

Rosedell Summer Telegram

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Message From The Principal: Welcome to the new 2013-14 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Mr. Jeff Pettipas, as your school principal and extend a warm welcome to our Rosedell students and their families. I would also like to welcome all of our new students and families that enrolled over the summer and moved into our great neighborhoods. We are very excited to welcome you into our Rosedell family!

Our community supports the values of responsibility, school pride, and community spirit. The school reflects these values and is committed to high expectations that foster academic excellence and student's self-respect. We are committed to enriching our students' educational experiences with high quality instruction, leadership opportunities, community events, field trips, enrichment classes and memorable school activities that continues to strengthen our "Arts & Technology" focus. We will also continue implementing "Brain-based Direct Instruction" and "Systematic ELD" techniques and strategies in preparation for the new California "Common Core" standards and Smarter Balance state assessments that will be implemented in 2014/15.

Our incredible Staff and PTA are at the heart of all we do. We cannot provide a successful and strong educational program without your support. Thanks to your participation in our PTA and teacher fundraising, we are very excited to have purchased and installed two more Smart Boards for our classrooms and a brand new Computer Lab with 35 state of the art computers over the summer! Please support our school and join our PTA!

The Rosedell Staff has been working diligently to make sure that we are prepared for the arrival of students on **Wednesday**, August 14th.

The Saugus schools will no longer be posting class lists publicly and are switching to a parent portal system. Please do not forget to do our NEW online registration if you have returning students. In your child's June report card there were parent instructions with your child's ID code. Once you register, you can go back into the system and it will show your student's teacher's name on August 12. If you need technical assistance we have a computer in the office for you to complete the process.

Since new students are still enrolling on a daily basis, students are assigned to classrooms on a tentative basis. Please remember that changes may need to be made to meet the needs of individual students, as well as to balance class sizes. Classes are currently full and there will not be opportunities to change classrooms unless there are extraordinary reasons. Principal makes final placement decisions.

I hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation whether you are traveling far away or staying close to home. The summer months are a time to relax and enjoy the company of our family and friends.

As we work together this school year, there will be many opportunities to contact me. Through teamwork, open communication and a dedication to improvement, we will continue to make Rosedell a school that children enjoy and look forward to coming to each and every day. By working together, we can be assured that the school's focus is where a California Distinguished School's focus should be – on the children!

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013 AT 8:10am. IT WILL BE AN EARLY RELEASE DAY WITH DISMISSAL AT 1:44pm FOR ALL GRADES.

Important: Please notify the office immediately if you do not plan on returning to Rosedell this school year. You may call the school office at 294-5335 and leave a message on our voice mail. Also, if you know of someone new to our attendance area that has not registered yet, please ask him or her to stop by the school office and enroll his or her child.

PTA Welcome Back Coffee - First Day of School on August 14th: Our annual Welcome Back Coffee for parents will be the first day of school in our MPR beginning at 8:10am. Please come and meet your new PTA board members and learn about the wonderful activities planned for the year. We look forward to seeing you!

Back-To-School Night: Please mark your calendar with the following Back-to-School Night dates: Kindergarten – Monday, August 12^{th} at 5:30pm Grades $1^{st} - 6^{th}$ – Thursday, August 22^{nd} at 6:30 –7:30pm

We will have a minimum day on Thursday, August 22^{nd} . Dismissal will be at 12:30pm for kindergarten – 6^{th} grade.

Kindergarten Back-to-School Night and Ice Cream Social: All kindergarten students and their parents are invited to meet their teachers, see their new classrooms, and attend an early Kindergarten Social Night on Monday, August 12th at 5:30pm starting in our MPR. This evening is for kindergarten students and their parents only. Please make arrangements for siblings so we can make it a special event for your incoming kindergartner. After the classroom presentation, please join us for a ice cream treat sponsored by the PTA.

Attendance: If your child is absent from school, we prefer that you call the office instead of sending a note, as notes sometimes don't make it to the office. Please dial 294-5335 and leave the following information: child's name, date of absence, teacher, and reason in detail (example: cold, fever, flu). If you do this, there is no need to send a note on the day your child returns to school.

