teaching & Learning for All
...Equity in All We Do

Do you need help with school paperwork or communicating with school staff? Contact one of our cultural liaisons.

Spanish: Si necesita ayuda con los formularios escolares, o tiene alguna pregunta sobre la educación de su hijo(a) por favor llame a:

Liz Gallegos (RAHS, CP, EDW)	651-703-4753 elizabeth.gallegos@isd623.org
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Veronica Martinez (LC)	651-724-6492 veronica.martinez@isd623.org

Hmong: Yog nej xav tau kev pab txog cov ntaub ntawv tuaj ntawm tsev kawm los xav txuas lus nrog cov neeg ua haujlwm thov hu:

Maider Lee (FV, RAHS) 651-210-7821 maider.lee@isd623.org

Karen: နမူနာလိပ်တံဆိပ်မာတၢ်ဘၣ်ယးဒီးလံာ်ခိၣ်လဲၣ်ခိၣ်, မ့တမ့ၢ်တံဆိပ်ကတိၣ်သကိးတံဆိပ်ကိၣ်ပုၤဘၣ်မ့တၢ်ဒါဝံသးစူၤဆဲးကျၢ်ဘၣ်

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Somali: Hadii aad u bahantahay in laga caawiyo buxinta waraqaha iskuulka iyo xiriirka mamulka fadlan lasoo xiriix

Kowthar Ismail (RAHS, RAMS, PCS) 651-322-0468 kowthar.ismail@isd623.org

Bhutanese: यदि तपाईं विद्यालयका कागजी काम गर्न अथवा विद्यालयका कर्मचारीहरूसँग कुरा गर्न सहायता चाहनुहुन्छ भने कृपया संपर्क गर्नुहोस्

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