

# Rushford-Peterson *Schools*

2018-2019

**Back to School**



*“Always Our Best”*





## 2018-2019 DISTRICT CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2018

- 27 NEW TEACHER WORKSHOP
- 28 TEACHER WORKSHOP
- 29 TEACHER WORKSHOP
- OPEN HOUSE 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### OCTOBER 2018

- 18 FALL BREAK BEGINS
- \* EDUCATION MN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE
- 22 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 29 EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:50 P.M.
- PARENT-TEACHER CONF.
- 1:00-4:00 P.M. & 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 21 THANKSGIVING BREAK BEGINS
- 26 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 29 END OF 1ST TRIMESTER - 58 DAYS
- 30 TEACHER WORKSHOP - NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER 2018

- 24 WINTER VACATION BEGINS

### JANUARY 2019

- 2 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 24 EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:50 P.M.
- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 1:00-4:00 P.M. & 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

### FEBRUARY 2019

- 22 WINTER BREAK DAY—NO SCHOOL

### MARCH 2019

- 1 END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER - 57 DAYS
- 4 TEACHER WORKSHOP - NO SCHOOL
- 29 TEACHER WORKSHOP - NO SCHOOL

### APRIL 2019

- 18 EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:50 P.M.
- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 1:00-4:00 P.M. & 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.
- 19 SPRING BREAK BEGINS
- 23 SCHOOL RESUMES

### MAY 2019

- 26 COMMENCEMENT @ 1:30 P.M.
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL
- 30 END OF 3RD TRIMESTER - 59 DAYS
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 31 TEACHER WORKSHOP - NO SCHOOL

- 174 STUDENT CONTACT DAYS
- 182 TEACHER CONTRACT DAYS



# Rushford-Peterson Schools

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*Vision: Empowering All for Lifelong Learning*  
*Mission: Creating an educational community where learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.*

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Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings begin at 5:30 P.M. and are held in the Forum Room.

### Fall 2018 Board Meeting Dates

Monday, September 17, 2018  
Monday, October 15, 2018  
Monday, November 19, 2018

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# Back to School Open House

August 29<sup>th</sup>  
4-7 P.M.

All students and  
parents are invited  
to come tour the  
building and meet  
their teachers!

## Transportation

We are pleased to announce our transportation program with Bernard Bus Service, Inc. We are confident that we will have great service from Bernard Bus Service. We appreciate their safety mindedness and services that they will provide our students, families and school district.

*If you are new to riding the school bus along with students that are new or have moved into the district, you will need to have a new transportation form completed. The online form is located on our website at [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com).*



## MS/HS Student-Parent Handbooks

Handbooks containing Rushford-Peterson student policies will be available online the first week of school. Parents will be required to sign a signature form that they have read the handbook. Paper copies will be available at Open House if needed. If there are any questions regarding the policies, please contact the respective principal for clarification.

## Parent/Student Registration Information:

Start the year off with less stress and hassle on Open House Night by completing all of the necessary paperwork online!

Rushford-Peterson Schools is paperless again this year! Student information will be collected through JMC Online Registration. Parents will be required to update their child's demographic information online.

Computers will be available at open house along with staff to assist you with this new change. New students and kindergarten students will need to fill out the paper form for our files.



At Open House, we will have the Elementary Handbook form and Kindergarten Snack/Milk Break form for you to fill out. The fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten Snack Annual fee: \$50
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Milk Break fee: \$27.50/semester or \$55 for the school year

Please be prepared to complete and return the handbook form and milk break information at Open House along with payment to either the main office or to your child's teacher. If you would like to fill out the forms before Open House, you may do so online at [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com) on the homepage. All fees can be paid online also. Click on the eStore option (located on the left hand side of the homepage) to make an online payment. We look forward to seeing you and your child at Open House on August 29<sup>th</sup>!

*If you have any questions, please call Keela or Holly @ 507-864-7785*

## Breakfast/Lunch Account Policy

We are encouraging our parents to abide by our breakfast/lunch account balance policy. The policy is not to exceed a \$5.00 deficit in your account. Online payments are accepted. When account balances are more than \$30, notices will be sent monthly, the third notice will inform the parent that the account will be sent to the collection agency unless payment is received or arrangements are made with the District Office.

