



## **Mission**

**Rowayton School is a diverse, nurturing, and mutually respectful learning environment that serves as an equitable foundation for student growth. The partnership between school and community fosters the unique qualities and talents of our students so that they can become passionate, purposeful global citizens. We instill in students the values of responsibility, open-mindedness, cooperation, kindness, and safety.**

## **Vision**

**Rowayton School strives to be a pathway where students develop who they are as learners by thinking critically, being creative and unique, communicating effectively, and embracing the power of collaboration. We will support our students in combining these distinct skills to create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, enabling them to discover their potential in the future that awaits them.**





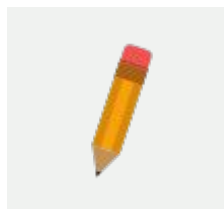
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to  
*Rowayton  
Elementary*

Class of

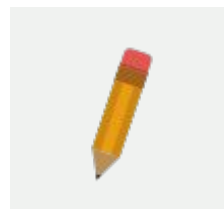
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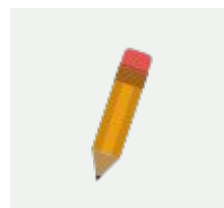
# AGENDA



**WELCOME**



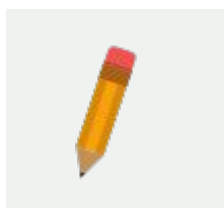
**INTRODUCTIONS**



**STUDENTS VISIT CLASSROOMS**



**PRESENTATION FOR FAMILIES**



**TOUR**



**PHOTO OP / QUESTIONS**







**Meet**

**Our**

**Principal:** Dr. Casey Cummings

**Assistant Principal:** Mrs. Kelly Martin

**Reading Improvement Teacher:** Mrs. Beth Lanzilli

**Reading Specialist:** Mrs. Melissa Petropoulos

**Math Improvement Teachers:** Miss Eileen Paccione

**Math Coach:** Mrs. Alyssa Colangelo

**Literacy Coach:** Mrs. Abby Maxwell

**Multilingual Learner:** Mrs. Liz Griffin & Miss Rosa Carbajal

**Social Worker:** Ms. Stephanie Edwards

**Psychologist:** Mrs. Eva Caputo

**Counselor:** Mrs. Nicole Bria

**Gifted & Talented Teacher:** Mrs. Jennifer Mendez

**Speech & Language Pathologist:** Mrs. Kerry Rice

**Secretary:** Mrs. Tatiana Cadavid

**Parent Coordinator:** Vernita Grasty

**Nurse:** Miss Grace Mosher



# Meet Our



## Our Amazing Kindergarten Team

**Mrs. Cambareri**

**Miss Boersma,**

**Ms. Fiorentini**

**Mrs. Tsiartsianidis**





# Rowayton Parent Teacher Association



## PTA Presidents

Mrs. Kelly Bloom

Mrs. Meg Schwanhauser

## Volunteers & Funds Support...

- Assemblies
- Field Trips
- Events
- Supplies
- Experiences



Stay Up to Date

Web: [www.rowaytonpta.org](http://www.rowaytonpta.org)

