



August 6, 2026

A NOTE FROM MRS. BURMEISTER

Rumsey Station Families,

We're so excited to welcome our Rumsey Station community back for the 2026–2027 school year! The building is buzzing with anticipation, and we can't wait to see our students' smiling faces again.

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night on Monday, August 10th from 5:00–7:30 p.m. Classrooms will be open for students and families to meet their teachers from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Be sure to stop by the informational tables, grab a fun first-day photo of your Engineer, and connect with our amazing PTO, who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and community!

As a reminder, the district will be releasing the class placements for 2026–2027 the afternoon of Friday, August 7th via the district app. You will receive an email from the classroom teacher that will welcome your child to their class on Monday, August 10th in the morning.

See you soon!

Mrs. Burmeister



Rumsey Station's Purpose, Vision, Beliefs, and Values

HOME OF THE ENGINEERS RUMSEY STATION ELEMENTARY

PURPOSE

Foster a safe and caring environment.
Provide a welcoming atmosphere for all.
Invest in the development of the whole child.
Ensure a collaborative and dedicated staff.

VISION

Develop innovative learners that can communicate, collaborate, think critically and creatively.
Prepare students to be responsible, respectful, and kind citizens.
Promote continued partnerships with the school, home, and community.

VALUES & BELIEFS

Student Success
Collaboration
Kindness
Positivity
Creativity



♥ Welcome to the Rumsey Station Family! ♥

Please join me in welcoming our new staff to the Rumsey Station family! ♥

Bre Wilton - Special Education Teacher

Kaylan Severson - Nurse

Kody Owens - Daytime Custodian

Shannon Chambers - Nighttime Custodian

Dates to Remember

August 7 - Teachers report to school

August 7 - Classroom assignments will be emailed to parents starting at 4:00 pm

August 10 - Welcome letters will be emailed to parents from teachers in the morning; 5-7:30 pm Back to School Open House; Families may visit child's classroom from 5:30-6:30

August 12 - 8:05-11:40 First Day of School; Kindergarten Families are invited to Boo-Hoo/Yee-Haw Breakfast in the library after arrival

August 13 - 8:05-3:05 First full day of school

October 7 - Picture Day

Safety Patrol Sign-Up

If your child is interested in Rumsey Station Safety Patrol and will be in 5th or 6th grade this year, please use this [link](#) to sign up!

Rumsey Station Elementary General Procedures

We are excited to welcome our Engineers back for another great school year!

Important First Day Information

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12

Student Arrival: 7:50 a.m.

Dismissal: 11:40 a.m.

Lunch will NOT be served on the first day of school.

Please do not drop students off before 7:50 a.m. Staff members are not on duty prior to that time.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

The safety of our students is our highest priority. Thank you for helping us create a safe and efficient arrival and dismissal process.

Visitors

To help maintain a secure campus:

All visitors must enter and exit through the **main/front entrance**.

Visitors may be asked to provide identification and state the purpose of their visit.

After entering, please report directly to the school office.

The secure **Kids Club** entrance is located on the northeast side of the building.

Visitor access to school grounds during the school day is restricted. During Kids Club hours, visitors may only access the smaller playground.

Be a Role Model

Please help us model our PBIS expectations by:

Driving slowly around the school and through the parking lot.

Yielding to pedestrians, Safety Patrol members, and school vans.

Coming to a complete stop at all intersections.

Following the directions of Safety Patrol.

Remaining in a single line in the drop-off lane.

Remembering that the exit from the drop-off lane is **right turn only** during arrival and dismissal.

Walking to School

If possible, consider having your child walk to school. Walking helps reduce traffic congestion and is a healthy way to start the day.

Safety Patrol

Safety Patrol members are on duty:

Morning: 7:50-8:00 a.m.

Afternoon: 3:00-3:15 p.m.

Please use designated crosswalks and encourage your child to follow Safety Patrol directions when crossing streets.

Bicycles

Students are welcome to ride their bikes to school. Please remember:

Wear a helmet.

Walk bicycles once on school property.

Kids Club Parking

Please do not park in the loading zone on the east side of the building near the Kids Club entrance and dumpster. This area must remain clear for deliveries and trash collection and is especially important during high-traffic times (7:35-8:10 a.m.).

Parents dropping off or picking up students for Kids Club should park in a designated parking stall or along the curb.

Lunch Visitors

We love having families join us for lunch!

If you plan to visit:

Check in at the office and obtain a **Visitor for Lunch** sticker.

If you would like to purchase a school lunch, please call the office **before 8:30 a.m.** so a meal can be ordered.

You are welcome to bring lunch for **your child only**. Because of food allergies, students may not share food.

