



September 3, 2026

A NOTE FROM MRS. BURMEISTER

Rumsey Station Families,

We are off to a strong start as we head into September. Students are settling into routines, building friendships, and diving into learning each day. Thank you for partnering with us to make the first weeks of school such a success!

Attendance matters! Being at school every day helps students stay connected, engaged, and on track with their learning. We appreciate your support in making daily attendance a priority.

☀ Fun Run Registration is Now Open! ☀
TO GET STARTED, GO TO rumsey.pledgestar.com OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

How to Register:

1. Click "*Not Registered for This Year's Event*"
2. Enter your name and email, then click submit
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to register your Fun Runner(s) and add family & friends.

Let's make September a month filled with growth, curiosity, and joy!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Burmeister

Engineer of the Week

ENGINEER OF THE WEEK

MS. SPRATLEN



KIM SPRATLEN, WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO! YOU ARE INCREDIBLY KIND, DEPENDABLE, AND ALWAYS WILLING TO JUMP IN AND HELP WHEREVER YOU ARE NEEDED. WHETHER YOU ARE SUPPORTING STUDENTS, HELPING A TEACHER, LENDING A HAND TO A COLLEAGUE, OR SIMPLY STEPPING IN TO MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY A LITTLE EASIER, YOU CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON.

YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE, CARING HEART, AND WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OUR STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED. YOU BRING A SENSE OF CALM, KINDNESS, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO EVERYTHING YOU DO, AND YOU MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN OUR RUMSEY STATION COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR BEING SOMEONE WHO IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OTHERS, AND ALWAYS PUTTING OUR STUDENTS FIRST. WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE TIME, ENERGY, AND HEART YOU GIVE TO OUR SCHOOL EACH DAY.

WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM, KIM! THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU AND FOR MAKING RUMSEY STATION A BETTER PLACE EVERY SINGLE DAY! 💙 ⭐



☀️ Be Here, Be You, Belong: The Magical Yet

This month, our students are exploring the power of “yet” through *The Magical Yet* by Angela DiTerlizzi! Through a fun activity, students are setting goals and learning about grit, perseverance, and the importance of not giving up when something feels challenging. This connects beautifully to our school-wide theme, Be Here, Be You, Belong—being present and willing to try, celebrating who we are and how we grow, and encouraging others along the way.

Feel free to ask your child about their activity and what goal they chose! Here are some conversation starters you can use at home:

- ☀️ What is something you would like to be able to do yet?
- ☀️ What is one goal you are working toward?
- ☀️ What can you do when your goal feels difficult?
- ☀️ Who can help encourage you when you want to give up?
- ☀️ What is something you couldn't do before that you can do now?
- ☀️ How can you encourage someone else who is working toward a goal?

We can't wait to see our students set goals, embrace challenges, and discover the magic of YET!

Meet Mrs. Vitera

Hello Rumsey Station Families!

My name is Laura Vitera and I am in my third year as the school counselor at Rumsey Station Elementary. I live in La Vista with my husband and 3 kids. My sons are currently at Papillion La Vista High School as a senior and a freshman, while my daughter graduated from there a couple years ago and is starting her sophomore year of college. We love being a part of the Papillion La Vista Community Schools district and I am especially grateful to be a part of the Rumsey Station Family.

As the school counselor, my primary focus is in supporting the academic, social, and emotional development of every student. I work closely with staff and students to promote positive behavior, help solve problems, build healthy relationships, and support mental well-being. I teach guidance lessons at each grade level within the 10-day cycle. I am the 504 coordinator, a member of the PBIS team and lead the ASL Club at school. In addition, I collaborate with teachers, staff, and families to identify student needs and create a supportive learning environment.

If something is impacting your family or your student's well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out for support and resources. My goal is to ensure that each child feels valued, understood, and equipped to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.



Dates to Remember

September 3 3:15-4 Art Club

September 7 No School -Labor Day

September 8 No School - Staff Development

September 9 3:15-4 Garden Club

September 10 3:15-4 ASL Club

September 14 8-3:05 6th Grade Students at Outdoor Ed

September 15 8 am - 9:45 pm 6th Grade Students at Outdoor Ed; 5-8pm CNO @ Runza

September 16 6th Grade Students ONLY NO School; 7:20-8 am Battle of the Books Question Writing Workshop (optional)

September 17 3:15-4 PBIS Troupe & ASL Club

PBIS Important Information

WHAT ARE PBIS TICKETS? PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT)

Dear Engineer Families,

I would like to take a few moments to talk about our school-wide expectations system at Rumsey Station Elementary. We participate in training and ongoing professional development with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). We adopt the practices and philosophies that go along with this researched approach. Below are the highlights of how we practice PBIS at Rumsey Station. If you ever have questions or thoughts about our practices, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Burmeister. You can also access more information by clicking on the link below. <https://www.pbis.org/>

Our Purpose:

The purpose of Rumsey Station Elementary is to prepare all students to achieve their greatest potential and to positively impact the future. Rumsey Station has developed a set of expectations or rules for student behavior at school. We teach these expectations to all of our students, and we will recognize students who meet them. The expectations will be the same for all students in all common areas of our school. These common areas include arrival/dismissal, hallway, restrooms, playground, lunch, and assemblies. Rumsey Station staff have been working tirelessly the past four weeks teaching expectations, providing opportunities to practice the expectations, and positively reinforcing students with tickets when these expectations are met. Quarterly, we will hold a PBIS assembly to recognize students who have followed our

expectations. Tickets that are earned by students will be put into their classroom bin. Each week, our classroom teachers volunteer their plan time to bring the Prize Cart around to each classroom. Tickets are drawn and students that have been chosen receive a prize off of the Prize Cart. The more tickets you earn, the better chances you have of being drawn. Students also keep track of the number of tickets that they have earned. When they earn 25, 50, 75, 100... tickets they are able to visit the school store. Our school store is open every day 5.

Each month, Rumsey Station focuses on a character trait. At the end of the month, students are nominated who show that character trait.

August - Safety
September - Responsibility
October - Respectful
November - Kindness
December - Leadership
January - Integrity
February - Friendship
March - Compassion
April - Empathy
May - Compassion

This approach requires schools to teach the behavior expectations found in PBIS, teach SEL skills for different situations, and reinforce the behaviors displayed when students use the correct skills.

Acronyms you may hear from your child or your child's teacher:
PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. When implemented with fidelity, PBIS improves social-emotional competence, academic success, and school climate.
SEL (Social-Emotional Learning refers to the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

Thank you for your continued support in our mission,
The Rumsey Station PBIS Team

Elementary Specialist and Academic Overview

Across PLCS, we strive to engage students in a well-rounded and enriching educational experience. To enhance understanding of our specialist areas, we're sharing a resource that summarizes experiences your student will be involved in this year. These specialist areas are designed to help your child grow in enriching and meaningful ways. By knowing the focus of our specialists, you can better support your student's learning at home. Please access the specialist summaries as well as other academic areas using the following link: <https://www.plcschools.org/academics/curriculum>.

We encourage you to communicate with your school's team if you have any questions or seek additional information.

Share a Bulb, Grow Our Garden!

Help our Garden Club bring more color and beauty to our community by donating flower bulbs! Whether you have extra bulbs from your garden or would like to purchase a few to share, every donation makes a difference.

Your generous contributions will help us create vibrant garden spaces for everyone to enjoy. Please consider digging up a few extras or picking up a package of bulbs this fall and donating them to the club.

Let's plant a little kindness and watch it bloom! ♥

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](#)

Lunch Menu

[Click Here for the September 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

September  **2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2		4	5
			Workroom Wednesday		Popcorn Friday!	
6	LABOR DAY!	NO SCHOOL	8	10	11	12
			Workroom Wednesday			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	R CNO - Runza		Workroom Wednesday			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Workroom Wednesday	FUN RUN!		
27	28	29	30			
			Workroom Wednesday			

EVENTS:

- Sept 4: Popcorn Friday 8am - 10am
- Sept 7-8: No School for Labor Day
- Sept 15: CNO Runza 5-8pm
- Sept 25: Choose Your Own Adventure Fun Run and Obstacle Course

NOTES:

Our annual fundraiser is happening now. Donations support campus improvements, field trips, clubs, events, and student and staff support! We couldn't do this without YOU!



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



Scan the QR Code to register and get started.

For our Fun Run - Choose Your Own Adventure! This year, we're using an awesome [web based fundraising system](#) that makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Remember, our Fun Run - Choose Your Own Adventure! is September 25, so please register now to help our school raise as much as we can for facility improvement projects including new sports equipment and outdoor sensory play projects. We are also raising money for all the events we host for Rumsey Station throughout the year..

Using your computer's browser:

Go to <http://rumsey.pledgestar.com/>

Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"

Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"

Follow the instructions on-screen to register Fun Runner(s) and add family and friends

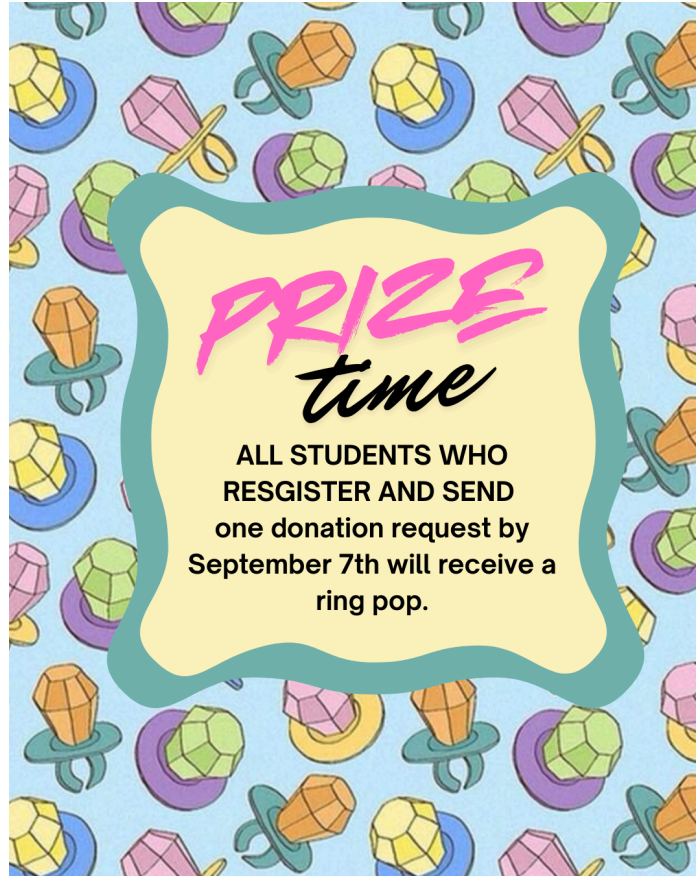
When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