Instagram: @RowaytonPTA



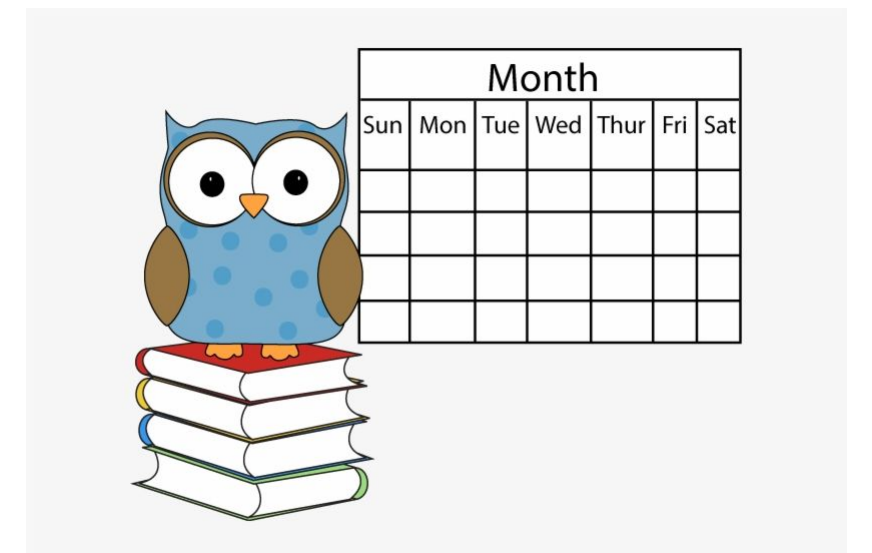


[www.rowaytonpta.org/rowayton-academy](http://www.rowaytonpta.org/rowayton-academy)





## August 26 & 27: First Days of School Staggered Entry





# First Days of School



Last Names A-L

Monday, August 26

Last Names M-Z

Tuesday, August 27

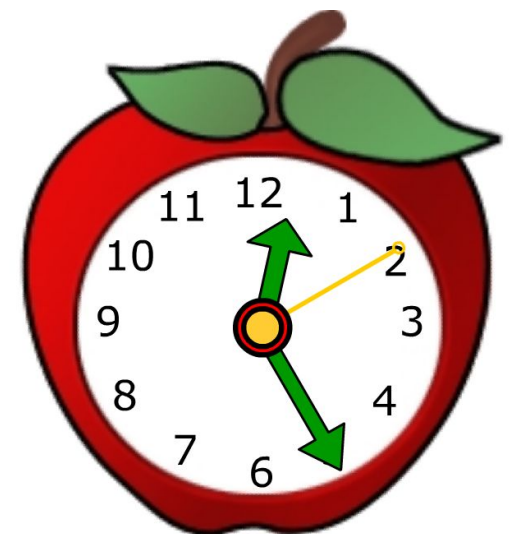
## All Students Attend Wednesday, August 28

\*No School Monday, September 2nd



### Bell Times

8:50 Doors Open  
9:05 School Day Starts  
3:35 Dismissal Begins  
3:55 School Day Ends





# Bus Riders



- An adult (parent or parent designee) must be present at the bus stop for kindergarten students
- In the absence of an adult, a kindergartener will not be allowed to disembark from the bus. The student will be returned to school to await parent pick up
- All students receive electronic bus passes to swipe when getting on and off the bus



# Car Riders / Walkers



- Students may enter the building with a sibling from another door
- Older siblings can be dismissed with Kindergarteners



# Before & After School

**CARVER After the Bell** is a before and after school program at Rowayton Elementary School managed by the Norwalk Public Schools at Rowayton School. The program bridges the school day with out-of-school time through a school employee who is the after school Site Coordinator for their school.

**Rowayton ATB Coordinator: Kathy Msaad**

**Before the Bell Hours 7:00 to 9:00 am**

**After the Bell Hours 3:50 to 6:00 pm**

- Snacks
- Homework Help
- Enrichment Activities







- All visits are coordinated with teachers
- Early Pick-Ups are made by visiting the Main Office
- All visitors enter through Front Door w/ Id
- Pick Up Patrol
- Staff wears Fobs and IDs
- Daily Security Guard
- School Resource Officer
- Raptor System
- Monthly Drills





# Pick Up Patrol



- Parents download Pick Up Patrol App
- Parents can use the app to submit student plan changes & absences
- Live interactive dashboard for office staff
- Early dismissals & late arrival tracking
- Promotes safety and security for pick ups

# Norwalk Public Schools Bus Tracker

The advertisement for the Durham School Services Bus Tracker app is divided into two main sections. The left section shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying a map with a bus icon, with three students standing in front of a yellow school bus labeled "DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES". The right section features the Durham School Services logo, which includes silhouettes of a family, and the text "Your Student, Your Bus at your fingertips." Below these sections, a yellow box contains text about the app's purpose and a list of benefits. The Durham Bus Tracker logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the yellow box.

Our goal is to provide parents and guardians with a greater sense of comfort and visibility with your student's transportation. We are proud to offer our app which allows monitoring of your student's bus: **Durham Bus Tracker®**.

Durham Bus Tracker® allows you to view your student's, current school bus location. Information about the route, **in near real time**, including the scheduled and estimated arrival times to your stop.

