

# The Ram Report

August 29, 2025

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## IMPORTANT DATES

9/2: First Day of School; Grades 1-5  
9/2: Coffee with the Principal; 8:00-8:45am  
9/2-9/5: Kinder Connect appointments  
9/8: First Day of School for Kindergarten  
9/8: Coffee with the Principal; 8:00-8:45am  
9/8: PSO Meeting; 6:00-7:00pm  
9/9: Vision Screening

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# Message from Mr. Kingery

Dear Art Rutkin Elementary Families,

We are ready for a new school year starting on Tuesday, September 2nd for 1st-5th graders and on Monday, September 8th for kindergarteners. We encourage everyone to wear purple, grey/silver, black and/or white if they choose. Please read the important information in this newsletter. We are sharing student arrival-dismissal times, information at school, and asking all adults to follow procedures carefully. Following our procedures will keep everyone safe around our parking lots and school entry. We will have signs and safety cones out to help everyone get used to how arrival and dismissal will work here at Art Rutkin Elementary. Help us keep everyone safe and follow these arrival - dismissal directions. See the map in this newsletter for a visual of our parking lots.

- **Drive slowly on campus at all times**
  - **Stay in your vehicle, or use designated parking spots**
  - **Student drop-off and pick up is in the lower parking lot only**
  - **Buses only in the upper parking lot during arrival and dismissal**
  - **Stay by the curb while dropping off and picking up students**
  - **Use car signs to show who you are picking up at the end of the day**
  - **Please drop students off on the curb side from your vehicles only**
  - **We will have students only on sidewalks from the bus, bike racks and to the parking lot stop sign during dismissal. Parents will be redirected to use another sidewalk to go to the Art Rutkin Oak Tree for in person pick starting Tuesday. We will have signs to help.**
  - **Please do not bring dogs, or other pets to pick up students during dismissal**
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- **Parents and guardians may walk their child to class on the first day of school**
  - **1st - 5th grade on Sept. 2nd**
  - **Kindergarten on Sept. 8th**
  - **8:00 AM school starts and parents may go start their day**
  - **8:00 AM - Sept. 2nd and Sept. 8th enjoy coffee with the principal in the library**
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- **We will start regular arrival routines on the 2nd day of school**
  - **Sept. 3rd - 1st - 5th grade parents say good-byes to students outside**
  - **Sept. 9th - Kindergarten parents say good-byes to students outside**

Back-To-School-Night was another great success. Families received important grade level information while visiting classrooms. We will hope for cooler temperatures next year. We can all share a great big thank you to our PSO members, School Garden volunteers and community partners who also joined us last night.

**TTSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (SRRH)**

**Updated Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policies:** Please remind your child that they will be expected to place any cell phones, smartwatches, communication devices and other personal electronic devices in backpacks from 8:00 AM - 2:20 PM everyday while at school. This will include field trips. Putting these devices away supports their focus on learning during the school day. Please see the **TTSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (SRRH)** so you know what guides how our teachers work with students.

Here is the updated list of our Art Rutkin Ram Classroom Teachers as mentioned during Back-To-School Night. More staffing updates will be included in the Ram Report next week. 2nd, 4th and 5th grade parents will also be communicated specific updates as to the timeline for what class lists will adjust with newly hired teachers. All students will remain with their current teacher starting the first week of school.

**Kindergarten: Angie Deuth-Winter, Tracey Naylor, Dina Christophersen**

**1st Grade: Holly Satterlee, Sarah Rough, Danelle Van Winkle**

**2nd Grade: Amy Barnes, Aimee Biggs, additional 2nd grade teacher to be hired soon**

**3rd Grade: Rebecca Van Vleet, Alison Heath, Katrina Grandquist**

**4th Grade: Carina Petersen, additional 4th grade teacher to be hired soon**

**4th-5th Grade split: Heather Miller**

**5th Grade: Andrew Middleton**

I hope to see many of you for “coffee with the principal” at 8:00 AM in the school library on Sept. 2nd or Sept. 8th. We wish you all a great Labor Day weekend.