Tardies: Tardiness takes away learning time for ALL students in the classroom, not just the child arriving late. The teacher must stop his/her teaching to bring the tardy child up to date, collect their homework, change the attendance sheet, etc. As a result, the smooth flow of the classroom is interrupted. Students are considered tardy when they arrive after the 8:10am bell and enter the classroom after all the other students. Please make an extra effort to have your child here on time. It certainly gives them a better start to their day.

Prime Time Learning: Prime time protects classroom instructional time and provides teaching time free of interruptions. Between 8:10 and 10:40am, no phone calls will go to the classrooms unless they are of an emergency nature. Late lunches, messages, or forgotten assignments will be held in the office and picked up by teachers, aides, or students during their recess time. Parents can assist the school with prime time by making sure their child has all of his/her needs before leaving home.

Lunch Progam: The Saugus District contracts with the Santa Clarita Valley Schools Food Services Agency for school lunches. Information will be sent home the first day of school. Lunches and "2nd Chance" breakfast during recess can be purchased on a daily basis (lunches for \$2.75 and breakfast for \$1.50). Snacks and milk can also be purchased from the "Red Cart" at recess and noon. Menus are now on the web. Visit www.scvsfsa.org for the daily menu.

Birthday Celebrations: Due to the increasing concerns with food allergies and the district's Wellness Policy focusing on health education we are continuing with our birthday celebration policy. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with their class, please send in a new book for the teacher to read to the class. After the book is shared with your child's class, it will be donated to their class or school library.

Please do not send drinks, cupcakes, edible treats, balloons or flowers to school. Also, please remember that teachers and staff cannot distribute class address lists or hand out invitations for birthday parties.

Medication: If your child needs to take medication at school, please bring the medication in the original bottle along with the Dispensing Prescription form to the office. You may bring your medication in on Thursday, August 18th. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Jaennette, Health Assistant, at 294-5335.

<u>**Early Release Day Schedule:**</u> Every Wednesday is Early Release Day. Kindergarten -6^{th} grade will start at the regular time and dismiss at 1:44pm.

Minimum Day Schedule: On Minimum Days Kindergarten - 6th grade will start at the regular time and dismiss at 12:30pm.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures: Playgrounds are supervised 30 minutes prior to the school day. Parents are not permitted to wait on the playground with their child for supervision and safety reasons. Please park and pick-up your kindergartners from the kindergarten playground. If you drive your child to school, please use the extended Valet Lane located on Urbandale Avenue. Due to student safety, the parking lot on Urbandale Avenue will be closed in the afternoon from 1:50-3:15pm each day. The Valet Program will be fully up and running about 2 weeks after school begins once the Sheriff's Department trains new students.

Should parents need to drop something off in the office or pick-up a child, please park in the appropriate location. There are also two disability parking spaces located close to the office on Urbandale and in the parking lot by the kindergarten playground. These are only for persons who have the proper DMV disability plaque.

<u>Walking To And From School:</u> We encourage our students who walk to and from school to walk in pairs or groups and be responsible for following school behavior standards. They need to take care when crossing streets and to use school crosswalks. It is expected that at the dismissal of school, students will walk directly home. The school does not provide supervision for after hours play on the playground. Crossing guards are provided on Bouquet Canyon, Haskell Canyon and Urbandale Avenue. Children are not to remain on the school campus unsupervised from 2:09-2:59pm waiting for older siblings.

Bikes: Students may ride their bikes to school after they have returned a current 2012-13 school year bike permit, with parent and student signature, to the office. Students must wear helmets when riding bikes to school. Each bike must have a chain and lock and must be locked in the bike rack. Locks may not be shared with others. Students are expected to follow all traffic rules when riding to and from school. Violation of bike safety rules or causing damage to other students' bikes will result in the loss of the bike permit. For safety reasons, it is recommended that students under third grade not ride their bikes to school. The bike rack is located at the entrance on Urbandale Drive.

HEELIES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, ROLLERBLADES, BIKES, AND SKATES OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR IN THE PARKING LOT AT ANY TIME.

<u>Dress Code:</u> "Dress for Learning" is the first step toward maintaining the safety of students within our school and community and enhancing the learning process.

Apparel and grooming must not inhibit participation or cause disruption in any phase of the instructional program. Casual clothing is recommended or school except for special "dress-up" occasions. Tennis shoes are essential as students do not change for P.E. and feet need to be protected. Students may wear sun-protected clothing (Education Code 35183.5) including, but not limited to, hats while outdoors. In order to assist us in maintaining an effective learning environment and to keep the focus of the classroom on learning, the following attire is appropriate for students attending our Saugus Schools.

