

# ROLLING HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK  
EDITION 2023-24



## A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM Ms. SANTARPIA

Dear Rolling Hills Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the warm summer rays and time with family and friends. I am excited to welcome you to a new school year! For our returning families, welcome back and to our new families we are overjoyed that you are joining us! The staff and I cannot wait to work with you and your child! I am confident that it is going to be an amazing, fun-filled year at Rolling Hills. This Welcome Back edition of our newsletter will provide you with some helpful information as we get back to school.

During the summer, our staff has been busy preparing for the upcoming school year. The building has had several enhancements and we are excited for you to see them when you come to visit. Our school visitation will be held on Thursday, August 31st. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. This year's Open House will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 21st. More information will be sent home regarding Open House in September.

I hope you all have a wonderful rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Warmly,  
Jessica Santarpia  
Principal



### *Arrival and Dismissal*

- Our school day begins at 9:15AM. All walkers should arrive between 9:10AM and 9:15AM. Please be sure to use the crosswalk located at the top of the drive-way.
- Students will be marked late and must be signed in after 9:25AM.
- Our buses will be arriving at the same time as walkers so all parents who chose to drive their child to school must park and walk up. Please pay close attention to the **NO PARKING** signs along McCulloch Drive in front of Rolling Hills and do not block crosswalks.
- Our Walker Pick Up area is located around the side of the building. Please follow the sidewalk to the side blacktop. Any person designated for pick up must have ID. Please bring ID with you each day as different staff helps with walker dismissal and sign out. Walker line begins promptly at 3:10PM.
- If there is a change in dismissal plan, parents must provide a note with the first and last name of the person picking up their child.
- If you need to pick up your child prior to dismissal time, we ask that you do so before 2:45PM as we are preparing for dismissal.
- Please remember, Photo ID is always required when signing your child out.
- Buses depart Rolling Hills between 3:20 and 3:30PM.

## *Transportation Information*

Transportation is arranged through the Transportation Office. The phone number for Transportation is 631-912-2020. If you have any questions regarding drop off or pick up times, please contact the Transportation Office. Bus passes are mailed home in late August. If you do not receive your bus pass, please call transportation. A parent or designee must be at the stop waiting. Designee forms can be found on the website under the transportation tab.

All students riding school buses must observe all safety procedures. Please review our bus safety rules with your child prior to the first day of school.



- Stay seated at all times.
- Respect yourself, others and the bus.
- Keep all items inside the bus.
- Use an inside voice.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.



## *Lunch and Food Service Information*

Lunch menus can be found on the school website under the "Students & Families" tab. Please use the Meal Planner to order your child's lunch. This must be done prior to 9:00PM each night. However, you can and we encourage you to order for several weeks in advance. Lunch accounts need to be kept up to date. Please make payments online on your My School Buck account.

- Each class is supervised by a lunch aide for lunch and recess.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear for outdoor play at recess.



### LUNCH TIMES

Grade K - 1:10PM-2:00PM

Grade 1 - 12:20PM-1:10PM

Grade 2 - 11:30AM-12:20PM



### WATER BOTTLES

Students should bring a refillable water bottle with them each day. We have filling stations located in the hallways.

### PTA

PTA meetings are held once a month. Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 9:30AM. Please check out our PTA updates on Backpack News.

\*\*\*Stay up to date on all events and happenings at RH.... Be sure to sign up for email alerts and text notifications! Also, all information is posted to Backpack News on the Commack Schools Website!

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### Character Education

Our STAR Gatherings are so much fun! Your classroom teacher will speak more about these at Open House. They will begin in October this year. Students are asked to wear Spirit wear on Gathering Days. They are held 1 or 2 Wednesdays a month and dates are sent home in late September.

### Backpacks

Backpacks on wheels are not permitted at the primary level. THANK YOU in advance for your cooperation and understanding

## *Inclement Weather*

In the event of inclement weather, we use the district School Messenger system. Please be sure that all of your information has been updated. If information changes, please log into your Parent Portal to update your information. Information regarding Parent Portal can be found on the website under the Parent's Tab. We also post information for inclement weather delays and closings on the Commack Website.

**Early Dismissal:** If weather conditions change throughout the school day that may hinder dismissal, an early dismissal could occur. At this time, your child will go home with the person you have indicated on the early dismissal card. This card will go home at visitation in September and must be returned to school on the first day. If anything on this card changes, please notify the main office. Please be sure to review this information with your child.

**Delayed Opening:** Please note, the specific delay time will be announced. It could be one or two hours after our normal start time. Our lunch times will remain the same.




## Upcoming Dates

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 \*8/29—Kindergarten PTA Meet and Greet from 10-11AM  
 \*8/31—Parent and Student Visitation from 10AM-12PM.  
 \*9/5—First Day of School  
 \*9/15—Constitution Day—Wear Red, White and Blue  
 \*9/19—PTA Meeting  
 \*9/19—Class Parent Tea  
 \*9/21—Open House  
 \*9/25—School Closed  
 \*9/29—Spirit Day  
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### SCHOOL SUPPLY INFORMATION

\*\* If you ordered the school supply kit, please note it will  
 \*\* be delivered directly to your child's classroom for  
 \*\* Visitation Day. If you need to purchase supplies, please  
 \*\* use the supply lists found on Backpack  
 \*\* News. You can bring supplies with you  
 \*\* on Visitation Day.  
 \*\* If you cannot make our visitation, please  
 \*\* send supplies in the first few days of school.



## CHROMEBOOKS

All Grade 1 and 2 students should bring their Chromebook and charger back to school on the first day. The Chromebooks will remain in school unless your child's teacher has an assignment which requires it to go home.

Grade K students will be issued Chromebooks at the start of school and again, they will remain in classrooms unless your child's teacher has an assignment which requires it to go home.

Thank you!

Please keep all personal electronics toys and trading cards at home.

Thank you!

## Phone Numbers

Main Office

631-858-3570

*Nurse's Office*

631-858-3573

Fax Number

631-858-3403