With Gratitude,

Mr. Jamie Kingery

Principal

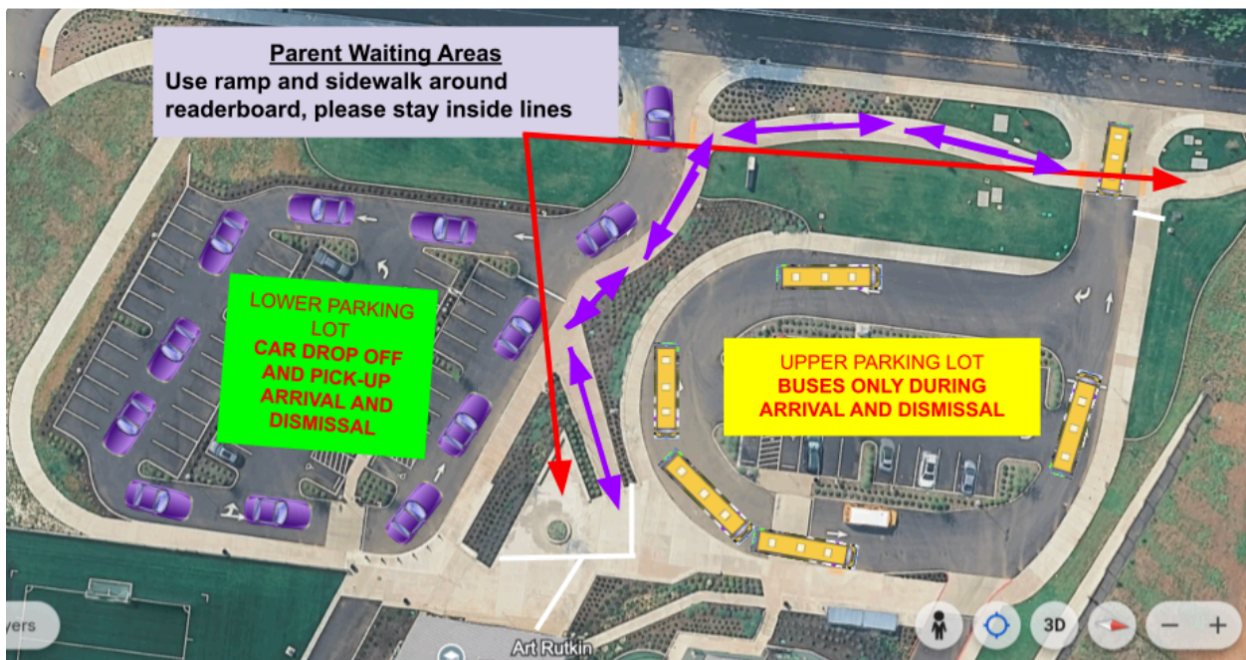
## Arrival & Dismissal

Safety is our number one priority throughout each school day. We want to keep all of our students and families safe during arrival and dismissal. This means using sidewalks, following crossing guard directions and driving slowly through our parent drop off and pick up lower parking lot. Please remember to be patient.

North (first) parking lot: **Buses only** during arrival time and dismissal times.

South (lower) parking lot: parent car drop off and pick up.

Dismissal: parents may wait by the oak tree and within the white lines for in-person pick up. Parents who remain in cars will remain in the car line next to the curb and sidewalk in the lower parking lot.



## School Information

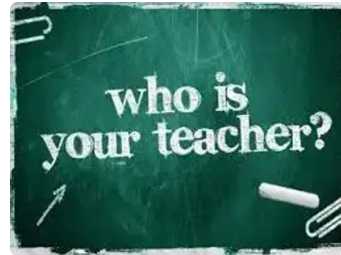


## Bus Routes are here!!

We have 4 bus routes this year. Please look closely at the **attached routes at the very bottom** of this newsletter. If you need assistance with anything bus related, please let our office know.

## Who will be my teacher?

Teacher assignments were sent out Monday afternoon. Please contact the office if you still are unsure. We're here to help!



## Bell Schedule & Attendance Line Information

### School hours for students:

8:00am - 2:20pm

Doors open at 7:45am

**Attendance Line: 503-431-3505** Please call the attendance line before 8:30 am if your child will be absent or late to school. At any time during the message, you can press # to directly leave your message. An automated system will call you if the absence/tardy has not been reported.

