

SEPTEMBER 2020

Roesland Parent



PANTHER PREVIEW

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER:

- 2: Student iPad Deployment
- 3: Virtual Back to School Night @4:30-5:30
- 3: Evening iPad Pick-Up @5:30-6:30
- 8: First Day of School Grades 1-6
- 8-9: Pre-K and Kindergarten Conferences (details to come)
- 10: First Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten

WEEKLY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 8-11TH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No School	A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day

Swift Shares:

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, our focus for **ALL** Roesland students (in-person and remote) will still be to ensure that:

- every child, every day is finding a way to feel connected and safe
- every child, every day is being challenged by new learnings and experiences

Spring of 2020 challenged staff, students, parents and administrators to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and required students to grow from afar. What I have learned most through this process and planning for this year, is how much I appreciate the expertise of the Roesland staff. Their continuous hard work and growth mindset going into this year is one to be proud of. Professionally and personally, they are stretching themselves in ways they could never have imagined. For this dedication to the Roesland students, parents and community, I want to thank the staff for their relentless efforts in making sure all students excel this year.

What I most appreciate about the Roesland community is even under circumstances we have never experienced, I know we will all continue to ensure a community that consists of a high level of learning and an environment that fosters caring, kindness and respect.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal at Roesland to not only find our new normal, but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment of Roesland. With our new learning platform, CANVAS, teachers and students will be engaged in new types of learning experiences. Our first semester may not be “normal,” but our learning and teaching will not only continue, but it will thrive. I can’t wait to continue to grow with you and welcome your kids back!

Kindly,

Kelly Swift, Roesland Principal

Office Appointments:

To ensure the safety of everyone, parents and patrons need to make an appointment to visit any school buildings (including the CAA). If you are needing assistance with something, call Mrs.Moore/Ms.King in the Roesland office at 913-993-4700. Please leave a message with your name, student’s name and grade level and a brief description. We will return your call promptly.

B2S Night:

- 4:30-5:30-We would love for students to create a sign about themselves. As you drive the circle, show your sign so teachers can read about you and learn more about you
 - 5:30-a link with a B2S presentation will be emailed to you at 5:30. In this presentation, you will be introduced to the Roesland staff. Make sure to click on your teacher to hear their message for you. **Please make sure to check out the slide that walks you through how to access CANVAS to ensure your student is ready for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th.**
 - 5:30-6:30-evening iPad pick-up opportunity
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Masks:

All Pre-K-12 students are required to wear a mask daily. Each student must have 2-3 **CLEAN** masks in their backpacks. Masks are to be cleaned daily at home before they can be worn again at school.

Student iPads/Materials Pick-Up:

Wednesday, September 2nd is iPad pick-up. Please read the link below for instructions on the pick-up process, along with your assigned time to pick up.

- [iPad Pick-Up information](#)
 - Many students will also be receiving a bag of materials to use at home during this remote time. These items could consist of math manipulatives, dry erase markers, sheet protectors to use as white boards, paper copies of work that may require cutting/gluing, music recorders, writing journals, ect. Some of the materials being sent home will be expected to be returned to school at the end of the semester. The classroom teacher will clearly identify for you what will be expected to be returned.
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Staff Updates:

We are sad to announce Mrs. Moore has accepted another job within the district. She will continue to be with us next week, as we work to transition Belinda King into her role. She has been a great asset to our school and will be missed. We wish you the best of luck, Staci!

Please welcome the following new staff members to Roesland. We are very excited to have them be a part of the Panther Team!

- Jodi Lichstinn-Innovation Specialist

- Olivia Steward-3rd Grade DeGarmo Student Teacher
 - Megan Walker-Part-Time Special Education Teacher
 - Belinda King-Secretary starting September 8th
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A Message from Girl Scouts:

[Roesland Girl Scout Flyer](#)

20-21 RO's Outside Food Policy:

Due to COVID-19, wanting to protect all kids and teachers with food allergies and to promote a healthy lifestyle, Roesland will be implementing a strict **No Outside Food Policy** in all grades K-6 for the 20-21 school year. Exceptions for PK and individual students with health concerns will be considered. Please reach out to Nicola Pistone, school Nurse. This policy will stand for any/all school day events, classroom parties, birthdays, student rewards, snack time, ect. [No Outside Food Policy](#).

