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Rochester First Day of School and Beyond Procedures (REVISED)

The new school year begins on Monday, 22 September. The following outlines what to expect during the first day and first week of school.

New Kindergarten Students Only

Day 1 Monday, 22 September (10:00 - 10:30)

Parents of registered Kindergarten students have already received their child's class placement information including room number and teacher's name. **Children will be in attendance for ½ hour only and parents will pick up their kindergarten child at the assigned classroom at 10:30.**

If you have not registered your child or did not receive class placement information, please go to the office at 9:30 am for assistance.

All kindergarten parents have an opportunity to sign up this day for initial *Welcome to Kindergarten* conversations with their child's new teacher. These conversations will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Day 2 and Day 3 Tuesday and Wednesday September 23 and 24

Welcome to Kindergarten conversations with new K's, parents and teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday. Kindergarten children come with the parents at the assigned meeting time and location but there are no Kindergarten classes on these two days.

Day 4 and 5 Thursday and Friday September 25 and 26

These two days are gradual entry days. For both days:

Group 1 children will be in attendance 9-11 a.m.

Group 2 children will be in attendance 1-3 p.m.

Students New to Rochester in grades 1-5

Day 1, Monday 22 September (9:00 - 9:30)

If your child did not attend Rochester last year and is beginning their first day in grades 1 - 5, please guide your child to our library located on the upper floor of the school. Rochester staff will greet them and guide them through this first half hour. Students will be dismissed at 9:30 at which time parents can meet their child at the library entry.

Please note that your child will be assigned to a temporary classroom along with all other Rochester grade 1 - 5 students for the next few days until our enrollment is finalized and all classrooms are organized.

Day 2, Tuesday 23 September (9:00 - 3:00)

This is a full school day. New students come to the library again but will be escorted to their temporary classroom first thing in the morning. These students will be returned to the Library for dismissal until all students are placed in their permanent classrooms.

Returning Rochester students in grades 1-5

Day 1 Monday September 22 (9:00 - 9:30)

All returning students in grades 1 - 5 arrive no earlier than 8:50. The usual 9:00 bell will sound and **students will return to last year's classroom.** Staff changes have occurred over the summer, so last year's teacher may no longer be in your child's previous classroom. Don't worry, this is okay!

Students will be at the school until 9:30 only on the first day.

Day 2 Tuesday, 23 September (9:00 - 3:00)

Students return to last year's classroom again. **Regular school hours are in effect 9:00 - 3:00.** Students will need a recess snack and a lunch.*

Students will remain in this temporary classroom for the day. School population numbers can change over the summer and until we know who is actually in attendance and who may have left the school, we have no way of finalizing our class organization.

Providing that our numbers are consistent with our end of June organization, our hope is that students in grades 1 - 5 should be able to attend their assigned regular classroom sometime during on day 3 (Wednesday). In the event that our population has dropped significantly, a reorganization process will begin that may delay classroom assignments until day 4 or 5. Regardless of the situation, we will keep you informed about what is happening through the process.

Day 3 Wednesday, 24 September (9:00 - 3:00)

Students return to last year's classroom again. **Regular school hours are in effect 9:00 - 3:00.** Students will need a recess snack and lunch.*

Our hope is that students will move to their new assigned classroom sometime in the afternoon. Should this occur, we will send students back to the classroom where they started their day so that parents will know where to find their child at dismissal time. We will keep parents informed of this process once our enrollment is finalized.

Day 4 Thursday, 25 September

Students arrive at their new assigned classroom and attend regular school hours.

***Please note that our SD 43 Lunch program is not scheduled to resume until the first week of October. Those order forms will be posted on our web site today and orders are due to the school office by 9am, Thursday, September 25th.**

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