



August 13, 2026

A NOTE FROM MRS. BURMEISTER

Rumsey Station Families,

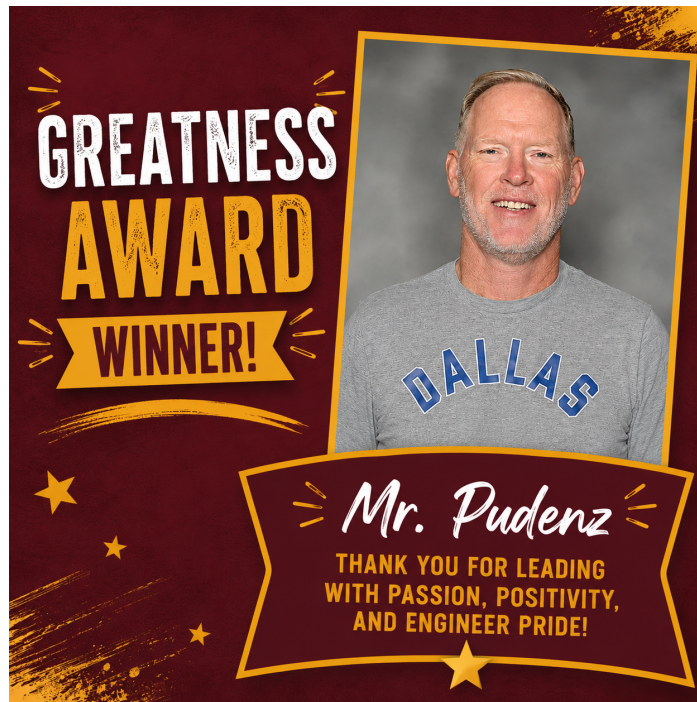
Our first week at Rumsey Station was filled with smiles, learning, and excitement! Students jumped right into building friendships, exploring new ideas, and settling into routines. The energy in our hallways has been incredible, and it's clear our Engineers are ready for a year of growth, curiosity, and success.

We also have a very special reason to celebrate! Please join me in congratulating Mr. Pudenz, who was named the 2026 PLCS Greatness Award Winner for Elementary Teacher of the Year! We are so proud of Mr. Pudenz and grateful for the incredible energy, dedication, and care he brings to our students each day. What a wonderful way to start the school year!

Thank you to our staff, students, and families for making the start of the school year such a positive one!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Burmeister



School Attendance is Important!

Student attendance at Rumsey Station is vital to the growth of your student. We want to prioritize students being in class as often as possible. As a building, we aim to ensure our kids receive adequate instruction. As such, you may now see more absences marked unexcused. Out-of-town trips or sports tournaments will not be categorized as excused absences. Medical illnesses will continue to be marked excused. If those exceed three consecutive days, we do require a doctor's note. If there is a death in the family, any absences incurred would be marked excused as well.

Most importantly, the office needs to be made aware no later than 8:30 AM. If we cannot get ahold of parents or guardians, we will work through emergency contacts.

If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to the main office for more details.

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: 9 & 12
November: 2, 25-27
December: 24-31
January: 1-4, 18
February: 5 & 19
March: 22-26, 29
April: 26



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



Dates to Remember

August 27 - 3:15-4 PBIS Troupe

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!

Here is the weekly schedule:

Monday: Bartlett

Tuesday: Barron

Wednesday: Cieslik

Thursday: Craven

Friday: Rotates through classrooms alphabetically

Upcoming Friday Safety Patrol Dates:

Barron: August 14 & September 11

Bartlett: August 21 & September 18

Cieslik: August 28 & September 25

Craven: September 4 & October 2

Beginning in September, an updated Safety Patrol schedule will be sent out on Fridays in classroom newsletters.

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.

Asbestos Notification



PAPILLION LA VISTA
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Be Known for Greatness

Superintendent, Andrew Rikli, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Business, Brett Richards
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Shureen Seery
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Kati Settles, Ed.D.

