

September 2024

Congratulations! Your child has officially started their academic career as a Rutherford Bulldog! Thank you all for your cooperation during the morning drop off. I assure you it will be much easier in the next few days and I strongly recommend that any family with a child that is able to exit the car independently, use the drop off line starting Monday.

Just a few reminders:

- Next Wednesday is Patriots Day and students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. First responders will be visiting our school to discuss their role as community helpers. That evening is Back to School Night. Start times are staggered so please refer back to our letter or our school calendar.
- Please have your child wear their name tag through 9/13. This helps us to ensure they get to their classroom easily.
- Drop off is between 8:30 and 8:45. All students enter through the lobby doors. The drop-off lane runs up Highland Cross and extends the full length of the school on Sylvan Street. This is indicated by cones. Students are to exit once the car is stopped on Sylvan Street in the lane. Please do not stop and wait to pull up closer to the entrance. Students are to exit along the entire front of the building. Staff is assigned to ensure their safety entering the building. Students must be able to exit independently with their belongings and no adults are to exit the vehicle.
- Parents who are walking their children to school are asked to not bring family pets and/or congregate along the sidewalk. This impedes supervision of students exiting vehicles from the drop-off line.
- Parents must supervise their child (children) while they are on school property. Safety is a priority. No standing on the climbing rock or jumping off any playground equipment or the wall. No pushing or shoving. No throwing. These rules will be reviewed daily throughout the month. **Bulldog Care utilizes our outside space starting at 3:00 on a daily basis. Please be sure to exit the property prior to their start time.**
- Please be sure to pack a nut-free daily snack for snack time and bring a labeled refillable water bottle.
- Students have 3 lunch options:
  - Order school lunch service in advance using PaySchoolsCentral. Ordering information is sent home via email from the District. Please remember to click Lincoln when ordering for the Kindergarten Center.
  - Send a child a lunch daily (we do not heat lunches and all utensils etc must be provided).
  - Order through the PTA. The PTA uses an online ordering system (Boonli). This option will begin in October.
- Dismissal is 2:35. Students are dismissed from various locations.
  - Mrs. Kratzer and Ms. Sayre Lobby Doors, Sylvan Street
  - Ms. Ruglio and Mrs. Center Silver Doors, Sylvan Street
  - Mrs. Witalis and Mrs. Rim Playground Doors (Highland Cross)
  - Ms. Coccoz and Mrs. Parkinson Silver Doors behind the school.
- If your child is going to be absent, please email, [kcenterattendance@gmail.com](mailto:kcenterattendance@gmail.com) or call the main office. The Kindergarten Center does have an attendance policy and if exceeded, may impede student promotion to grade 1.
- Any emergency changes should be directed to the main office, Mrs. Liz Rizzi, however, all other changes should be made prior to the start of the school day via email or a note to the teacher.
- If your child attends Bulldog Care, please be sure to contact your child's teacher AND Bulldog Care regarding any changes including absences. Bulldog Care drop off and pick up is done via the Multipurpose Room doors behind the school, closest to Highland Cross.