



Royersford Elementary
Back to School Newsletter
August 2025
450 Spring Street
Royersford, PA 19468



Dear Royersford Elementary Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Royersford Elementary—where **great futures begin!** We are ***Wild About Learning*** and so excited to see our students return for another year of growth, discovery, and joy.

This year promises to be an incredible journey filled with learning, laughter, and friendships. Together, we will create an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to do their very best.

We look forward to building a strong partnership with each of you as we work hand-in-hand to support your child's success. Please keep this newsletter as a helpful resource and remember to visit our school website often for important updates, upcoming events, and key information.

Here's to a year filled with happiness, curiosity, and meaningful connections where our students can grow, thrive, and create memories that last a lifetime.

With excitement for the year ahead,

Teresa Carboy

Dr. Teresa Carboy, Ed.D

Principal, Royersford Elementary

Skyward Update

The Skyward system involves access for parents and students to attendance, assignments, grades, and food service information. Be sure to update all information in Skyward so that you can continue to access and receive information for your child. It is extremely important that you make any changes to your information as it occurs. We rely on the information provided by you in case of any emergency. You can access Skyward on the Internet at our website: spring-ford.net. Simply click on "**For Parents**" then "**Skyward**" then "**Family Access Login.**"

Parent Square

ParentSquare (PSQ) is Spring-Ford's communication tool used to increase the connection between school and home, providing a single platform for all your communication needs.

PSQ will serve as a one-stop communication tool for everything from classroom updates and school announcements to important alerts and messages. This change allows us to bring you more timely information in a streamlined, user-friendly format either on your smart phone, device, or computer.

With ParentSquare, you'll be able to:

- Receive messages via email, text, and app notifications
- Directly respond to coaches and school staff
- Access important sign-ups
- Stay updated with real-time information on school events and emergencies
- Use the Search feature to find that email you've been looking for

First Day Verification

REMINDER: First Day Verification is Open!

Parents/guardians may log into Skyward Family Access to complete the First Day Verification process. Families may complete the First Day Verification on a desktop or laptop computer, a smartphone, or a tablet. [Click here to learn more.](#)

STEP 1: Log into your parent/guardian Skyward account

STEP 2: Click on First Day Verification

STEP 3: Complete all steps for each student attending a Spring-Ford school

STEP 4: Kick back and relax. You're all done!

Staff Update: New to RES! Please Welcome

We're thrilled to welcome several new faces to the RES team:

- Lauren Beckley-**Autistic Support Teacher**
- Paige Childs- **Substitute for Lisa Brooks Grade 3**
- Aiden Hudon-**Instructional Assistant**
- Brittany Gefvert- **Instructional Assistant**
- Danielle Guidotti-**Instructional Assistant**

Don't Miss the Bus: Bus Status App

Wondering if your child's bus is running late? Download the new Bus Status App for iOS and Android to receive bus notifications straight to your phone!

The Bus Status app displays up to date bus information for schools and school districts. The app sends out push notifications for cancelled, delayed, or early buses, keeping parents and students updated throughout the day. Select your bus route as a favorite to receive notifications for special announcements and late bus information.

IMPORTANT DATES + TIMES

Thursday, August 21, 2025: Kindergarten Open House and Meet the Teacher

This evening is for **Parents and Kindergarten students**

Kindergarten AM Session begins promptly at 5:00pm

Kindergarten PM Session begins promptly at 6:00pm

Each session should last about 45–50 minutes.

Thursday, August 21, 2025: Classroom Visits/Meet the Teacher Grades 1-4

We are opening our doors for RES students to visit their classroom and to share a warm hello with the classroom teacher!

- **Grade 1-4, please visit between 2:30pm-3:15pm**
- **Kindergarten will meet their teacher at Open House in the evening**

Monday, August 25, 2025, First Student Day – Welcome!

Doors Open at 8:45 am

Upon arrival to school, students should report directly to their classrooms.

Staff members will be on site to escort the children and ensure all students arrive and dismiss safely.

Please do not leave students unattended while waiting for school doors to open.

All parent drop off students must remain in the car with the driver.

Walkers may not arrive prior to 8:45 am

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Open House Grades 1 – 4 Come listen to what you can expect in the classroom this year from your child's teacher. This event is for Parents only! Parents report directly to their child's homeroom

Two identical sessions:

6:00pm – 6:45pm

7:00pm – 7:45pm

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSALS

Please do your best to ensure consistency with your child's mode of transportation each day. The consistency in schedule helps to ensure safety to and from school and minimizes confusion for both student and teacher.

Traffic can become congested in the morning, so we ask you to please consider having your child ride the bus if bus transportation is offered in your area.

