

ROLLING GREEN SCHOOL
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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome!! One definition of being GREAT is to do good things over and over and over. Rolling Green School intends on having a GREAT year and we want to start on Day #1 and continue to do good things day after day after day. Below are all those reminders of ways we want this school year. We hope all of you have had a good summer and are also ready to go!!!!

We are scheduled to start school on **MONDAY, AUGUST 25** with a half day. **AUGUST 26** will be the first full day.

AUGUST REGISTRATION – on **Tuesday, August 12 (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and Wednesday, August 13 (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM)**. Please come during that time to complete this year's paperwork, pay for fees, find out your child's classroom and teacher, and get other information on the coming school year. Registration will be in the Muhl gym on Tuesday and in the Main Office on Wednesday. Please enter the building through Door A or B. All other doors will be locked. The materials fee for this year is \$70.00 per child. Waiver forms are available to those who qualify for free lunch or for those who have extraordinary circumstances that need to be considered. Please realize that **this entire** fee **stays** at Rolling Green. We need your fee to buy materials for **your** kids. The district does send delinquent accounts to a collection agency. Please do **not** neglect this.

SUPPLIES – We offered supply kits last May and these will be distributed at registration.

Besides the kits, we will only have those items that you can **ONLY** purchase here. The supply lists are included in this mailing.

REMINDERS ABOUT SUPPLIES: Put your child's name on everything!!

No Trapper-Keepers (Save your money!)

In purchasing folders and spirals – buy each one in a different color

Purchase only Crayola or Prang markers – the rest dry out too quickly

Only "wide-lined" paper (NOT college-ruled)

Please sharpen all pencils at home before the first day.

Box of Kleenex should be a larger size. These are for everyone in the classroom

Gym shoes must remain at school – an older, smaller, cheaper pair is fine. No backless or platforms.

ALL students need a backpack or school bag

THINGS TO BRING TO REGISTRATION – Remember that you will need a couple of checks for the materials fee and for any supplies if you wish them (they need to be separate checks). Remember too that we need

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS – people we can contact during the school hours if you are not available.

These numbers are very important to us!! Bring these along with you if at all possible.

HELP AT REGISTRATION - We appreciate any parent volunteers to help at the various stations at registration. Give us a call if you can help for an hour or two. Again, just give the office a call if you can help.

PTO – is a very important part of our school. PTO reps will be at registration to give you information about ways you can help. By coming to registration, you will start to earn your **Rolling Green P.I.N.** (Parents Involved Network). Registration is a **MANDATORY EVENT**. We will be making a few changes in the criteria for the PIN awards. Come see how you can win this award and help your school at the same time!!!

EMAIL & Website - You can contact us via email!! Our address is: rollinggreen@rps205.com

To get to the Rolling Green website, go to the district site (www.rps205.com), click on the words "School Sites" then click on "Rolling Green." Check it out. If you have suggestions of things to add to the site, let us know.

HEALTH EXAMS / IMMUNIZATIONS – All children entering Kindergarten, and some Special Education students **MUST** have a physical exam and updated shot records. If you need more information about these requirements, or where you might get the requirement met with little or no cost, just call the school office.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM – Rolling Green will be one of the many schools offering a breakfast program. We will continue to do this during the opening minutes of class each day (9:00 to 9:15). Students who come to school late will miss breakfast.

OPEN HOUSE / PARENT ORIENTATION – THURSDAY SEPT. 11 – Parent Orientation will be on Thursday, September 11 at 5:30 for Gr PreK, K, 1. Next session - 6:15 for Gr. 2,3. Final session - 7:00 for Gr. 4,5. Mark your calendar!! Parent Involvement is **extremely** important. Rolling Green staff will be setting aside this time early in the school year to meet with you, explain their expectations and make **you** a big part of your child's school success. We ask that you set aside that time to come view the school & meet the teachers. Please note that this evening is for parents only – please make arrangements for your children to stay home. Remember that Orientation is also a **MANDATORY event**.

OFFICE OPEN – The school office will open starting Monday, August 4 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. If you have any questions, please give us a call. If you are stopping by, please avoid the 11:30 – 12:30 lunch time slot. If your children will **NOT** be attending Rolling Green this year, be sure to call us with that too! Remember that all changes in schools or new registration must go through the Family Resource Center first. If you will be out of town on Aug 12 or Aug 13, please call the office to set up an alternate time to register.

SCHOOL HOURS – will be the same as last year. School starts at 9:00 and we dismiss at 3:10.

MANDATORY HOMEWORK – We hope all of you are aware that Rolling Green has a mandatory homework policy for all its students. Each Monday through Thursday, you can expect your child to have schoolwork to do at home. Plan that routine into your family life. You can also read more about this in the Parent Handbook.

PARENT SIGNATURES - Several permission slips (swimming, Internet, etc.) will be available that we need signed for the school year. We also have a paper detailing some of the parent responsibilities that we feel are important for Rolling Green parents to be aware of. This will be one of the stations at registration. Be aware that **ONLY** parents have the ability to sign unless someone else has guardianship. We value our grandparents/aunts & uncles, but **ONLY** parents and legal guardians can sign.

DRESS CODE – The district has a set of dress code guidelines which are in the District Handbook, but I will repeat here:

- Hats, head covering, jackets, coats, and gloves are NOT worn IN school
- Students will wear shoes
- Students' clothing will cover undergarments and bare midriffs
- Garments depicting alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs will NOT be worn at school or on a school bus
- Garments with messages or symbols that include obscenity, derogatory language, sexual innuendo, gang affiliation, or occult reference will NOT be worn at school or on a school bus

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- **NO flip-flops.** Technically sandals are also not allowed but those with a back that support the foot and do not fall off during play or running will be permitted in hot weather.
- I usually tell the kids that I don't want to see your underwear or your belly-button!!
- **No T-shirt with slogans that are rude and disrespectful.** Sometimes people think these are "cute," but if you take them at face value, they are disrespectful. Please be aware of this.

BOOK SALE – During registration a group of parents and staff will be holding a Book Sale in the Art Room. The money from this sale will be given to the family of Sydney Ives. Sydney is a Rolling Green student who is battling a brain tumor. We welcome any donations you wish to make. You can bring those to school anytime. And we hope you also browse during Registration and make a few purchases.

See you soon!
Ken Held
Principal