

THE BLAST OFF

Rose Hill Primary School



August 20, 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Reilly

Good Afternoon!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am very glad you have joined our school family. We are going to have a great year together!

I hope that all of our students have enjoyed their first week and a half of the new year. We have certainly enjoyed getting to know all of them. We have been reviewing our school procedures and expectations. The first several days of school are filled with learning and practicing all of the procedural processes that are so important to the efficiency of our classrooms and building.

Our teachers are getting to know each of their students on a personal level, as well as each of their academic abilities. The academic strengths and needs are being observed, assessed, and identified for our instructional purposes. We will be conducting some beginning of the year assessments soon, as a part of our intervention processes. The information will help us identify the performance levels of our students and assist us in identifying instructional focuses. Whenever assessments are taken, it is important for

our students to have a healthy breakfast & be well rested, so please help us by ensuring that your child is getting lots of rest and is coming to school with a full tummy (or eating here). This will assist him/her in performing to the best of their ability.

At the beginning of the year we always like to include building wide information concerning several procedural processes. Please be sure to read the articles that are included on the following pages. We hope the information proves to be helpful and will help us ensure that everyone stays SAFE. We have several new elementary staff members joining us this year. Please see the entry on the next page regarding our new staff. They are serving in a number of different capacities. They are all **great** additions to our staff. We are looking forward to getting to know them both personally and professionally. We appreciate the strengths they bring to our school team.

A few important upcoming events & dates are noted below. Events/Dates are also posted on the PS web page for you to review as well. The web site is: <http://www.usd394.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/Primary%20School>

Just a reminder...the first three days of school parents were welcome to walk their child to the classrooms / drop off places for arrival (to assist with the beginning of the year transitions). Beginning this week, we have asked that parents drop the children off and let the student walk in on their own (or walk to the classroom location for arrival — like the classroom back door for some Kdg. and first grades, or the playground area for PK - meeting up with the teacher). Thank you for assisting us in this procedure. The students are doing great!

We are still in need of several lunch paras (for both the Primary and Intermediate side). If you have an interest in a 2-3 hour position, please apply on-line. We'd love to have you join our team.

I'll look forward to writing again soon. Look for the next Blast Off on-line (9/3/21). It will be posted on the Primary web site. <http://www.usd394.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/Primary%20School|Primary%20News>

Have a great two weeks!

Calendar of Events:



2021



Sept. 6th Labor Day – No School
Sept. 11th Patriot Day
Sept. 13th 6:00pm BOE Meeting
Sept. 11th Kindergarten Group to provide birthday treats
Sept. 17th Constitution Day
Sept. 17th Mid Terms go home
Sept. 21st 6:30 PTC Meeting
Sept. 24th 2:45pm Fundraiser Kickoff
Sept. 27th Teacher Inservice Day

School News:

SCHOOL VISITORS

The Primary School and Intermediate School offices are strategically located at the entrances of each school so that we can closely monitor anyone entering our buildings. **It is a requirement that all visitors stop at the office for a visitor's badge when you enter the building.** Parents should enter the building at the appropriate school office. For example, if you have a Primary child, please report to the Primary Office rather than the Intermediate Office to make contact with and/or pick up your child.

ONE PAGE CALENDAR

The district calendar can be found on the internet at www.usd394.com. Click on the 'menu' and then click on 'our district'. Then click on the arrow to the left and you will find a link to the 'one page calendar'.



Contact Information:

Office: (316) 776 - 3340
Fax: (316) 776 - 3379
104 N. Rose Hill Road
Rose Hill, KS 67133
We Wish You Well



Our School Year Is Off To A Great Start!

WELCOME NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS

The Rose Hill Primary staff would like to welcome several new colleagues to our building team.

Joining our Primary School family this year are:

Taylor Garver - PS Secretary
Courtney Cox - PS/IS Secretary
Elementary Nurse – Shannon Johnson
At-Risk Para – Shellea Hitch
First Grade Teacher - Kirsten Conway
SLP – Melissa Woody (IS, working with second gr. too)
SpEd Paras – Darla Linot (plus a few additional TBD)
**IS - Katie Wallace – Secretary

Staff Shifts:

Rashel Pemrick – Rocket Launch Teacher
Emily Newby - First Grade Teacher
SenaKay Bland – ECSE Teacher
Lindsey Legako – IS SpEd Teacher (working w/ gr. 2 also)
McKenzie Randall – Computer Lab Para
Jill Trujillo - SEL Para
Rachel Dalinghaus - ESSER Administrator

Please help us welcome each of these individuals to our Rose Hill Primary School Family. They are a great addition to our staff. We are excited to have them in our building.

