



# MAY 2024 Newsletter



## Kindergarten Center

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| May 10 | Pre-Order Plant Sale Pick Up Day at dismissal, front lawn   |
| May 14 | Water Education Assembly: Where does the water go?  |
| May 16 | Outdoor Yoga - Bring a towel or yoga mat; Dress comfortably<br>Lunch Portal <b>Opens for June</b> Orders, 8:00 am |
| May 20 | Library Tales - Mrs. Witalis  |
| May 21 | Library Tales - Mrs. Kratzer  |
| May 22 | Welcome to Grade 1 (New) Parent Orientation   |
| May 23 | Kickoff (unofficial start) to Summer-Afternoon Dance Party (students only)  |
| May 24 | <b>Schools Closed</b>   |
| May 27 | <b>Schools Closed, Memorial Day</b>   |
| May 28 | Library Tales - Ms. Coccoz  |

## 2024-2025 School Year

Information regarding your child's school assignment for Grade 1 will be sent out in a letter from the respective principal in mid-May. Registration for students entering kindergarten in September of 2024 has begun. Please help us spread the word that new kindergarten registration, those entering kindergarten in the fall, is open and all entering are encouraged to do so in a timely manner to help us best prepare for the incoming class. Your help is appreciated!

## Health Office/Medical Information

- Please keep all children home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol/Motrin.
- Any student that has vomiting and diarrhea must stay home for 24 hours until the symptoms have passed.
- Please be sure to follow up with the pediatrician if your child has a productive or persistent cough.
- If your child was seen by a physician, please provide a note to the school.
- Head Lice: Please continue your part by checking your child's hair daily. Please notify [Nurse Erica](#) if you identify head lice or have a question about it.
- Allergy season. If your child significantly suffers from allergies and needs medication administered during the day, please be sure to have your doctor complete the orders for administration and provide the medication with the orders to the nurse.
- **Doctor notes are required for gym and recess accommodations.**

## Absences

To report an absence, call **201 438-7675 ext. 6219** or Email [kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org](mailto:kcenterattendance@rutherfordschools.org)  
**Please report absences by 9:00 am.**

Provide your child's name and teacher and upon return, please provide a written note regarding their absence(s) signed by a parent/guardian and/or a note from the physician regarding their absences.

A child must be present for 4 hours to be marked present for the day. Students who are absent more than 18 days may be retained as noted in the Student Handbook. Please provide the proper documentation for health related absences for our records in the event 18 days are accumulated. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### (Late) Arrivals

If your child arrives after the doors have closed, they must be signed in at the main office. At no time shall a child be dropped off, unattended, when school is in session. As stated in the Student Handbook, a parent conference will be held to address tardiness. **Students are expected to be arriving on time and as noted, students will receive a lunch detention on the sixth tardy and on every third tardy thereafter.**

### Celebrations

**Food/candy will not be distributed from home at any time.** To celebrate your child on their birthday, students may bring in a party favor, donate an item such as a book or game to the class, and/or have a guest reader. Additionally, party invitations will be distributed at school **only if the whole class or all boys/all girls are invited.** Please contact your child's teacher directly to coordinate.

### Dismissal

Students are dismissed from the designated dismissal doors at 2:35. Parents/guardians must meet their child directly at their class dismissal area to ensure a safe dismissal. Parking in crosswalks and blocking driveways pose safety hazards and is inconsiderate to our neighbors. If your child is being picked up by someone that is not on the authorized dismissal list, please be sure you have contacted the teacher prior to the start of the day.

### Dress for the Weather

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather. Students go outside to play on a daily basis. Remember to label all additional clothing items and to **check the lost and found regularly.** Please also be mindful of your child's footwear. Sneakers are preferred to ensure safety when playing outside.