**Benefits Include:**

- User-friendly
- Free for parents and guardians to download and use
- View all routes and scheduled stops including field trips
- Receive messages that notify users of route delays and schedule changes
- Parents and guardians can track all of their students', buses in one screen
- Durham Bus Tracker® integrates seamlessly with the district's existing routing software
- Available in English and Spanish

**DURHAM BUS TRACKER**

- Students use a pass to check in when loading the bus
- Parents can track live location of bus





**Nurse Grace Mosher**  
**MosherG@NorwalkPS.org**

Health Forms and Physicals can be brought to the Family Center at 1 Park Street anytime

All vaccines need to be given before entering Kindergarten, even if your child is not 5yo yet

If a physical is not due until after school starts, you can use the latest form.

If your child requires medication at school, the medicine can be given to the nurse along with a signed Physician's order

Please alert the nurse and your child's teacher to any allergies or restrictions



# Curriculum

8:50 – 9:05	Arrival & Morning Warm Up
9:10 – 9:30	Community Building Meeting
9:30 – 10:30	Math Block
10:30 – 11:00	Science or Social Studies
11:00 – 11:30	Recess
11:30 – 11:50	Lunch
11:50 – 12:00	Brain Break
12:00 – 1:30	Literacy Block
1:30 – 2:00	WIN
2:00 – 2:45	Centers
2:45 – 2:55	Pack Up
2:55 – 3:35	Specials
3:40 – 3:55	Dismissal

## Learner-Centered Curriculum to promote

- Academic Growth
- Social Interactions
- Self Confidence
- Independence
- Love for Learning