Please be patient and cautious in the morning during parent drop off if you plan on driving your child to school. Our doors open at 8:45 am where students enter through the front main entrance on 4th avenue and can go right to their homeroom.

Grades 1-4 Royersford Elementary

AM Drop-off and PM Pick-up Guidelines

AM Arrival drop off time is 8:45AM – 8:55AM Front Main Entrance Doors (4th Ave) will open at 8:45 AM for all students. **Students report directly to their homeroom and should be in their classroom by 9:00 am**

STUDENTS MUST REMAIN SUPERVISED and in the car with the PARENT UNTIL DOORS OPEN AT 8:45-Please do not leave children unsupervised on school property including the playground and in front of school doors without parent supervision. Staff members are on duty beginning at 8:45 am

- Students will be able to enter the building at 8:45 A.M.

- When utilizing the traffic circle for drop-off, please be patient and pull all the way up until you reach an orange cone
- The **"drop-off"** area will be designated with orange cones.
- Students may only exit the vehicle when they reach an orange cone with a staff member
- Students must exit on the passenger side of the car to ensure safety
- **Parents must always remain in vehicles.** If your child needs assistance exiting the vehicle, you must park in a designated parking spot
- Please pull all the way up to the first orange cone to maintain a smooth traffic flow.
- Students must use the sidewalk as they exit the vehicle and follow it to the front main entrance door.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO GO AROUND ANY VEHICLE WITHIN THE CIRCLE-WAIT YOUR TURN until your reach an ORANGE CONE.**
- Follow the traffic monitors' directions so that we can ensure the maximum safety for your children, you, and our staff.

PM Dismissal – Begins at 3:40 pm

RES will utilize a CAR LINE DISMISSAL for parent pick-up at the end of each school day. PARENTS will NOT be coming into the building or waiting at door at dismissal time. Please remain in your vehicle.

To retrieve your student using parent pick-up, the student must have the Parent pick-up selected in Pick-Up Patrol for that day (whether by default or plan change). You must make the entry prior to 2:00 pm and **include the name of the person conducting the pick-up.**

Each family participating in parent pick-up **regularly** will receive **two student signs** for the car window. Please remember to place your parent pick-up identification sign, provided by the school, on your passenger side dash so it is clearly visible. This will enable the person picking up to remain in their vehicle and student/s will be "called" to the vehicle for dismissal.

Two placards will be distributed to your child, on the first day of school to utilize for the school year. **If you are conducting parent-pick up on the first day of school, please make your own sign and place it on your passenger side dash. Your placard should include the students' first and last name as well as their grade.**

The Parent/Guardian will enter the parent pick up line off 4th Avenue – cars must pull all the way up into the traffic circle. Students will exit from the Main front doors directly to the vehicle designated for parent pick up. Once your student is safely in the vehicle, you will exit the school property directly back on 4th Ave.

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION TO ALLOW FOR SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW

AM Kindergarten Students ONLY ---9:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Parent Drop Off for AM Kindergarten ARRIVAL:

- Front Main Entrance Doors open at 8:45 AM (4th Street Entrance)
- AM Kindergarten Students must enter through the main lobby
- AM Kindergarten Students report directly to their classrooms
- Staff is on duty to escort students to their classroom
- Parents are NOT permitted to park in traffic circle during AM Arrival – please pull all the way around the circle for drop off, to enable maximum number of cars in circle and continuous flow of traffic.
- Children must exit passenger side of vehicle
- Vehicles may never be left unattended in traffic circle

Please note: Doors will remain open and supervised from 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM. If your child is not in homeroom and seated by 9:00 AM, the child must be accompanied into school by a parent and will be considered tardy.

AM Kindergarten Students may not be on school property prior to 8:45 AM, including the playground without parental supervision, as there is no staff on duty.

Parent Pick Up for AM Kindergarten DISMISSAL:

- Dismissal for AM Kindergarten parent pick-up begins at 11:40 AM
- AM Kindergarten students are to be picked up no later than 11:45 AM from Front Main Entrance
- AM Kindergarten Parents can use the traffic circle to pick up their kindergarten child from the AM session
- Parents must report to main entrance doors with their ID, to physically sign their child out of school upon approval from a staff member on duty
- Students will only be released to people listed on student dismissal form

PM Kindergarten Students ONLY ---1:00 PM- 3:40 PM

Parent Drop Off for PM Kindergarten ARRIVAL

- Front Main Entrance Door opens at 12:45 for PM Kindergarten Students
- PM Kindergarten students must enter through the Front Main Entrance (4th Street)
- Staff will be on duty to escort PM Kindergarten students to classroom
- PM Kindergarten Parents can use the traffic circle from 12:45 PM-12:55 PM to drop off their kindergarten child for the PM session.