DATE: August 10, 2026
TO: Parents or Guardians of Students at Rumsey Station Elementary School
FROM: Papillion La Vista Community Schools
8120 Giles Road
La Vista, NE 68128
402-898-0420
RE: Annual Notification of the Management of Asbestos in the Papillion La Vista Community Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 requires that all public and private elementary and secondary (K-12) schools inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos Management Plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely fashion.

The Papillion La Vista Community Schools has stayed on the leading edge of this program and hired the Institute for Environmental Assessment to inspect and develop a management plan, which went into effect July 9, 1989. We have continued over the years to implement those remedial actions required and to continually monitor the condition of any remaining asbestos material. School district personnel consistently perform surveillance.

There are no asbestos containing materials present in Rumsey Station Elementary School; however, the law requires that the school district still makes annual notifications.

The Asbestos Management Plan with all associated records and documentation for your access are available at either the school's administrative office or in my office at the above address. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Dan Kauk Ed.S.
Director of Operations
Papillion La Vista Community Schools

420 S. Washington Street, Papillion, NE 68046 P: 402-537-6200 F: 402-537-6216 www.plcschools.org

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

August

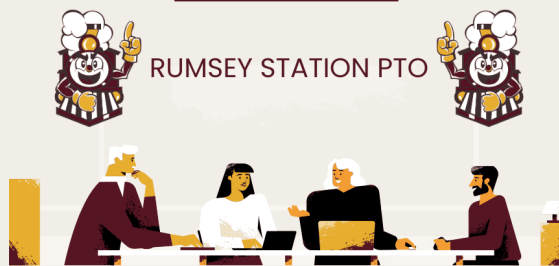
BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	EVENTS:
						1	Aug 10: Back to School Family Fun Night 5-7:30pm (Open House 5:30-6:30pm)
						2	Aug 11: CNO - Panda Express 9:30am - 10pm
						3	Aug 12: First Day of School! 8:05am - 11:40am
						4	Aug 19: PTO Budget Meeting 6pm
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NOTES:
Classroom Supply Drive is the first week of school.
Bring in Wipes, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, etc.
Workroom Wednesdays are a fun way to volunteer! Join us each Wed, starting Aug 26th, to lend a helping hand.

PTO Meeting - August 19th at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend regardless if you have joined the PTO or not and we would love to see you there! If you have joined the PTO and paid your Member Dues, you are able to vote during the meetings. Members in good standing will vote on our budget and calendar for the year and will receive a copy of our student directory.



PTO BUDGET MEETING

19 AUGUST

6:00PM

PLEASE VOTE ON OUR CALENDAR AND FUNDING FOR THE YEAR. WE WANT YOUR INPUT TO MAKE THIS YEAR GREAT!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

rumseystationpto@plcschools.org

Joining the PTO and the Student Directory

As part of your PTO membership, you get access to a school directory. This is a great way to connect with families in the school especially for birthday parties, picnics, play dates, etc. If you would NOT like to have your family's contact information included in the directory (address, phone number), please call Melissa at 402-898-0475 by Aug. 28th. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your information can be published. Membership is a \$10 donation that goes back to students and staff and you can join [HERE](#).

Volunteer Opportunities!

Each week a few Rumsey Station parents gather in the office workroom for "Working Wednesday." During this time we help classroom teachers, specialists, and other school staff with any projects they may need completed for upcoming weeks.

Click here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEA723A7FCC70-64890560-working>

POPCORN FRIDAYS!!! Come help pop popcorn and distribute it to classrooms! Check out the SignUp Genius if you are interested in volunteering: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEA723A7FCC70-64890565-popcorn>

Additional volunteer opportunities can always be found on our website: <https://rumseystation-plcschools.org/families/pto>



Choose Your Own Adventure Annual Fundraiser - August 24th - September 25th

It's time for our Annual Fundraiser! This year students will Choose Their Own Adventure on our Fun Run and Obstacle course on September 25th. Fundraising information will go out soon! All funds go directly to students and staff.

Classroom Supply Drive - August 10th-14th

We are still taking donations! Drop them off at the front office!



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.

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

Let's Go Engineers

SHOP NOW

RUMSEY STATION ENGINEERS

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1ST PLACE Spiritwear

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