Skyward

- September 1st, schedules/rosters/teacher assignments will be live in Skyward. Please note that possible changes may occur after this date, due to new enrollments and the need to have classes split as equally as possible to ensure safety during the hybrid models.
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Complete Online Verification:

Please log into Skyward and complete your students Online Verification. In order to receive your students new iPad, the AUP must be completed in Online Verification for technology distribution/use for 20-21.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications:

We encourage you to use the online application process, as it will speed up the approval process. If you don't have access to a computer, you can make an appointment to receive a paper application available at Roesland or make an appointment with the Food Service office located at: Broadmoor Technical Center/ Early Childhood Education Center [Online Application](#)

Student Meals

Food Service will offer meals to students when they are in-person learning as well as when they are at home in a hybrid or remote model. When students are learning from home in hybrid or remote models, parents will need to pre-order their student meals through School Café by the Monday before pick up. Details

will be available soon on the food service webpage on how parents will actually order these meals. They will order breakfast separately from lunch.

Remote students:

- Parents can order a maximum of 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for each student per week.
- Meals are only available for students enrolled in SMSD.
- Meals will be charged based on the status of the student (free, reduced, paid).
- Meals will be prepared and available for parent pick up on Fridays from 7:30-9:00AM from their student's school. These meals are for the following week. First day of pick up will be Friday 9/4/20.
- Food Service supervisors will be in contact with principals to determine the best location for these meals to be picked up at each school.
- The meals will contain foods that are frozen, refrigerated and shelf stable. The food can be eaten cold or reheated in a microwave or oven.
- Parents that have children in multiple buildings will be recommended to contact the food service office, and we can assist so meals can be picked up at one location.
- Parents that have difficulty ordering their meals online should call the food service office for assistance at 993-9710.

Food service will be working with the communications department to get this information to parents. If you have any questions please call the food service office at 993-9710.

PTA:

The Roesland PTA welcomes everyone to the 20-21 school year! Covid is a challenging boat, but we're in it together. Please save the date for our first meeting of year: September 15 at 6:45pm. Online meeting details to follow.

Membership Toolkit

- If you haven't already, please sign up for a free online account using the link below. We use this platform for communication, spirit wear and other sales, volunteer opportunities, optional membership fees, and more!
- [Roesland Elementary PTA - Home Page](#)

Fundraising

- Last spring, anticipating Covid-related concerns in the fall, we made the decision to move the Panther Prowl walkathon to spring 2021 and to do the chocolate bar sales fundraiser this fall. Our kick off date will be October 5 (we'll share an online video instead of having an all-school

assembly). Remote and in-person families are welcome to participate to earn fun prizes. Case pick up and money drop off will be drive-thru with minimal contact. Online payment will be available (by the case). We know times are challenging right now, but every little bit counts toward raising funds to support our kids. This year we will provide additional recess equipment for each class, and we look forward to future field trips and programs

Transportation:

[Transportation Information-English](#)

[Transportation Information-Spanish](#)

Free or Reduced Internet Services:

[Free or Reduced Internet](#)

Helpful District Links:

- [Schoolcafe Website](#)-Monitor student meal accounts by visiting SchoolCafé. You'll need to set up username and password. There are multiple benefits to this new software including the ability to: Apply for free or reduced meal benefits, view your child's account balance anytime, see exactly what a la carte items are being purchased, set limits on a la carte purchases, view Menus with nutrition and allergen information.
 - [Pay Meal Fees](#)-Parents & students may apply money to meal accounts or by paying with cash.
 - [2020-2021 District Calendar](#)
 - [Bus Transportation](#)
 - [Elementary School Student Handbook 2020-2021](#)
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Roesland Contacts/Links:

- Roesland Website: [Roesland Elementary School](#)
 - Office: 913-993-4700
 - Secretary, Mrs.Moore: stacimoore@smsd.org 913-993-4700
 - Secretary, Ms.King: belindaking@smsd.org 913-993-4700-starting Sept 8th
 - 24hr Attendance Line: 913-993-4788
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Food Distribution at Roeland Park United Methodist Church:

- Location: Roeland Park United Methodist Church at 5110 Cedar, by Wal-Mart and Cedar Roe Library.
 - Distribution point for non-perishable food sacks on Fridays between 9 AM and 1 PM in the west parking lot. Those in need can just drive up and someone will bring a sack to your car (minimal contact). No need to bring proof of residency. Some of the items in the bags may include: Peanut butter, crackers, spaghetti sauce and pasta, canned chicken or ham, canned vegetables and fruits, canned soup, rice, canned beans and oatmeal.
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