### Drop-off Line

The drop-off line begins on Highland Cross and continues north on Sylvan Street. Please follow the staff's directives as you pull up. Cars are to pull all the way up to the driveway and pull up directly to the car behind them. Once stopped in the drop-off lane on Sylvan Street, please have your child exit the car **independently.** **Parents/Guardians are not permitted to exit the car when utilizing the drop-off lane.** Staff is there to supervise, however, your child must be able to independently exit the car. This includes unbuckling and opening/closing the door. If your child can not, you must park and walk your child to the front of the building.

### Extra Set of Clothes

Students will be bringing home their extra set of clothes to be replaced with a more seasonal set of clothing. Please be sure to return the extra set promptly. Clothing should be in a labeled ziplock bag and include undergarments and socks. The clothing will be kept at school. This is separate from that requested by Bulldog Care.

### Library Tales

Each class will be visiting the Rutherford Public Library. Our town librarian will provide them the opportunity to explore the various resources available and read the class a story. Students will be transported to the library via district school bus or on occasion walk. **Any items that your child borrows from the library must be returned directly to the library.** The school is not responsible for items. Library cards do not need to be sent into school.

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| Mrs. Witalis | May 20 | Mrs. Rim   | June 14 |
| Ms. Cocoz    | May 28 | Ms. Ruglio | June 11 |
| Mrs. Kratzer | May 21 |            |         |

### Lost Items

To reduce the number of items in our Lost and Found Box, which will be located in the north lobby, please label all clothing items (sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, hats etc.) with your child's name or initials. From time to time we will have all items outside the school for parents to go through.

### Lunch

Parents must provide a drink and lunch for their child daily. Please see the options below:

**Lunch from Home:** Please provide a lunch meal, snack and drink. The school does not heat lunches or provide drinks. Glass containers are not permitted to be sent to school. Please practice opening containers independently and be sure to send utensils/napkins.

**PTA Lunch:** The PTA provides pre-order lunches from various local businesses. The specifics regarding the lunches have been shared directly by the PTA including Bagels on Tuesdays, Pizza/Pasta on Wednesdays and Jim Dandy's on Thursdays. Drinks are not included so please be sure a drink is sent to school daily.

**Ordered Lunch:** The Kindergarten Center falls under Lincoln School for lunch ordering and you **must** select Lincoln School as the school when prompted. Specific information regarding the lunch service has been shared. The district will notify families via email as to when the lunch portal is open for each month. **Lunch orders are not accepted after the closing date of the portal.**

*If a child does not have lunch, they will receive an extra lunch or crackers.*

### **Outdoor Yoga**

As the weather finally begins to look like spring, we look forward to our last spring yoga session on May 16. Please dress to participate and bring your towel or yoga mat on this day.

### **Playground/School Grounds**

Bulldog Care has priority to use the outdoor school grounds beginning at 3:00 daily. Should you allow time for your child to play following dismissal, please be sure to leave school grounds by 3:00. All children must be well supervised by their adult. Children should be in sight of their adult at all times and should refrain from playing on the stairs, ringing the bells to the building, throwing rocks or any other items, standing on top of the climbing "rock" on the playground or being physical with other children. **It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to maintain the safety of our students.**

### **Pre-Order Plant Sale**

The PTA's spring plant sale is up and running. Orders due by May 5. Pick-up is on Friday, May 10 at dismissal on the front lawn. Information has been shared by the Kindergarten Center PTA.

### **Summer Dance Party**

The PTA will be hosting a Kick-Off to Summer Dance Party on May 23. **This is a student only event.**

### **Update Contact Information**

It is imperative that the Kindergarten Center have the most updated information regarding parent information and emergency contact information. It is also important that parents have identified someone that is local who is available in the event that your child needs to be picked up early due to illness or unplanned school closures.

### **Warm Weather**

As the weather continues to get warmer, please remember to have your child wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

**Flip flops and other sandals without backs should not be worn in school** since they pose a safety concern. Please also be sure that tops are appropriate for school as well. Undershirts are not shirts so please be sure your child dresses in layers appropriately.

### **Water Education Assembly: Where does the water go?**

The Bergen County Utilities Authority will be visiting the Kindergarten Center on May 14. Students will learn all about where the water goes when you brush your teeth and wash your hands!