Students MUST remain with a parent until a staff member opens the door. As a safety precaution, please do not allow your child to play tag or run with other students while waiting for doors to open.

Please note: If your child is not here by 1:00 PM for the PM Kindergarten session, the child must be accompanied into school, utilizing the front main entrance door, by a parent, and will be considered tardy.

PM Dismissal for PM Kindergarten DISMISSAL

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Walkers: Arrival and Dismissal

- Arrival - Doors open at 8:45 AM
- Arrival - All walkers must enter through the front main entrance upon arrival to school and report to their classroom
- Dismissal - All 4th Ave walkers will report to the cafeteria at dismissal when announced
- Dismissal - All 5th Ave walkers will report to the back stairwell when announced
- Dismissal - All walkers will be escorted and dismissed by staff to the corner of Fourth Ave. and Spring St. OR to the 5th Avenue side of the building (top of school steps).

Bus: Arrival and Dismissal

- All bus students report directly to homeroom upon entrance to building at 8:45am
- Bus students will utilize the Fifth Avenue entrance/exit doors for both arrival and dismissal

TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Walkers + Crossing Guards

If your child walks to school unescorted by a parent or another adult, please be certain to emphasize safety when crossing streets and walkways. Walkers will be dismissed through our Front Main Entrance. Students will only be escorted to 4th Street at the end of our school driveway or to the top steps on the 5th street side of our school.

Since many of our students walk to and from school, adult crossing guards, employed by the Borough of Royersford, are posted at key intersections within the borough. Work with your child to establish the safest and most direct route to and from school. Also, please encourage your child to listen to and respect the crossing guards.

FOR PARENTS

Student Attendance Information

Option 1: Put your child's absence in Pick-up Patrol (this will suffice as the written excuse note)

Option 2: Email: RESattendance@spring-ford.net (this will suffice as the written excuse note)

Parents should notify the school by 8:30am if your student will be absent or tardy from school. Please include the following: Please provide the following information:

- Students Name
- Teacher
- A **detailed** reason for the absence/tardy (i.e. if sick, stomach ache or if late, doctor appointment, etc.)

School Wide Theme: Our year-long theme for 2025-2026 is **RES is Wild About Learning!**

This theme will be evident in many activities and events throughout the school year.

Visits to the School During the Day

To preserve instructional time and maximize the safety and security of our students and staff, as well as minimizing disruptions during the school day, we have implemented a "forgotten items" table that is located inside the vestibule of our school. We ask that you label the item with your student's name and teacher, and we will have a 4th grade student deliver the forgotten item(s) around 11:00am. We cannot promise that items that come in after 11:00am will make it to your child.

Birthday Celebrations (Per the Spring - Ford School District Code of Conduct)

Birthday parties shall not be held in the classroom. No party invitations are to be given out in school, on the bus, or using the school email system. Parents should refrain from asking teachers to forward an email invitation to their class or supply a parent with a list of home email addresses of members of the class. If a family would like to send a recognition item into the classroom to celebrate a child's birthday, no food items may be brought to school. Alternatives may include a treat bag that contains non-edible items that can be distributed at the end of the school day (pencil, eraser, stickers, bookmark).

Due to the Healthy Choice Initiative, we ask that you do not bring in food from fast food restaurants.

Six Day Cycle

Special subjects, (Art, Music, Library, Physical Education and Ram QUEST), operate on a six-day rotational schedule instead of a Monday through Friday schedule. This schedule is in place for all grades.

Clothing Considerations

For safety reasons, sandals, flip-flops, open-toed footwear, open-backed or clog-type shoes/sneakers may not be worn to school. Clothing that distracts from learning, such as tube tops, tank tops and tops that leave the midriff exposed, as well as clothing with inappropriate slogans or symbols may also not be worn to school. Sneakers or athletic shoes must be worn on our playground. Open-backed or clog-type sneakers are not permitted on the playground.

PTO Board Members for the 2025-26 this school year!

President – Nicole Roberts
Vice President – Noor Tamimi
Secretary – Steph Lawrence
Treasurer – Ylora Holland

Please come out and get involved! We look forward to seeing you!

Important Dates to Remember

August 21 Kindergarten Open House and Meet the Teacher

Kindergarten AM Session 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Kindergarten PM Session 6:00pm – 6:45pm

August 21 – Classroom Visit/Meet the Teacher: Grades 1 thru 4: 2:30pm – 3:15pm

August 25 - First Day of the 2025-2026 School Year

Sept 1 - No School for Students

Sept 4 - RES Open House for Grades 1-4

There will be 2 identical sessions: 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM and 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Sept 19 – Fall Picture Day