- Jeans, cords, denims, slacks, simple dresses, skirts, and shorts (dresses, skirts and shorts must reach fingertip when student stands with an arm down the side of their body)
- Shirts, t-shirts, blouses, and sweatshirts
- Tennis shoes with flat, non-skid soles; socks are to be worn at all times

The Following is inappropriate for students:

- Oversized and baggy clothing, cut-offs (i.e. shirts, pants, jeans, tank tops with oversized armholes, pants are to fit around the waist and not drag on the ground
- Clothing with inappropriate language or advertisements, or any reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or gangs
- Gang related clothing (i.e. long belts, trench coasts, chains, chain wallets, caps worn backwards, etc.)
- Tube/halter tops, spaghetti strap tops/dresses
- Bare midriffs or revealing tight-fitting shirts and shorts
- Undergarments which are not covered by clothing
- Sandals, Jellies, open-toed shoes, sling backs, platform shoes, backless shoes, cleats, and shoes with retractable wheels
- Expensive and long dangling jewelry, especially earrings, that may pose a safety hazard
- Make-up or tattoos
- Unusual hair color (i.e. purple, green, etc.)

Our main concern is for the safety of every child. When children are dressed according to proper guidelines, safer conditions should exist for everyone. If children come to school dressed inappropriately, parents will need to be called to bring in a change of clothing.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Parents are asked to please help us ensure the safety of our children by abiding by all traffic laws and following Rosedell's arrival and dismissal procedures.

Arrival: Students arriving by car may be dropped off on Urbandale Avenue. Please follow these guidelines while in the valet:

- Do not enter the Urbandale staff parking lot when dropping off your child.
- Please drive slowly and wait to exit at the end of the valet line.
- Do not let students out in the school parking lot. Drop off is in the valet lane only!
- Please pull as far forward as possible in the valet lane when dropping off your child.
- Have children ready to be let out on the curbside only.
- Backpacks and jackets should be on the child's lap so your child is ready to go.
- Parents, please do not exit the car at any time when using the valet lane.
- Please refrain from using your cellular phone while in the valet lane. We are concerned for the safety of our students and request that your full attention is on the children.

Parents wishing to drop their children off on the opposite side of the street should aide by all traffic laws and come to a complete stop. Children may exit the car from the **<u>right side</u>** only. They should proceed to the corner of Urbandale and Cedarfalls and cross the street with the crossing guard. Please do not let students out when there is a red curb.

Parents wishing to use the Rosedell Avenue entrance may pull into the parking lot to drop their child off using the same valet rules. Children may exit the car from the <u>right side</u> only. Students will enter through either the kindergarten gate or the main campus gate. Parents wishing to park and escort their children may park on Rosedell Avenue. The parking lot is for staff parking only. Parents of kindergartners need to park their car and walk to drop-off or pick-up their children at the kindergarten gate.

Dismissal: Parents picking students up by car must abide by all traffic laws and park along Urbandale. Parents wishing to meet their child at the gate should model safety and cross at marked intersections when approaching and departing from the school. Parents who wish to meet their child on the street should instruct their child to cross at Urbandale and Cedarfalls with the crossing guard. <u>Children should never be instructed to cross in the middle of the street.</u>

Walking: As a neighborhood school, many of our students are able to walk to and from school. Students are encouraged to walk in pairs or groups to school. They are to go directly from home to school and school to home with no stops along the way and are responsible for using good school behavior standards. Students need to take care when crossing streets and use the marked crosswalks. Crossing guards are provided on Bouquet Canyon Road, Haskell Canyon and Urbandale Avenue.

ROSEDELL SCHOOL 2013-2014 BELL SCHEDULE

BEGINNING

8:10 School begins

RECESS

9:50-10:10	Grades Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd
10:15-10:35	Grades 3 rd & 4 th
10:40-11:00	Grades 5 th & 6 th

LUNCH

11:15-12:00	Gr. Kindergarten & 1 st	11:00-11:37	Gr. Kindergarten & 1 st
11:45-12:30	Grades 2 nd & 3 rd	11:40-12:17	Grades 2 nd & 3 rd
12:15-1:00	Grades 4 th & 5 th	12:20-12:57	Grades 4 th & 5 th
12:45-1:30	Grade 6 th	1:00-1:37	Grade 6 th

DISMISSAL

2:09	Primary – Grades K, 1 & 2
2:59	Middle/Upper – Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6

EARLY RELEASE DAY – WED.

