



September

RGS Newsletter 2024



TK-5th Grade Schedule:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:10pm

(Students may enter at 8:00am)

Friday 8:30am-1:45pm

(Students may enter at 8:00am)

Preschool Schedule:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-11:15am

(Morning only class)

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:10pm

(Full day class)

For safety reasons, the interior doors will remain locked throughout the day! Each morning, students will be greeted by a staff member. Visitors and guests will need to be buzzed in by the front office.

Beginning soon, all monthly Newsletters will be DIGITAL! This means no more keeping track of another piece of paper. Families will continue



to receive the monthly communication, but it will be delivered digitally. Newsletters can be viewed through email, Skyward or Facebook!

Please remember to update and turn in all paperwork by

Friday, September 6th!

IT'S MORE THAN A FREE MEAL APPLICATION!

This year, breakfast & lunches will be offered to all PK-5th grade students at NO COST!

It is important for all families to submit a free/reduced price meal application, even if you received free meals in the past. Only one application per household is needed!

Your application helps with the following:



Free school meals

for students—breakfast & lunch



Resources

for classrooms, teachers, & children



Federal, state, & local
funding
for school budgets



Funding for
computers
& technology

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, September 2nd—No School (Labor Day)
Tuesday, September 3rd—1st Day of Preschool
Friday, September 6th—Grandparent's Day Lunch
Friday, September 6th—All Paperwork Due!
Monday, September 9th—School Pictures
October 4th—No School (Teacher's In Service)
October 17th—Donuts with Dudes
October 24th & 25th —Conferences (No School)
October 31st—Fall Festival

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

Tanner LaTour: Mr. LaTour will serve as the new RGS Principal. He has been a lifelong resident of the Yakima Valley and comes with a wealth of experience to his new role. He shares a passion for education with his wife, who is a kindergarten teacher. They have been married for five years and are proud parents to two boys.

Ellie Gering: Miss Gering grew up attending RGS, LRMS and LRHS. She is returning after graduating from Washington State University to teach 2nd grade! Ellie completed her student teaching in Moses Lake and is excited to return to Ritzville Grade School to begin her career.

STAFF CHANGES:

Carol Ewing: Mrs. Ewing will be our half time Title/LAP teacher. She has recently been teaching Music/Tech and working in Title/LAP as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Ewing is also our safety patrol sponsor for our 5th grade students.

Rebecca Gordon: Ms. Gordon is our new Music teacher, which we will share with Lind Elementary. Ms. Gordon was the Music teacher at Lind Elementary last school year. She will be at RGS every afternoon.

Heather Glisson: Mrs. Glisson is changing roles this year and will be teaching our new Blended Learning class. This class is designed for students who need more structure and support through special education, but will also be included in general education classes. She will have several paraprofessionals supporting students in this classroom including: **Renee Arlt, Jessika Kidwell, and Liz Smith.**

Deanna Brooks: Ms. Brooks (Ms. D) will be teaching our 3 year old preschool class. Ms. Brooks has been a paraprofessional at RGS and is excited to be the lead teacher with our ECEAP and community preschool students.

Jessica Cooper: Mrs. Cooper is our Head Cook at RGS. She joined us in April, coming from Lind Elementary, where she was a paraprofessional. Mrs. Cooper has previously worked as a cook in a healthcare facility prior to working at LES.

Absences Reminders!

If a student is absent, a parent may call the school office, send an email to the teacher and/or office, or the student may bring a written note from his/her parent or guardian explaining the absence, with a parent/guardian signature. You have two school days to excuse an absence.

If you will be picking your child up from school early, please send a note stating the reason and leave time. Notes should either be given to the office before school, to their teacher, or please call the office at least **15 minutes prior** to the leave time.

Our complete attendance policy is in our RGS Student & Parent Handbook or on the RGS page on our school district website at www.lrschools.org.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

- * Each adult lunch is \$5.00 (cash or check only)
- * Preschool students and families are welcome to attend!
- * More details will be sent home soon!

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