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## RUTH C. KINNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings RCK Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope you have had a relaxing and fun filled summer with your family. As this new year begins, I look forward to working with each of you to make this year a successful and memorable experience for the children.

Parents, teachers, support staff, and administration all have an important role to encourage our children to become active learners. It is my sincere desire to continue to provide expanded opportunities for our students to acquire the skills to become productive citizens in a vastly changing society. Through a close and collegial partnership with everyone associated with RCK, I am confident we can make our school an even better place for our students to learn and grow.

The faculty and staff at RCK have been working diligently to prepare for your child's arrival in the new school year. The following information will be helpful to you in preparing for the opening of school:

***School Begins:*** Thursday, September 5, 2019

***Schedule:*** Arrival: 8:57 a.m. Classes Begin: 9:12 a.m.  
Dismissal: 3:12 p.m.

***Transportation:*** For the first several weeks of school, the children should be at their bus stop at least one-half hour before school is to begin.

***Dismissal:*** Please complete the orange dismissal routine form and send it in with your child on the first day of school.

***Food Services:*** The first day of school will be a full day session. All students should bring lunch to school or be prepared to purchase a lunch in the cafeteria for \$2.00. Breakfast is available at 8:30 a.m. for .75 cents.

***BOE Policy:*** Home baked goods and other foods prepared at home can only be used for individual consumption. **Food will not be brought in for birthdays and celebrations.** A **summary of our allergy policy has been included for your convenience.** In addition, please visit the website for the Superintendent's Wellness and Allergy Policy Update.

***Proper Attire:*** As outlined in the *East Islip School District Code of Conduct*, please note that hats and head coverings are not permitted to be worn except in cases of medical or religious reasons. Additionally, extremely brief, tight or exposing garments, including short shorts and skirts that are mid-thigh or higher and tank tops with spaghetti straps are not permissible. All straps should have a wide band that is at least "3 fingers" in width. Clothing is expected to adequately cover the body at all times and appropriate footwear is to be worn. Loose shoes, flip-flops, high heels, or shoes with wheels are not permitted. Your cooperation is appreciated.

John V. Dolan  
Superintendent of Schools

**Supplies:** For your convenience, copies of grade level supply lists are available on-line at the RCK website.

**Additional Forms:** The following information can also be viewed on the school website  
[http://www.eischools.org/schools/rck\\_elementary](http://www.eischools.org/schools/rck_elementary)

- Superintendent's Welcome Back Letter
- Code of Conduct
- Manners Matter
- Computer Network for Education letter
- Districtwide Committee Application
- PTA information
- FTK information
- SEPTO information
- eiMAPs information

**Signature Required:** The "Summary of the Food Allergies Policy" letter and the "School/Parent Compact" letter require a parent or guardian signature. Please print these out and sent them in with your child on the first day of school.

As a reminder, all visitors **must** show their **photo ID** before entering the building and sign in at the front desk upon entering the building. This procedure is for all visitors, including early dismissal, nurse visit or dropping off items for a student, teacher, main office, etc. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this important matter.

**Meet the Teacher Night** will be held on **Wednesday evening, September 18, 2019**. You will be receiving further information shortly regarding times as each grade is scheduled to begin at a different time.

All Grades 1 – 5 parents are invited to log on to the Parent Portal Account on **Thursday, August 29, 2019 after 3 p.m.** to view your child's classroom teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This placement is a result of considerable thought and attention. Each decision was based on careful reflection and deliberation regarding class combinations, and the best placement for each child. If you are having difficulty with your parent portal account, please email [parentportal@eischools.org](mailto:parentportal@eischools.org) for assistance.

Please feel free to stop in if you have any questions. Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

*Janet Jones*  
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