# Literacy

## Wonders & Foundations

- Reading and Writing
- Phonics
- Listening & Comprehension Skills
- Handwriting



# Math

## Illustrative Math

- Number Sense
- Problem Solving
- Application of Skills
- Exploration





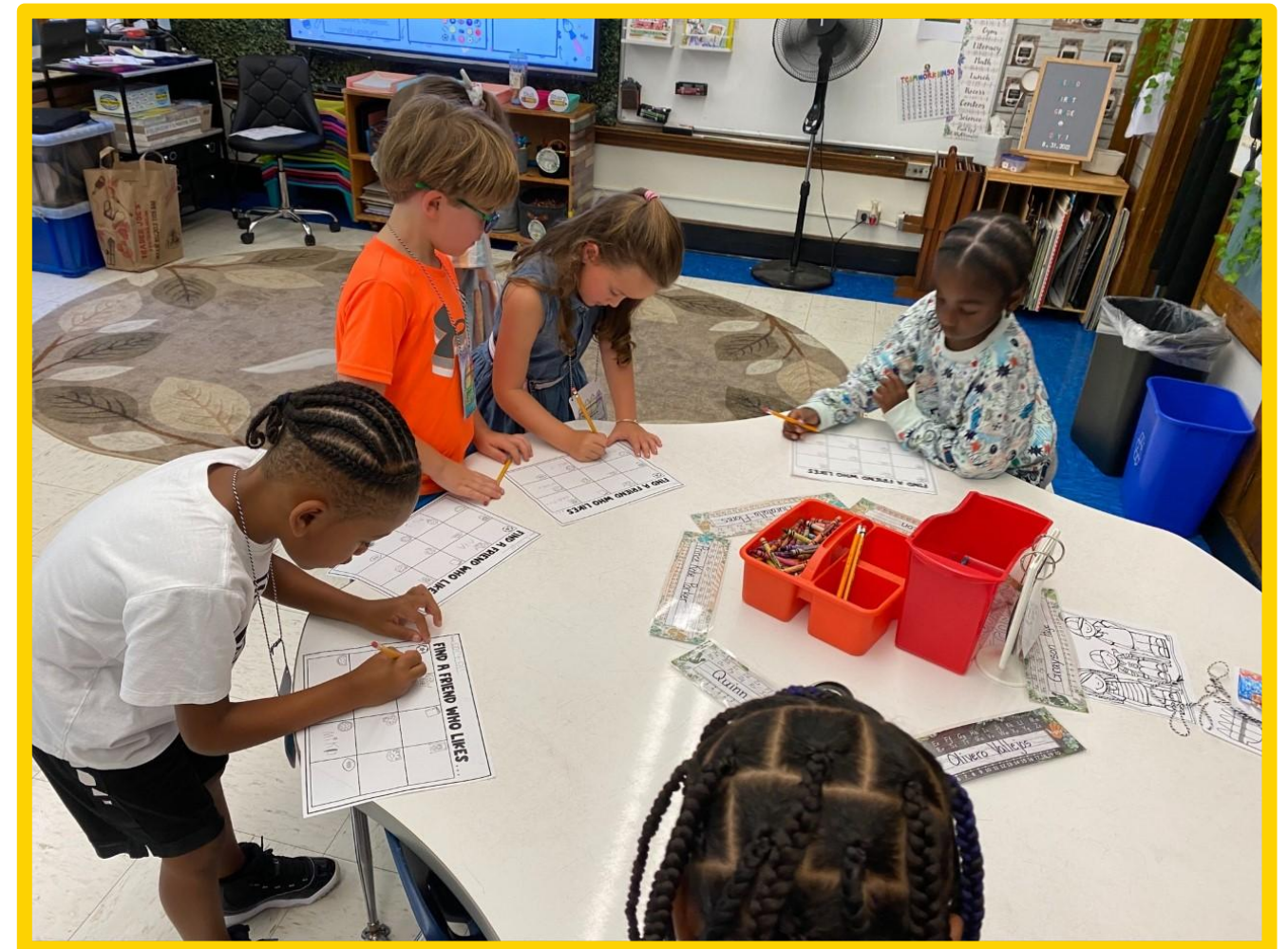
# Science

- Plants & Animals
- Weather & Seasons
- Push & Pull - Forces in Motion



# Social Studies

- Rules and Responsibilities
- Me on the Map
- Wants and Needs





# Community Builder Meetings

- Student celebration
- Opportunities to learn about different cultures
- Health-Mind and Body
- Creating a supportive environment



# What I Need

- Skills Based
- Small Group
- Support Staff





# Enrichment

Art Show/Math night  
Literacy Night  
Assemblies



# Social Emotional Skills

- Emotional regulation
- PBIS Rowayton R.O.C.K.S.  
Responsible  
Open Minded  
Cooperative  
Kind  
Safe





# Specials

Art  
Library/Media  
Music  
Physical Education  
Social Emotional  
Learning








# Cafeteria

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch choices daily
- Milk choice daily
- Fruits and Vegetables daily
- Meatless Mondays!
- Students eat with grade level
- Recycling and composting lessons
- Green team focus on composting and reusable trays
- Allergy free tables
- Wellness Alignment



**Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program: Week of January 3rd, 2022**

Vegetable of the Week: GRAPE TOMATOES		Fruit of the Week: BLACKBERRIES	
			
<b>Fun Facts:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China is the largest producer of tomatoes, United States and India are the second and third highest!</li> <li>Grape tomatoes were developed in Southeast Asia in the late 20th century by a large seed company in Taiwan.</li> <li>Grape tomatoes are not the same as cherry tomatoes! They're about half the size of cherry tomatoes, oblong in shape, and less watery.</li> </ol>		<b>Fun Facts:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blackberries have one of the highest levels of antioxidants of any food!</li> <li>Blackberry plants are considered a "bramble" crop due to the thorns that cover the bush – they are related to the rose plant!</li> <li>The fruit is not considered a berry, but rather an aggregate fruit of numerous drupelets ripening to a dark purple fruit we call the "blackberry."</li> </ol>	
<b>Health Benefits:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High in Antioxidants – reduces risk of heart disease and cancer</li> <li>Rich in Vitamin C – supports immune system and healing</li> <li>Potassium – heart health, muscles and nervous system</li> </ol>		<b>Health Benefits:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High in Fiber – heart healthy and promotes stable energy</li> <li>Vitamin C – immune system and healing</li> <li>High in Antioxidants – reduces risk of heart disease and cancer</li> </ol>	