*Weekly balance notices will be sent out via email to all parents to assist you in maintaining a positive fund balance in your account. If you do not have access to, or would like a paper notice sent home with your student, please contact your school administrative assistant.*

## School Pictures

Ross Himlie Photography will be providing this service to our district for grades K-11. Mark your calendars:

September 18: Early Childhood-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
September 19: Early Childhood & 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
September 20: Early Childhood & MS  
September 21: High School



**NEED ASSISTANCE  
OBTAINING SCHOOL SUPPLIES?**  
*For families in need of assistance with obtaining supplies, please contact Keela Hoskins @ 507-864-7785*

*\*If you would like to donate school supplies, please drop them off at the District Office.*

## Free/Reduced Meals

Rushford-Peterson Schools strongly encourages all families to complete this application and return it to school! **Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts. All Kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts.** This program provides a multitude of opportunities for our school district to receive financial assistance. Therefore, it's in the best interest of our families and school district to have all families (who meet the income guidelines) complete this form. This form is found within this newsletter, online or if you need a copy of the application, contact your school administrative assistant.

*Please return the form as soon as possible. Benefits begin on the date the application is received.*

# R-P Elementary School Supply List

**KINDERGARTEN:** The following are supplies that your child will need. Because many supplies will be shared, it is important that all the children have the same type of supplies. Please try to provide exactly what is listed below.

**The following supplies will be pooled and shared:**

- Crayons: 3 boxes, regular size, package of 16
- Crayola Markers: Box of 8 washable primary colors
- Pencils: 12 count, basic yellow, #2
- Glue Sticks: 4 Elmer's jumbo size
- Kleenex: 2 large boxes
- Playdough: 1 box of 4
- Sanitizing Wipes: 1 container (ex. Lysol, Clorox, any other brand)
- White Board Markers: 1 box of 4 – red, blue, green, black

**The following supplies are items your child will use individually.**

- Backpack: Zippered and large enough to carry library books and school Friday Folder
- Poly Folders: (plastic) any color
- 2 Spiral, single subject notebooks
- Safety Scissor: One blunt tip safety scissor; "Fiskar" brand recommended
- Tennis Shoes: Tennis shoes must be worn for Phy. Ed.
- Watercolor paints: 8 basic colors in a plastic set w/brush

**Please mark these items with your child's name.**

**GRADE 1:** Backpack, crayon/pencil bag or box, crayons, classic markers, 4 dry erase markers, 2 pink standard erasers, 6 or more glue sticks, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 3 folders, #2 pencils (pack of 24), 1 1-inch binder, 1 container of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand), scissor (Fiskar's blunt tip), tennis shoes.

**GRADE 2:** Backpack, colored pencils, crayon/pencil bag or box, crayons, 4 dry erase markers, erasers, 1 folder, 2 bottles Elmer's white glue, 2 glue sticks, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, markers, 3 notebooks (wide-lined, single subject, spiral), #2 pencils, 1 container of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand), scissor (Fiskar's blunt tip), tennis shoes.

**GRADE 3:** Backpack, crayon/pencil bag (not box), crayons, 4 dry erase markers, 2 standard pink erasers, colored pencils, 5 folders, 1 bottle Elmer's white glue, 3 glue sticks, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, markers, 3 notebooks (wide-lined, single subject, spiral), pencils, ruler, 2 containers of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand), scissor (Fiskar's blunt tip), tennis shoes, TRAPPER KEEPER'S ARE NOT RECOMMENDED (they do not fit in the desks.) NO pencil sharpeners please.

**GRADE 4:** Backpack, crayons, 4 dry erase markers, erasers, 6 folders, 1 bottle Elmer's white glue, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, markers, 6 notebooks (wide-lined, single subject, spiral) and extra paper as needed, 1 roll of paper towels, #2 pencils, 2 glue sticks, erasers, ruler, 1 container of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand), scissor (Fiskar's blunt tip), tennis shoes, TRAPPER KEEPER'S ARE NOT RECOMMENDED (they do not fit in the desks) and NO MECHANICAL PENCILS please.

**GRADE 5:** Backpack, tennis shoes, 4 notebooks (wide-lined, single, spiral), 4 folders, pencils, an eraser, 2 red correcting pens, ruler (metric/standard), inexpensive calculator, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 1 container of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand), No trapper keepers or pencil boxes please.

