



RES NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023



Dear Royersford Families,

Warmest wishes for peace, love, and happiness as we begin a new year! I hope that everyone has enjoyed their time with family and friends and found time to refresh and recharge for the new year. The turn of the calendar is the perfect time to reflect on our own growth from the previous year and plan your goals for this year. It is an opportunity for a fresh start filled with hope and potential. May every day of the new year be filled with warmth, cheer, and the very best for 2023!

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa M. Carboy

“Life’s not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it’s about doing, being and becoming.” —Mike Dooley

Playground Refresh

We are excited to share that our school playground will be going through a refresh to include some new equipment with shade structures and new slides and swings. We will also have a new pavilion that will also have a shade structure. The work is expected to be completed this summer of 2023!



Walkers



If your child is designated as a walker, the expectation is that the student walks from school to home at dismissal. Please do not allow your child to remain on the school playground after school without supervision if they are designated as a walker. Please help us ensure that your child is safe as student safety is our number one priority!

Robotics Program

Grade 4 Students were invited to participate and join our Robotics Club here at RES. Due to high interest, a lottery system was used to select and serve 18 students. The club will be held each Tuesday for 10 weeks from January 10-March 14th from 4 pm-5 pm hosted by Mrs. Rusinski and Mr. Bornais. We hope to offer this exciting program again in the spring to provide an opportunity for more students to participate in our Robotics Club.

Student Technology Devices

If inclement weather is in the forecast, your child will be coming home with their school issued device and charging cord. [Click here](#) for more information about what to expect on a weather-related Virtual Day.

It will be necessary for the device to return with your child when they return to school.

Oh the weather outside is frightful...

With the arrival of old man winter, it is important that you have your Skylert account up to date. This includes keeping phone numbers current as well as accurate email address in the event that we have a delayed opening or closure.



Below is the schedule for a delayed opening:

TWO HOUR DELAY FOR KINDERGARTEN

When there is a **two-hour delay** because of inclement weather, Kindergarten classes will be held on a **MODIFIED SCHEDULE** .

AM Kindergarten Class Time ... 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM Student arrival 10:45 AM
AM Bus for arrival - **2 hours** after normal scheduled time

PM Kindergarten Class Time... 1:55 PM to 3:40 PM Student arrival 1:45 PM
PM Bus for arrival – **1 hour** after normal scheduled time
PM Bus for dismissal – normal scheduled time

Please also keep in mind, should we have an early dismissal that you have a plan in place for your child.

TWO HOUR DELAY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 1-4

In the event of a 2 hour delay, school doors open at 10:45 am with classes starting at 11:00am. **Please note that all before school activities are cancelled in the event of a 2 hour delay**

LOST& FOUND – Please keep in mind to check the lost and found if your child is missing clothes items that they brought to school. Be sure to remind your child that the lost and found is located in the back lobby in a large bin. Whether it be a glove, hat, sweater, lunchbox or even a coat, please take a look in our lost and found before purchasing a new item.



THANK YOU... THANK YOU!

During the month of December RES once again hosted the Giving Tree project. The purpose of the Giving Tree was to come together as a school community to assist RES families who are in need of help for the holidays. Thanks to so many of our wonderful RES families and staff members, we raised \$1,971.00! WOW and Thank you! This truly meant so much to those families that we were able to help and made their holidays that much brighter for them.



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Preparing for the Great Kindness Challenge



Happy New Year Royersford Elementary families! With the start of the New Year we will be celebrating the Great Kindness Challenge! Royersford will be participating in our own special version of the kindness challenge this year starting on January 23rd. We will celebrate with spirit days and challenge our students to focus on a few kind acts a day at school! Students will also participate in grade level Kindness activities during this week. We have also come up with an Acts of Kindness list for families to get into the spirit! We challenge you to have some fun with this at home! Teaching and modeling acts of kindness for children is so important. If you'd like to take pictures of your families during acts of kindness for us to share within the school! (Send to: smest@spring-ford.net)

The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive Social Emotional Learning and bullying prevention program that focuses on improving school climate and increases student engagement. You can access more information here: www.greatkindnesschallenge.org

Here are our ideas! Have fun! We'll send an attachment of this list as the Great Kindness Challenge week approaches.

- ★ Take a family walk, hike, or bike together
- ★ Place a nice note on a family member's pillow
- ★ Invent a kind handshake with a family member
- ★ Play with your pet for 15 minutes
- ★ Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- ★ Read to a younger sibling or pet or family member
- ★ Call or video chat with your grandparents, an aunt, an uncle, or cousins
- ★ Find 5 positive things that you can point out to others during the day
- ★ Prepare a healthy snack or meal together as a family
- ★ Tell a joke and make someone laugh
- ★ List 5 things you are grateful for
- ★ Pick up 10 pieces of trash in your neighborhood
- ★ Help fold the laundry or help with dishes
- ★ Add kind messages to your sidewalks using chalk.
- ★ Paint a rock with a kind message and randomly place it or leave it for someone to find.
- ★ Color pictures or draw a picture for people you love and then send them in the mail.

- ★ Write a letter or make a card for a relative.
- ★ Be Kind to yourself and do 10 one-minute exercises
- ★ Do an extra chore or clean up around the house without being asked
- ★ Tell each of your family member's one thing you love about them.
- ★ Give a parent a big hug out of the blue.
- ★ Be kind to yourself and listen to some calming music or watch a happy movie
- ★ Host and/or organize a virtual game night with friends.
- ★ Place large signs with kind messages in your windows so people can be inspired as they drive or walk by.
- ★ Be kind to yourself and take 10 deep breaths before you go to bed

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CHANGE IN PLANS

In an effort to maintain your child's educational classroom environment, it is important to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Emergency's do come up, however for medical appointments that you are aware of, please send a note in with your child on the day of the appointment. This way, there is no need to contact the teacher and it is appreciated by all staff involved.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 6 - Re-Scheduled Holiday Parties (due to virtual day on December 23)

January 11 - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Media Center

January 13 - PTO BINGO Night

January 16 - No School MLK Day

January 23-27 - Great Kindness Challenge (Stay tuned for more information about spirit days)

January 23 - February 3 – Divine Apple Sale

January 24 - End of 2nd Marking Period

January 30 - One School, One Book kickoff. The students will be reading Flora & Ulysses

February 3 – Report Cards available in Skyward after 4:00pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!