**Welcome to our new school year!
We hope you had a wonderful summer
and are ready for a great year!**

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Just a reminder, if you had information change (i.e. address, phone numbers or emergency contacts) over the summer please contact the Primary Office and make sure we have accurate information on your child. We make every effort to maintain accurate records so if a need arises we know how to make a contact.

The same is true for any time during the school year. If you have information change please be sure to contact your child's school office and keep us up to date. We appreciate your help

STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOKS

The Student and Parent Handbooks were sent home with your child. Please review the handbook and then sign the signature page included with the book and return the page to your child's teacher. Thank you.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE BLAST OFF NEWSLETTER

A new Blast Off is posted every two weeks on the Primary School web page at www.usd394.com. Go the Menu and click on 'Our Schools,' to 'Primary School' to 'Primary News. The Blast Off will open on that page.

The Blast Off will provide you with current information about the Primary School. This first Blast Off will be the only hard copy sent home this year. **If you do not have internet capability, please contact the Primary Office at 776-3340 and we will make arrangements to send home a hard copy with your child when it is published every other week.** Please check out the web page for lunch menus too. The web page contains a wealth of information for you.

SEARCH TO FIND CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Butler County Special Education Interlocal is seeking to identify every student from birth through age 21 living within the boundaries of the nine school districts in Butler County who has **developmental delays** or may be in need of special education. *If you have a child whom you think has development delays or **special needs**, contact the Interlocal at 316-775-6904.* You can also call our school office for information (776-3340).

Areas of special education include: birth through age two (infant-toddler), early childhood - disability, visual impairments including blindness, hearing impairments including deafness, deaf-blindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, speech or language impairments, and gifted.

Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer the utmost in educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to provide assistance and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

Special Education Child Find
Butler County
Special Education Interlocal

MULTI-MEDIA OPT-OUT FORM

Part of the communication efforts of the Rose Hill School District is to let the general public know about the educational activities and events occurring within the walls of our schools.

As part of that effort, we also occasionally invite reporters to the schools to cover educational activities and events.

Located on the usd394.com webpage under the Menu go to 'Parents' and then click on the "Multi-Media Opt-Out Form." If you would like to Opt your child out please sign the form and return it to the primary school office. If at any time during the school year you would like to change your decision, please contact your child's school.



ARRIVAL

All students are asked to enter the building through their school's main entrance, or the identified 'arrival/dismissal' location (for some classrooms this is the classroom's back door or the playground area for PK). The Intermediate School entrance is on the west side of the building, and the Primary School entrance is on the north. The drive-through allows parents to easily drop off Intermediate and Primary School children at the appropriate locations without the need to park. **Stopping in the middle of the road, and/or leaving cars unattended in the drop-off lanes is not an acceptable practice.** (If it is necessary to walk in with your child, please park in a visitor parking space, the sports complex parking lot, or as a last resort - pull past/beyond the crosswalk and park by the curb there for a *brief* period of time.) It is our request that you please have your child exit the vehicle on the passenger side, closest to the sidewalk. This is for the safety of the children. We would also like to request that you cross the street and/or parking lots at the manned crosswalks. It is our preference that you follow the sidewalk down to each crosswalk in the sports complex area or directly in front of the PS or IS entrances. This is for the safety of all pedestrians. Not all of our children have adults walking with them when they arrive in the morning to assist them in crossing the street or parking lot; therefore, we prefer that all pedestrians use the crosswalks rather than cross at other locations around the parking lot. This will help set a good example for our little ones who don't have an adult with them in the morning to check traffic for them. All of these requests are made with the safety of our children and adults in mind. We appreciate your assistance in these requests.

Please remember that our school doors remain locked until 25 minutes before school starts. There is no supervision provided before the doors are opened. (i.e. doors are opened on M,T,TH,F at 7:45a.m. and Wed. at 9:00a.m.)

DISMISSAL

We are very conscientious about getting all of our children to their after-school destinations safely. In order to do this, we have dismissal procedures we follow. Assigned school personnel will be walking bus students to the bus loop and teachers will be walking town students to the appropriate exit. Walkers will be escorted to the crosswalk and riders to the curb where we will wait for parent pick-up. **To safely exit all students, parents are asked to meet the students outside the building. Students who meet their siblings after school should select an outside location at which to meet (they should not come through the building). This also includes Middle and High School siblings. To alleviate congestion in the Primary School entry area we request that you not enter the building to wait for students to be dismissed (exceptions are made on bitter cold days or when it's raining). We appreciate your help in this matter.**