

Royal Oaks Elementary

Fostering a culture of learning through respect, responsibility, and a sense of belonging for a lifetime of success

Dates to Remember

September 13th—Back to School Bash sponsored by the PTA 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

September 19th—Royal Learners Spotlight - 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Check out the schedule on page 5 of this newsletter.

September 24th—Lifetouch Picture Day

September 26th— Vision testing for grades 1, 3 and 5

September 30th— thru October 4th Star Lab is coming!

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A Note from Dr. Risius



Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Royal Oaks Elementary!

This year we have 620 students ranging from 4 year olds to fifth graders! If this is your first year at Royal Oaks, we especially welcome you! If your child has attended Royal Oaks in the past, welcome back!

One of the best parts of being a principal is getting to know the students! I will continue to be seen in classrooms, hallways, the lunchroom, at recess, and other places so that I can visit with the children and observe their learning. Children will receive a bookmark and a "Happy Birthday from your Principal" pencil on their birthday. From October through June, student work will be displayed on "The Principal's Royal Board" which is located in the hallway outside of the office.

I look forward to partnering with you throughout the year to create the best education possible for your child(ren)! If you would like to contact me to share information and/or ask a question(s), you can email me at: srisius@sowashco.org or call: 651-425-4703. Please leave a detailed message if I am not available. Visiting in person will also work and to be sure that I am available, it is best if possible to schedule a time so that I can put it on my calendar. If you stop in to see me, I may be in a meeting, not in the building, observing a teacher, reading to a classroom, and so on. Home-school communication is VERY important so please communicate with your child's teacher when you have concerns and/or me. We are a team!

Thursday, September 19 is our "Royal Learners' Spotlight" which is a night planned for our Royal Oaks staff to share about your child's school day and what they are learning. Inside this newsletter is an article about this upcoming event.

Our September newsletter contains important information for you to review. Please let us know what questions you have this time!

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Risius, Principal

Royal Oaks Elementary School seeks to create a safe and supportive environment where all students are encouraged to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally.

Drop off and Pick up Reminders



The drop off and pick up process requires all drivers to be patient and vigilant with regard to student safety.

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended in front of the school, even for a few minutes. The vehicle will inhibit the flow of traffic during this busy time of the day.
- Please pull your car all the way forward to allow as many students to be dropped off, your student can then walk to the front doors.
- Once your student has been dropped off or picked up, please signal your intent to pull into the driving lane and check for other drivers prior to moving the vehicle.



Bus Safety & Bus Reminders



Bus Rules:

- Be on time and clear of “Danger Zone” (10 feet).
- Follow the bus driver’s instructions.
- Remain seated and facing forward at all times.
- Fasten your seatbelt (if equipped).
- Your head and arms must remain in the bus.
- Cell phones are allowed; no photos or recording.
- Be courteous; bullying is not acceptable.
- Please eat and drink before getting on the bus.
- Clear your personal items including trash.
- Do not throw objects in the bus or out of the bus.
- Dangerous objects or weapons are not allowed

Bus Stop Rules:

- Be at your stop 5 minutes before scheduled time.
- Respect bus stop and surrounding property.
- Keep body and belongings to self.
- Use appropriate language.
- Stay away from street/roadway while waiting.
- Wait until bus stops before approaching bus.
- Stay clear of “Danger Zone”.
- If you need to cross, wait for driver to signal you and only cross in front of bus.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation, bullying or horse-play.

Possible **consequences** for inappropriate bus behavior include but are not limited to:
Parent contact, write up, in-school consequences, assigned seat, bus suspension, removal from

Help us keep the bus safe. If you see something, say something! Report inappropriate bus behavior to the bus driver, school staff or parent.

Other:

- Bus passes are provided by the Transportation Dept. for emergency purposes only. –Transportation Dept. #651-425-5303
- Student bus route info can be found on Parent Portal. –Go to the District’s website/Transportation tab for more info.



Welcome Back!

We are glad you're here!!

Looking to help out the Royal Oaks Art Department?

Mrs. Sonnek is looking for student and parent volunteers! Please see below for a few possible ways to help out in the art room!

Take Home Yarn Kits: Ask Mrs. Sonnek for a yarn kit to bring home and take skeins of yarn to roll them into clementine sizes balls for future weaving projects! All supplies and directions will be sent home in a brown paper bag, feel free to work on it at your own pace and send it back when you're done. It's a great fine motor project for all ages and can be done right on the couch or even outside!