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# FREE MEALS

FOR ALL STUDENTS



Students can get 1 free complete breakfast and 1 free complete lunch each day



-  **No meal application needed**
-  **Second meals charged to student accounts**
-  **Manage meal accounts online at [linqconnect.com](http://linqconnect.com)**



[www.ttsdschools.org](http://www.ttsdschools.org)






# COMIDAS GRATUITAS

PARA NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES



Los estudiantes pueden obtener 1 desayuno completo gratis y 1 almuerzo completo gratis cada día



-  **No se necesita solicitud de comida**
-  **Se hará un cargo por segundas comidas a las cuentas de estudiantes**
-  **Administre cuentas de comidas en línea en [linqconnect.com](http://linqconnect.com)**



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# Personal Electronic Device Policy Approved by School Board

The TTSD School Board passed a revised Personal Electronic Devices policy and school procedures at their regular meeting Monday. The new procedures, which prohibit the use of such electronics during the instructional day, will be in effect for the beginning of the 2025 school year next week.

The new procedures are based on an executive order issued by Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek in July. The new policy allows for certain exceptions, which can be found in an [FAQ on our website](#).

This [video](#) covers what students can expect under the new policy.

Also, the [2025-26 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#) is now available. This handbook, which is revised annually, outlines important policies and procedures that govern the student experience.

We hope that you will take the time to review it with your student(s) as the handbook will help be a guide through a successful school year. We are so glad to have you and your family be a part of TTSD.

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## News from the PSO

**Annual Raffle** – We’re launching our first annual raffle for **two tickets to a pre-season Blazer game!** All proceeds will help fund school events such as the Winter Festival, Bingo Night, Trunk-or-Treat, Buddy Events, and more. Get your tickets here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/art-rutkin-elementary-school-psos-raffle-for-two-pre-season-blazer-tickets>

**First PSO Meeting** – Join us on **September 8 at 6:00 pm** in the Art Rutkin library. Everyone who attends in person will receive a **bonus raffle ticket!** A virtual option will also be available.

**Fun Run** – Save the date for **September 26!** We’re looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you’re interested in volunteering, please reach out. More details are coming soon!

## Get your SPIRIT on!

Show your school spirit! 🌟 Spirit wear is available from cozy hoodies to fun t-shirts and hats, there's something for everyone.

**[Click here to purchase your Spirit Gear from the online shop.](#)** Orders will be shipped directly to you. Art Rutkin earns 10% back on every purchase. **GO RAMS!**





## ParentSquare - Stay Connected!

**ParentSquare**, the communication platform that allows parents and guardians in the TTSD School District to receive all communicates from the district, schools, classrooms, and activity groups in one unified app and service. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified.

### Here's what you can do with ParentSquare:

- Receive messages from the school via email, text or app notification
- Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6pm
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Comment on school postings to engage with your school community
- Direct message teachers, staff and other parents
- Participate in group messages
- Sign up for parent-teacher conferences
- Sign forms & permission slips, receive report cards, sign up to volunteer and more all from your desktop or mobile device

**Download the app or contact the school office for assistance.**

**ParentSquare does not replace  
ParentVue and StudentVue.**

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## Volunteer Information

Would you like to be a volunteer or be a field trip chaperone? Have you gone through TTSD's volunteer process? If not, please make sure to do so. Once cleared you are good for 3 years. **Here is the link to sign up!**



\*If you are approved at another TTSD school and have gone through this process, **but are new to Art Rutkin**, please email **artrutkinoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us** and we'll get you added to our volunteer computer. Thank you to those that have already reached out.

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## Club K After School Program - Registration Info.

**Club K After School Zone** is excited to continue providing child care services for the **Art Rutkin** families. **Club K After School Zone** is committed to excellence in care and has been providing before and after school child care programs, full day programs and summer camps since 2006. We offer a personal level of service and attention that enables us to provide positive outcomes for the students in our programs as well as meet the needs of today's working families. **Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 School year and space is limited.** Follow the link below to find more information about our program and to register online.  
<http://www.clubkafterschool.com>

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## 25-26 District Calendar

**Shop for Spirit Wear here**

**Students R&R Handbok**

**Click here for Volunteer Info**

**Activity & Community Flyers**

**Lunch menus found here**

**Information for Club K**

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## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

**[Art Rutkin Elementary website](#)**

**[Art Rutkin Elementary newsletters](#)**

**[Club K website](#)**

**[TTSD job postings](#)**

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