Call [1-888-598-7510](tel:1-888-598-7510) if you need help.

[VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT DAY OF HERE!](#)

All students who REGISTER AND SEND one donation request by MONDAY September 7th will receive a ring pop

6th Grade, you get a little extra fun as a thank you for your time here! An optional lap with color powder will be available to our 6th grade runners. If you are a 6th grade parent [volunteering](#) at the race, please find a PTO member to help us add a little COLOR to their day! *Color powder will not be used above the shoulders or on a student who chooses not to participate*



Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you ready to get involved? Join us at [Working Wednesdays](#), [Popcorn Fridays](#), as a member on the [Yearbook Committee](#), or email us at RumseyStationPTO@plcschools.org to find out more.

Join the PTO and the Volunteer Appreciation Program

Membership is a \$10 donation that goes back to students and staff and you can join [HERE](#). Thanks to a generous donation from a Rumsey Station Family, our PTO is able to celebrate our volunteers with a chance to win FREE AIRLINE TICKETS. Please review the rules below to see how you can qualify.

Rules & Details

How to Earn Chances:

- Be a paid Rumsey Station PTO member
- Participate in three (3) volunteer events to get one chance to win
- Maximum of three (3) chances to win per PTO member
- We would love to see you at as many events as you can attend!

Qualifying Events:

- Any PTO event with a Signup Genius link (Working Wednesday, Popcorn Friday, classroom parties, Fun Run, etc.)
- Must sign up, show up, and volunteer - please sign every time you volunteer
- Attend at least one general PTO meeting

Eligibility:

- Southwest employees and PTO board members are ineligible
- Tickets cannot be sold or auctioned off - this is a violation of Southwest's policy

Ticket Details:

- A winner will be selected before school releases for winter break
- A total of two tickets will be awarded
- Tickets are earned through volunteer hours from a PTO board member - more volunteer hours = more tickets

Each Ticket Includes:

- Round trip to any domestic city (Lower 48, Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico)
- Valid for travel February 1, 2027 to January 31, 2028
- Two (2) free checked bags
- Basic fare (winner can upgrade for a fee)



*The Rumsey Station Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a separate, independent 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. Any views, materials, events, or activities presented, sponsored, or distributed by the PTO are entirely its own. They do not constitute an endorsement, approval, or official policy of the Rumsey Station Elementary administration or the Papillion La Vista Community Schools district.

Chef's Night Out - RUNZA!

On Tuesday, September 15, 5-8pm, Runza (Papillion) is hosting a Rumsey Station Fundraiser Night! Feel good about eating out knowing a portion of the funds go right back to the students and staff.



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RUNZA®

RUNZA Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

5-8pm

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 5-8pm, the Papillion Runza® Restaurant located at 202 North Washington will donate 10% of sales to Rumsey Station.

RUMSEY STATION
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

OFFICIAL GEAR FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



 **SHOP NOW**

UP TO 35% OFF
SITEWIDE

 **FREE SHIPPING** on orders over \$85

SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/59697



Click [HERE](#) to Order Spirit Wear!

We're Hiring at Rumsey Station!

Do you have a heart for helping students learn, grow, and succeed? We're looking for a Special Education Paraprofessional to join our amazing Engineer family!

- ♥ 3 hours a day
- ♥ Make a meaningful impact
- ♥ Work alongside an incredible team
- ♥ Support and encourage students each day

If you're looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference, we'd love to have you on board!

Apply here: <https://papillionlavista.schoolspring.com/?jobid=5912955>

Join Our Team!

WE'RE HIRING!

Make a Difference Every Day! ♥



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL

 **3 HOURS A DAY**
SUPPORT. ENCOURAGE. EMPOWER.

★ *Why You'll Love It Here:*

- Make a meaningful impact
- Work in a supportive, caring school community
- Be part of our Rumsey Station Engineer Family!

You'll Help:

- ✓ Support students with individualized learning goals
- ✓ Provide encouragement and help students succeed
- ✓ Be a positive part of our student's day!

APPLY TODAY!

♥
Help our students stay on track and reach their full potential.

♥ Moments That Matter ♥

Did a Rumsey Station staff member make a difference for your child or family? Tell us about it! Whether it's a big moment or a simple act of kindness, your recognition helps us celebrate the staff who make Rumsey Station special.

Share your gratitude by clicking the button below!

Tell Us About a Moment that Mattered [HERE!](#)