Due to limited seating, students eating with a visitor will not be able to invite friends to join them.

We ask that families refrain from coming to lunch until **Monday, August 24th**. This will help us get our system and routines in place for an effective, efficient, and safe lunchroom environment.

We appreciate your partnership in helping keep Rumsey Station a safe, welcoming, and respectful place for all students.



Home & School Communication

Partnering Together

We believe that open, respectful, and timely communication is essential to supporting your child's success. When questions or concerns arise—especially regarding classroom-specific topics such as academics, routines, behavior, or peer interactions—we ask that you first reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Our teachers work with your child each day and are in the best position to provide context, answer questions, and work with you to find solutions. Beginning with the classroom teacher helps resolve concerns efficiently while strengthening the partnership between home and school.

If additional support is needed after that conversation, our administrative team is always available to help. Following this communication process allows us to work collaboratively and ensures every concern is addressed thoughtfully with your child's best interests at the center.

Thank you for partnering with us and helping us maintain a positive, respectful, and supportive learning environment for all students.

How We Will Keep You Informed

We are committed to communicating in ways that keep families informed without overwhelming your inbox. You are always welcome to call or email the school whenever you have questions or need assistance.

Here's how you can expect to hear from us throughout the school year:

Rumsey Station News (*School Newsletter*) - Emailed every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

Classroom Newsletters & Teacher Updates - Emailed every **Friday at 3:30 p.m.**

PLCS App - Access lunch menus, attendance, report cards, and other important student information.

Facebook & Instagram - Follow along as we share celebrations, student achievements, classroom activities, and highlights from around Rumsey Station each week.

A Simpler Communication Schedule

In the past, families often received emails from many different people on different days, making it difficult to keep track of important information. We heard your feedback and are making communication more organized this year.

Beginning this school year, you'll receive **one primary communication each day, Tuesday through Friday**, with a consistent purpose:

Tuesday: Flyers and community opportunities

Wednesday: District updates and announcements

Thursday: Rumsey Station News from the school office

Friday: Classroom and grade-level updates from your child's teacher

Of course, urgent information, emergency notifications, legal notices, and individualized communication about your child will always be sent as needed, regardless of the schedule.

Our goal is to provide clear, consistent communication that helps you stay informed while making it easier to find the information that matters most.

Handbook Highlights

Cell Phones and Smart Watches

This statement outlines the policy for cell phones and smart watches used by students at school.

Communication: Students can bring cell phones and smart watches for communication with parents before and after school. During school hours, communication must go through the office.

Usage Restrictions:

During School: Cell phones must be turned off and kept in backpacks or a designated area determined by the classroom teacher. Use of cell phones or smartwatches during the school day is prohibited.

Responsibility: The school is not responsible for any personal items that are broken, lost, or stolen.

Disciplinary Actions: If these items become a distraction, they may be confiscated. Parents may need to pick up confiscated items.

Support for Learning: The policy aims to protect the instructional day, ensuring students focus on learning.

This policy emphasizes maintaining a distraction-free learning environment while allowing for necessary communication with parents.

Classroom Parties

The PTO will facilitate three classroom parties in October, December, and March. They will be sharing a Sign-Up Genius for parent volunteers to assist with these events.

E-Bikes, Electric Scooters, and Pets

No E-Bikes or Electric Scooters: Once school is in session, e-bikes and electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds.

No Pets: Pets are not permitted on school grounds during the school day or at school events (except approved service animals).

Student Dress & Hats

Clothing that disrupts the learning environment is not permitted. Some, but not all, examples may include drug/tobacco/alcohol advertisements, inappropriate language, or derogatory remarks. Clothing such as tank tops, shorts, leggings, compression shorts, etc., may be prohibited if they do not appropriately cover the student. We ask that caps and hats not be worn once inside the building as well. For our full policy, please click the link below.

Click below for the entire student handbook:

Papillion LaVista Community Schools Handbook

A Note from the Health Office

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

ALL medication must be brought to school by a parent or responsible adult and handed to a staff member (Secretary, principal, health para, nurse). Students are no longer allowed to bring meds to school in their backpacks.

Prescription medication will only be received in the original, properly labeled prescription container, including the following: student's name, medical provider's name, and directions for administration by school personnel.

Your pharmacy should be willing to give you a second, empty, properly labeled prescription container to divide the meds between home and school, if necessary.

Prescription medication will only be administered at school with written permission from both the parent and the medical provider.

You can access our Medication Permission form on the parent portal of the PLCS website by clicking on the "Health Services" drop-down, then selecting "Medication Administration".

We require a medication form for EACH medication.

Please have the completed medication permission form with the medication you are dropping off.

Please note that a current prescription label from the pharmacy will be accepted as written permission from the medical provider.