# R-P Middle/High School Supply List

**GRADE 6:** Math – TI Calculator—TI 83 or higher, colored pocket folders for each class (5), notebooks (5), wide lined paper, pencils, colored pencils, markers, scissors, red correcting pen, glue or glue stick, ruled – 3 x 5 index cards (2 pkgs), blue or black ink pens, highlighters, pencil pocket, erasers, 4 dry erase markers, markers, 2 boxes of Kleenex, 1 container of sanitizing wipes (ex. Lysol, Clorox, or another brand).

**GRADE 7:** Math – TI Calculator—TI 83 or higher, notebooks – college ruled, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens & pencils, red correcting pen. English/Language Arts- ruled-3X5 index cards (1 pkg), blue or black ink pens/pencils (preferably not mechanical), 2 or more highlighters, post-it or sticky notes (2x3 or 3x3 work best), 3-ring binder for loose-leaf paper (with no ragged edges), 8 tabs/separators for organizing the 3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, college-ruled, 150 sheets OR notebook paper that can be taken out without ragged edges, 1 glue stick. Science- notebooks, folders, pencils. World Geography- non-spiral notebooks, colored pencils, pencils/erasers, pen, 12" ruler, 3" x 5" index cards. Reading- 2 or more highlighters, notebook & folder, pens/pencils, 2 boxes of Kleenex.

**GRADE 8:** Math- TI Calculator—TI 83 or higher, notebooks – college ruled, loose leaf paper, erasers, pens & pencils, red correcting pen. English- ruled, 3X5 index cards (1 pkg), pencils or blue or black ink pens (preferably not mechanical), 2 or more highlighters, post-it or sticky notes (2x3 or 3x3 work best), 3-ring binder for loose-leaf paper (with no ragged edges), 8 tabs/ separators for organizing the 3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, college-ruled, 150 sheets OR notebook paper that can be taken out without ragged edges, 1 glue stick. Science- notebooks, folders, pencils. American History- non-spiral notebooks, colored pencils, pencils/erasers, pen, 12" ruler, 3" x 5" index cards. Reading- 2 or more highlighters, notebook & folder, pens/ pencils, 2 boxes of Kleenex.

**GRADE 9:** TI-84 Calculator

**PHY ED:** Tennis shoes & shorts or appropriate clothing for the weather.

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# Lille By Preschool Supply List

2 – 6 Pack Glue Sticks (total of 12)

1 – Plastic Coated Folder

1 – Box of Crayons (3/4 and Blended Class Only)

1 – Spiral Notebook, (3/4 & Blended Class Only)

2 – Spiral Notebooks (4/5 Class Only)

1 – 8 Pack **Washable** Primary Color Markers (4/5 Class Only)

1 – Box of Kleenex (3/4 year old class and Blended class only)

1 – Container of Disinfectant Wipes

1 – Roll of Paper Towels

1 – Pair of Velcro tennis shoes to be worn daily for school

1 – School Size Backpack: big enough to carry notebook, folder and change of clothes.



# The Start of the New School Year

by Chuck Ehler, Superintendent



It's hard to believe that just a year ago we were making the move into the new school. Last year was a year of "firsts"! Everything we did was for the first time in the new building. Thanks to everyone's

cooperation and assistance, we managed to keep things on track and to enjoy and embrace the school year in our new surroundings.

I commend our students, staff and community for embracing our new school. Everyone showed a great deal of pride and were respectful of the new school. There was a sense of satisfaction in knowing that our students continue to be worth the sacrifices that were made over the years to provide this state-of-the-art building.

We have been steadily working to complete all of the various little things with the new building. Wieser Brother's and ATS&R have been great to work with and in helping us address and finalize the completion of our new school.

The construction of the new fields (two softball, practice football and soccer), were delayed due to the rainy conditions in June. Winona Nursery is doing the work and we are pleased to have them assisting us with the construction of these fields. They will be a great addition to our athletic complex and school district.

I am indebted to everyone for embracing our new school and for your ongoing and continuous support of our school.

