



Roslyn Public Schools

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Dear East Hills Families:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to East Hills School! We hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer filled with special times with your children. We have been very busy preparing our beautiful school for your child's arrival. 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.

Please know that school begins on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. Our school day hours are 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 and ice cream 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 21st from the Transportation Office. **In order to ensure a smooth transition for our second graders, we are 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. We 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) the week of August 19th so that the building can be cleaned and for safety reasons. The school will be available for parents and students who wish to come and see the location of their classrooms on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please be aware that teachers may not be here on that day and the classroom will be locked for safety purposes. **(Please do not bring your child's school supplies to school on the 27th. We ask that you have your child bring his/her supplies on the first day of school).** You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms at our Annual Open House that will be held on September 25, 2019. **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 Tuesday, September 3, 2019. 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

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Assistant Principal



Hi!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer spending time with your family and friends: camping, swimming, boating, playing different sports and having fun! I can't wait to hear all about it when we see each other in just one month!

My summer was very busy! One of my favorite musicians is James Taylor and I got to see him perform at a place called Tanglewood which is in the Berkshires. The concert was outside and there were 18,000 people there! It was an amazing experience: I sang the whole time. The concert was on July 4th so there were awesome fireworks too! It was a blast. My husband and I also went to the Norman Rockwell Museum. Do you know who he was? Well, that is a challenge for you. I will give you a hint, he was first an illustrator. The following week, I helped my younger daughter, Erica, move to Houston, Texas. She will be working and living there for five months. While I will miss her very much, I know that she is happy and working hard. I spent a lot of time with my family, reading, practicing yoga and visiting friends I haven't seen in over 30 years! I also visited the Summer Academy and read to some of our East Hills, Heights and Harbor Hill friends. That too was a highlight of my summer. I look forward to hearing about your summer as well.

In addition to reading picture books to the kids, I have continued reading many more books about the importance of sustaining a growth mindset and focusing on the power of yet as well as the importance of connecting, really connecting to all of our kids! As you know, we have spent a lot of time working on these concepts over the past three years in school and look forward to more opportunities where we can share situations where flexibility, empathy, resilience, persistence and optimism help us with challenges we face so that those tasks which are difficult, become easier as we try again and again: seeing failure as an opportunity to learn and grow. Remember: failure is the First Attempt at Learning!

So, here is a challenge: please complete the attached sheet with an illustration of a character in a book or a situation that happened to you over the summer where you/he/she used one or more mindsets to overcome a challenge. Each of your responses will be displayed in the front lobby. For example, I have been working on doing a running dive into the pool and continue to persevere to do it better!

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation! I look forward to seeing your beautiful, happy, smiling faces on September 3rd!

Love,
Mrs. Krieger
Mrs. Krieger

Celebrating the Power of Yet!

Name _____

Grade _____

I used _____ to help me create a growth mindset.

(Persistence, Optimism, Empathy, Flexibility, Resilience)

Please use the space below to draw or write about the experience.