Hanging Artwork: If you're interested in helping decorate and refresh Royal Oaks with beautiful displays and student artwork, contact Mrs. Sonnek to schedule a day/time!

Royal Explorers Day: Looking for adult volunteers to come help out during Royal Explorers day to help students explore the art of book making. Royal Explorers Day is in the spring, it is scheu . Volunteers will be asked to support/facilitate students as they make their projects and assist with clean up. Wear clothes that you're comfortable in, and a paint shirt will be provided.

Art Room Donations: The Art Room is in need of the following:

- Toilet Paper Rolls
- A big bag of candy for prizes during our art party (Starbursts or suckers – no chocolate/nuts)
- News Paper or scrapbook paper
- 16 oz. containers · Sharpies
- Yarn/felt
- Ziploc Bags (Gallon and Sandwich)

Any old art/craft supplies you can't/won't use

Thank you so much!

art is a
powerful
way to learn





We are excited to have your child in Physical Education this school year! As the year begins, your child should have tennis shoes for Phy Ed. It might be a good idea to send your child with an older pair of shoes and/or an extra pair just in case their shoes get wet from the morning dew. We also advise them to wear a jacket or sweatshirt so they are comfortable when we go outside. Students will be participating in a variety of units during the month, including rip flag activities, Soccer, tag games and football!

Birthday Treats

This year Royal Oaks will not be supporting edible or non-edible birthday treats being sent to school. Your child's birthday will be recognized in the classroom and each child will receive a birthday bookmark and pencil as they have in the past. If your child's birthday is in the summer, it too will be celebrated!

We have decided that no edible or non-edible treats should be sent to school for a child's birthday due to varying food allergies, the high cost of treats, the high sugar content, and the pressure/competition to bring treats.



Royal Learners Spotlight

Join us as we shine a light on your student's learning day.
September 19th

This will be an hour block per grade level consisting of learning more about your child's day and touring the building. Your child's teacher will share valuable information about what your child will be learning, how you can help at home, and more! **Our PreK Royal Learner's Spotlight will take place after Mrs. Most returns from having her baby.**

We are hoping for 100% participation from our families! Please note the times below.



Mark your Calendars!

⇒ Royal Learners Spotlight
September 19th

6:00–7:00 K and 1st

6:00–6:25 Curriculum sharing in the homerooms

6:30–7:00 Open House–walk around the building

6:30–7:30 2nd and 3rd

6:30 to 6:55 Curriculum sharing in the homerooms

7:00 to 7:30 Open House–walk around the building

7:00–8:00 4th

7:00–7:25 Curriculum sharing–4th altogether in the gym

7:30–8:00 Open House–walk around the building

7:00–8:00 5th

7:00–7:25 Open House–walk around the building

7:30–8:00 Curriculum sharing–5th altogether in the gym

⇒ Fall Conferences

Monday, October 28th &

Wednesday, October 30th

⇒ Spring Conferences

Monday, March 2nd &

Thursday, March 5th

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Is AWESOME!!

PTA NEWS!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Friday, September 13th from 6pm-7:30pm. We hope your family can come to this fun event to kick off the school year, visit with friends and enjoy a wonderful evening with our school! Snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair, blanket or even a yard game! If it rains the event will be moved inside.

SPIRIT WEAR: Spirit wear will be available to order through paper order forms and online at royaloakspta.org/shop. The deadline to submit your order is Tuesday, September 17th. If using a paper order form (coming home later this week), please put the completed form and payment in an envelope and your student can drop it off in the office. We will be making a group order after the deadline and once orders come in, they will be delivered to students in their classrooms unless otherwise requested by parents. Also, we will have size samples to try on at the Back to School Bash on September 13th.

PLEDGE PLEA: This year we have made a goal of \$10,000 to be raised to help support Royal Oaks! The recommended amounts are \$40 for one student and \$60 for two or more students but any amount is appreciated. If you **haven't already, please consider paying the pledge either online at royaloakpta.org/shop** or dropping off your form and payment in a sealed envelope in the school office. Thank you for all the families that have already paid their pledge to help support Royal Oaks!

PTA.....We Thank You for....

- The many hours you work on behalf of our students and staff.
- The dedication you show yearafter year!
- The financial support that provides so many (many, many, many) things for our students.
- The fun events you create for families.

THANK YOU