Please send only ONE month's supply of medication to the school to facilitate appropriate storage and administration.

OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICATION

OTC medication will be given with written permission from a parent with specific instructions for administration, using our PLCS Medication Permission form.

OTC medication must be brought to school in the original container.

Online Student Verification

Online Student Verification must be completed each school year for each student. This is very important! **Please click the button below** and log into your Family Portal to complete. This ensures that we have the most up to date contact information for you and your student.

Please Note our district communication team sent you this information on July 16, you may have already completed it.

[Click Here to complete Online Student Verification!](#)

Adding Money to Lunch Account

Money can be added to your student's lunch account using Linq Connect. However, if you would like to pay using a cash or check (made out to Rumsey Station) that is fine too. The cost of a school lunch for the 2026-27 school year is \$2.55.

[Click HERE to access Linq Connect](#)

[Click HERE to see if you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch](#)

August Lunch Menu

[Click Here for the August Lunch Menu!](#)

Important Schedule Information

Lunch Times

Kindergarten: 11:15-11:40

2nd Grade: 11:25-11:50

1st Grade: 11:30-11:55

4th Grade: 11:45-12:10

3rd Grade: 11:50-12:15

5th Grade: 11:55-12:20

6th Grade: 12:05-12:30

PTO NEWS

Back to School Family Night - August 10th

The Rumsey Station PTO is excited to welcome you back! Back to School Family Night will be held on August 10th with Family Fun events starting at 5pm and lasting until 7:30pm. Come grab a bite to eat from the Corn Dog Company Omaha and dessert from Fios, shoot some hoops with Hoop Nebraska, and enjoy the bounce house and obstacle course donated to our event by Big O Bounce! Starting at 5:30pm, the school will open up to meet your classroom teachers, sign up for PTO, Kids Club, and Scouts, and get important information about the school year. Before you leave, we will have chalk available for friends and families to leave encouraging notes and pictures for the first day of school! We can't wait to see you all and we are so excited to be back!

We are looking for volunteers! Please [sign-up](#) here to help!



Yearbook Committee

We're looking for parent volunteers to join our **Yearbook Committee**! Whether you love taking photos, organizing events, or helping create lasting memories for our students, we'd love to have you on our team.

If you're interested in being part of the Yearbook Committee, please [sign up today](#)! Your time and talents will help preserve the special moments that make this school year unforgettable.

Chef's Night Out! Panda Express - August 11th

Don't worry about cooking the day before school, join us at Panda Express and know that 20% of your purchase goes right back to our school to support classrooms, field trips, and events! Make sure to show our flyer below, or use the code **3856371** for online orders.



Fundraiser for Rumsey Station PTO

20% of event sales will be donated
Rumsey Station PTO supports both staff
and students at Rumsey Station
Elementary School.



When Tuesday, August 11, 2026 Time: 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM	Where Panda Express located at: 8760 S. 71st Plaza Papillion NE 68133 (402) 331 - 6266
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How to Order


Online
PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 3856371 in the fundraiser code box

or


In-Person
Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events. If the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed, if the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchases of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandagrp.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>



Find a local hiring event or apply online at **PandaCareers.com**

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School Supply Donations

The Rumsey Station PTO is hosting a Classroom Supply Drive to help keep our classrooms clean! We are accepting classroom donations of hand sanitizer, paper towels, wipes, classroom supplies and more. Donations can be brought in anytime the school is open the first week!



**CLASSROOM
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

10-14 AUGUST 2026
Drop-off at the Main Office

Help us provide essential supplies to our classrooms: tissues, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, paper towels, etc.

Office hours M: 9am-7:30pm, Tu: 9-3pm, W: 8-11am, Th & Fr: 8-3pm

 Rumsey Station PTO

Rumsey Station Spirit Wear

Kick off the new school year with the **Rumsey Station Back-to-School Sale** and save up to **35% OFF** **sitewide!** Shop brand-new spirit wear, fresh fall styles, and personalized gear to have your student ready for the first day of school. Don't miss out—the sale ends **September 14th**. [Shop Now!](#)

RUMSEY STATION

OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL GEAR DROP

UP TO 35% OFF SITEWIDE

SHOP NOW

FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$75

SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/59697

School Attendance is Important!

PLAN AROUND BREAKS

Rumsey Station recognizes the strong correlation between time in the classroom and student achievement.

As best you can, please plan trips, appointments, and other student absences around our academic calendar.

NON-SCHOOL DAYS

September: 7 & 8
 October: 8 & 12
 November: 2, 25-27
 December: 21-31
 January: 1-4, 18
 February: 5 & 15
 March: 22-26, 29
 April: 26

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