**FVP** **FRESH fruit & vegetable PROGRAM**

**chartwells**  
serving up happy & healthy



**MOOD BOOST**

**Calm Trail Mix!**

Whole Grains (Rice Chex & Oat Granola), Sunflower Seeds, Roasted Peas & Chickpeas, Banana Chips, Raisins, Dried Cranberries, Dried Cherries, Papaya, Chocolate Chips

- **Antioxidants** – boost mental agility and can increase memory (**DRIED FRUITS & CHOCOLATE**)
- **Potassium** – regulates blood pressure and may help reduce anxiety (**BANANAS**)
- **Magnesium** – helps to de-stress the body (**CHICKPEAS, PEAS, SUNFLOWER SEEDS**)
- **Vitamin C** – a mineral which regulates brain activity (**PINEAPPLE & DRAGONFRUIT**)
- **Folate** – a B vitamin that affects brain functioning (**RAISINS, SUNFLOWER SEEDS & PEAS**)





# Recess



Blacktop



Kindergarten Playground

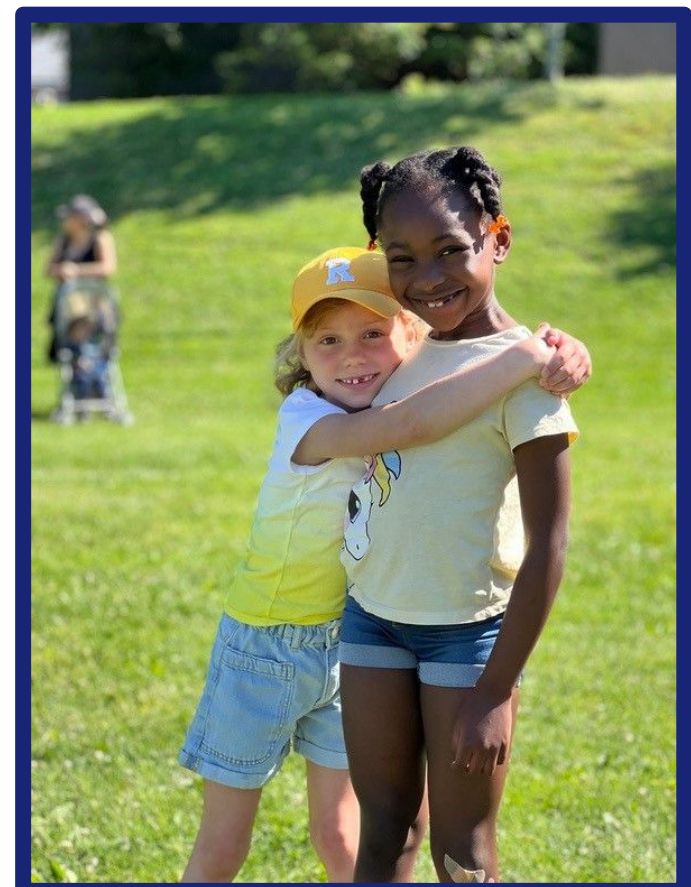




# School Events

Carnival  
Walk-A-Thon  
Holiday Sing-A-Long  
Read Across America  
Movie Nights  
BINGO  
Walk or Ride to School  
Concerts  
Rock Your School Day  
Assemblies  
Heritage Nights  
Food & Clothing Drives  
Invention Convention  
Literacy/Math night

Field Trips  
Earth Day  
Heart Health Month  
Harvest Celebration  
Kahoots  
One School, One Book





# Fall Events...

- School Picture Day
- Open House
- Walk-A-Thon
- Rock Your School Day
- Walk or Bike to School
- Pumpkin Parade

Event Details Shared in Parent Communications and Social Media





# Communication



**Phone/Voicemail**



**Email**



ParentSquare

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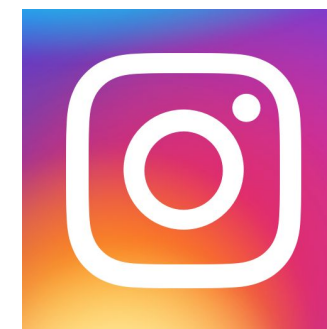


**Notes**



**Student Folder**

- **3 Progress Reports**
  - **November–Parent Conferences**
  - **March– Parent Conferences**
  - **June**



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# Tour

# Photo

# Opportunity

# Questions





