



Roslyn Public Schools

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Dear East Hills Families:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to East Hills School! I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer filled with special times with your children. The many contractors and our incredible custodians have been very busy putting the final touches on each area of the school in preparation for your children's arrival. During weekly visits to East Hills this summer, I have had the opportunity to view the progress being made throughout the building, on the playing fields as well as the parking lots and front circle. Our secretarial and custodial staff has truly worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure that the school is ready for opening day. The East Hills School staff is looking forward to seeing your wonderful children and welcoming them to this new school year. So many new friendships will develop for our children and families alike. Please know that we are dedicated to providing each and every child with the best educational opportunity possible.

The first day of school is **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. The school day is from **8:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.** The cafeteria will be open for lunch on the first day. The lunch and breakfast menus for the month of September can be found on the Roslyn website www.roslynschools.org. In order to ensure a clear knowledge of lunch offerings, we want to make you aware of the varied food selections offered to your children. In addition to the hot lunch selection, each day the children may opt to have a cold sandwich, pasta, bagel, yogurt or a junior salad. Milk, water, ice cream and snacks can also be purchased separately. Checks for these prepaid lunches should be made payable to the **Roslyn School Lunch Fund**. You may choose to use the online payment service as well. The cafeteria will keep records of your child's balance. You can find our commitment to the USDA guidelines listed on our school lunch website by selecting the link, *Our Commitment to Good Nutrition*. This link will provide you with important information about our school lunch selections and the USDA guidelines. For example, all of the grains we serve must be whole-grain rich.

Transportation notices will be mailed to you directly on August 17, 2016 from the Transportation Office. **In order to ensure a smooth transition for our second graders, I am requesting for them to please wear a name tag that will be provided in a separate mailing. In addition, all second graders will be seated in the front rows of the bus.** The drivers have been made aware of this and look forward to seeing all of your children as they begin the new school year.

The staff, Mrs. Lewis and I will do everything possible to make this event a positive experience for you and your child. I know that this might be difficult for some children (and parents), but please do not follow your child into the building. Give them hugs and kisses and wish them well. They will have a wonderful first day! Our PFA has arranged for parent volunteers to be present to assist staff in guiding the children to their classes. We are most appreciative of their continued support. In addition, our second grade teachers will be providing the students with a tour of the building.

We would like to inform you that the building will be closed to outside visitors (non-employees) until the first day of school on Thursday, September 1, 2016 due to final preparations being made to our newly renovated building. You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms at our Annual Open House that will be held on September 29, 2016. **Please be reminded that Open House is for parents only. Please make arrangements for childcare so that you can fully participate in this most informative evening of presentations.**

Ensuring a strong home/school partnership is paramount to your child's academic, social and emotional growth. As quoted by Michelangelo, "Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it." Together we will help your child discover his/her inner potential in order to achieve their highest degree of success.

Mrs. Lewis and I wish you and your child all the very best and look forward to greeting him/her on Thursday, September 1, 2016. Enjoy the remaining days of summer. Remember to have your child read, read, read. We'll share stories on the first day, second day and every day after!

Please share the attached note with your child.

Fondly,

Melissa Krieger

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Principal



Hi!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer spending time with your friends and family. I have had a very busy summer! My daughter Erica and I went on a Yoga Retreat Weekend in Massachusetts. We had such a fun time being together, taking different classes, enjoying the beautiful views of the mountains surrounding the hotel and eating food that was so fresh: the vegetables were picked the same day we ate them. My older daughter Lauren is getting married in April so we went shopping for a wedding dress! Guess what, we found one that she really loves! Our family also went to the beach and visited friends.

In addition, I spent time visiting summer school and seeing some of our incoming second graders as well as the students in other grades. As you may have heard from your parents, our school has been under construction so I have visited East Hills each week to see the progress. The building is really coming together and the sunflowers outside the main entrance are actually over 15 feet tall!

As you may know, my favorite hobby is reading. I absolutely love books! I love to read them, talk about them with my friends and all of the staff at East Hills as well as swap favorite books with friends. We have so many motivating conversations about the choices of books we read – “Which was your favorite character, favorite author? Did you think the character would change the way he/she did? When did you realize that a change was coming? Why do you like to read the genre you read?”

I truly look forward to sharing my favorite children's books read with you and hearing about those that you have read this summer. I have heard that many of you have participated in the summer reading program at the Bryant Library. What fun times!

Each summer, I ask that you please help us celebrate and share the amazing books you have read. Attached, please find a copy of our East Hills Olympic Medal Winning Summer Reads. Please complete it with your top choices for each medal category and then choose one that you would like to say more about. All entries will be displayed in our front lobby so everyone can read them. Who knows, maybe you will find a few new titles to start your reading year off! Please also send a picture of you reading one of these favorite books. We will attach it to your entry.

Enjoy the rest of the summer vacation! I look forward to seeing your smiling, happy faces on September 1, 2016!

Love,

Mrs. Krieger

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Name: _____

Grade: _____

East Hills Olympic Medal Winning Summer Reads


