

Good morning Rhodes parents!

We are off to a wonderful start this year! It has truly been so great to see our students back in the building, and to see their smiles and energy every day. We have such a respectful group of students and families in the Rhodes community, and there is evidence of that every single day. This week we have had every student spend 30 minutes walking around to SEL (Social Emotional Learning) stations, where we teach them how to show Respect to Yourself, Others, Learning and the Environment in different parts of the building. We continue to value the importance of teaching the whole child!

I have a few notes for everyone as we wrap up week one and head into week 2:

-For our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, sports tryouts start next week! Girls Softball tryouts are Monday, August 22nd from 2:45-4:30. Boys Softball tryouts are Tuesday, August 23rd from 2:45-4:30. Cross Country has an informational meeting on Monday, August 22nd from 3:00-3:30. There will be buses for our Melrose Park students after each one of these events. Please encourage your child to try out, as playing sports keeps them healthy and focused on being successful academically!

-Starting Monday, Kindergarten drop-off is moving from Door 2 to Door 3, which is where you pick your child up every day after school. This will allow all of our students to enter the building in a quicker fashion.

-Also starting Monday, all parents must remain off the grass area where our 1st-5th grade students play before school. This will allow us to start transitioning students more successfully in the morning. We appreciate your cooperation with this every morning.

-We have had some parents driving into the back parking lot behind school and dropping off their children. The back parking lot is for staff and buses only. Please do not use this as a space to drop off your children as it is not secure or supervised by staff. We have a drop-off zone in the front of the building, and students can then enter through Door 1 or walk down the alley to Door 8. Thank you for your cooperation!

-We have exciting news about the musical! This year's musical will be...The Little Mermaid! We are so excited to have our students spend the next few months preparing for what we know will be an amazing show! Tryouts will be coming up soon, and the musical will be on November 4th and November 5th!

-We will have Open Houses for each grade level at the end of this month. The dates are:

-August 29 for Kindergarten and 1st Grade (6:30-7:30)

-August 30 for 2nd and 3rd Grade (6:30-7:30)

-August 31 for 4th and 5th (6:30-7:30)

-September 1 for 6th, 7th and 8th (6:30-8:00)

Thank you for all you continue to do to support Rhodes, our staff and your children. We could not do it without you. We are so proud of your children, and we will have news over the next weeks and months about several fun and exciting events for families and students. Stay tuned, and have a great weekend!