8:10	School starts
9:50-10:10	Gr. Kindergarten, 1 st and 2 nd
10:15-10:35	Grades 3 rd & 4 th
10:40-11:00	Grades 5 th & 6 th
11:15-12:00	Gr. Kindergarten & 1 st
11:45-12:30	Grades 2^{nd} & 3^{rd}
12:15-1:00	Grades 4 th & 5 th
12:45-1:30	Grade 6 th
1:44	Dismissal K – 6 th

EARLY DISMISSAL

8:10	School starts
9:50-10:10	Grades Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd
10:15-10:35	Grades $3^{rd} \& 4^{th}$
10:40-11:00	Grades 5 th & 6 th
2:09	Dismissal for all upper grades 3 rd -6 th
	on 9/16/13, 9/17/13, 3/10/14, & 3/11/14

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE

RAINY DAY LUNCH

8:10	School starts
9:50-10:10	Gr. Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd
10:15-10:35	Grades 3 rd & 4 th
10:40-11:00	Grades 5 th & 6 th
12:30	Dismissal K – 6 th

ROSEDELL SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2013/2014

We are always being asked, "What can we do to help the school?" If you are out shopping and would leto help out, here is a list of supplies by grade level that would help your child next year. This is not mandatory but very much appreciated.

<u>Kindergarten</u>

2 reams of copy paper 1 box of kleenex Gallon size Ziploc freezer bags See child's classroom teacher for any specific classroom supplies

box of colored pencils-max. 12
boxes of Crayola Crayons - 24 max.
Paper Mate Flair felt tip pen - black
boxes of tissues for class
reams of white paper
No pencil sharpeners
Multi-colored dry erase makers (from Costco)
Multi-colored sharpies

1 box of Crayola Crayons (24 max)
1 4 pack fat tipped Expo dry erase marker
1 skinny pencil box
2 boxes of Ticonderoga black pencils
1 box of black felt tip pens - bold tip
package of unscented baby wipes

2 folders - different colors mechanical pencils 1 box of pencils (prefer Ticonderoga) 1 package white copy paper 1 box of tissues 4 package of unscented baby wipes Quart size Ziploc freezer bags 3 glue sticks

1st Grade

1 box of markers-max. 12 2 large erasers 2 bottles of white glue Baby wipes (unscented) Double sided tape sock black sharpies 1 roll of clear mailing tape

2nd Grade

1 4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue 1 eraser 1 glue stick 1 ream of white copy paper 2 boxes of tissues

3rd Grade

1 or 2 small white Elmer's glue Dry erase markers black felt tip pens baby wipes (unscented) No binders or pencil boxes pair of scissors - child size
box of Twistable crayons (24 max)
box colored pencils
box of tissues for class
dry erase markers & erasers
ream of white copy paper
packages of baby wipes (unscented)
spiral notebooks -70 pages wide rule
red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow)

notebook paper 1 box of pencils 1 box of markers (Crayola only) 1 large Magic Rub eraser 1 pair of scissors - Jr. or adult size 1 ream of white copy paper 1 hand-held pencil sharpener with cover Flash drive 4 spiral notebooks -70 pages wide rule (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow)

5" scissors (Fiskars) blue or black ballpoint pens eraser one standard pencil box baby wipes (unscented only) binder or folder for homework bottle of glue/glue stick black sharpie

4th Grade

highlighters 1 pkg. erasers (Magic Rub) 1 flash drive Fine tip black felt tips pens 1 pencil box Black Sharpies mechanical pencils 1 accordion folder w/pockets

5th Grade

2 folders 1 box of crayons or twist ups 1 box of colored pencils 1 bottle white glue 1 box of tissues pencil box (must be standard size) 3 jumbo book covers Yellow highlighters mechanical pencil & lead

6th Grade

filler paper (8-1/2 × 11) memory stick (1G) (4G)

white copy paper (8-1/2 x 11 or 8-1/2 x 14) highlighter 24 pack of colored pencils pencils