New Initiatives for 2018 -19: Each school year provides us the opportunity to embrace some new initiatives and programs. This year will be no different as we continue to offer expanded opportunities in our Early Childhood Programs for our young learners. We welcome Tracy Agrimson, as our Early Childhood Special Education teacher. She will provide the assistance and teaching to meet the special needs of our young learners. Our elementary teachers will be embracing a new Reading Series. The Middle School will be continuing their efforts to improve upon the course offerings and programs. In the High School areas, we have revamped our Agriculture and Career Technical Education Programs. We look forward to Mr. Colby Lind providing the leadership of our agriculture courses and his continued leadership of the FFA Program. Mr. Jackson King will be our new Industrial Tech Instructor. He will be providing our students with his skills as a metals and fabrication designer and engineer. Mr. Joel Hinke will assist us in implementing a business program and course offerings. Mrs. Erin Thompson will be assisting us in implementing an in-school program to assist students in maintaining their credits and staying on track to graduate.

We will do our best to assist our students with the transitions into these new programs, routines and with their daily schedules.

We look forward to a productive partnership with our parents to ensure their children strive to reach their fullest potential. We know that engaging parents and forming a cohesive partnership can and will make a difference in your child's education. We recognize and value parental involvement and it is crucial to work together in a collaborative and cooperative manner. We share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will strive to live up to our school motto; "Always Our Best!"

On behalf of all our staff, welcome back! The new school year will be full of enthusiasm, excitement and lots of wonderful learning opportunities.

#### New Employees & Assignments:

We have a few changes with our staff this year and we welcome our new additions to our school family.

#### New additions:

- Early Childhood Special Education: Mrs. Tracy Agrimson
- Third Grade: Ms. Sydney Huntley & Ms. Hannah Pape
- Fourth Grade: Mrs. Meredith Johnson & Mr. Jonathan Theuer
- Vocal Music: Mr. Ben Mahlke
- Industrial Tech: Jackson King
- Business: Joel Hinke

#### New Assignments:

- Elementary Special Education - Ms. Carissa Breuer
- 3-5 Math and Reading Interventionist - Ms. Tami Tinderholt
- MS Math: Mr. Jake Dahl
- HS Math: Mr. Joe Hatch
- VoAG: Mr. Colby Lind

#### Long-Term Substitutes:

- Speech & Language: Joyce Robles-Carpenter
- Middle School Math - Wendy Feldmeier

Our teachers participated in a variety of trainings and staff development activities throughout the summer. They are excited and eagerly look forward to a positive and productive school year.

#### Administrative Assignments for 2018-19 school year:

- Mr. Chuck Ehler: Superintendent
- Mrs. Angela Olstad- Shepard: ECSE & Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- Mr. Jake Timm: MS and HS Principal
- Mrs. Lisa Lawston: Community Education Program Director
- Mr. Dan Bieberdorf - Technology Integrationist & Activities Director

#### School Websites - Forms:

We have updated all of our forms and will ask you to contact us if you are not able to access any of the information you may need for the start and throughout the school year.

We have a number of new formats and ways to complete the necessary school forms. Again, please be sure to check our website for instructions.

#### Educational Benefits Form (Free/Reduced Meals):

We are encouraging all of our families to complete this form by as soon as possible. This is an extremely important form because it not only provides meal benefits for families that qualify but it's also the number that is used to secure State and Federal dollars.

It is crucial and imperative for our school district to secure the additional funds that we are eligible and qualify for through the State and Federally funded programs. Please complete the form and turn it into your child's Principal's Office by Tuesday, September 4. Thank you! We appreciate your assistance and cooperation!

I invite and encourage you to take an interest, get involved and support your children and our school district. We are truly blessed with a great school family atmosphere and learning environment. Please assist us in providing a welcoming and nurturing school environment. Our students, staff, parents and community members value and support education!

I look forward to seeing you at the Open House on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Have an enjoyable remainder of the summer and embrace the new school year with the same excitement and enthusiasm of your children!

As a school district, we are committed to living by and up to our school motto: "Always Our Best!"



**Miss Maryellen Dean was recognized at the graduation ceremony in May in recognition of her retirement. Thank you for your 38 years of teaching with 37 of those years dedicated to Rushford-Peterson Schools!**

## Elementary News:



I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer vacation! We know that when the calendar turns to August, summer will soon end and the excitement of school begins to build for our students and families. Starting this fall, grades 1-5 will have a new reading series called "Reading Street". Thank you to the

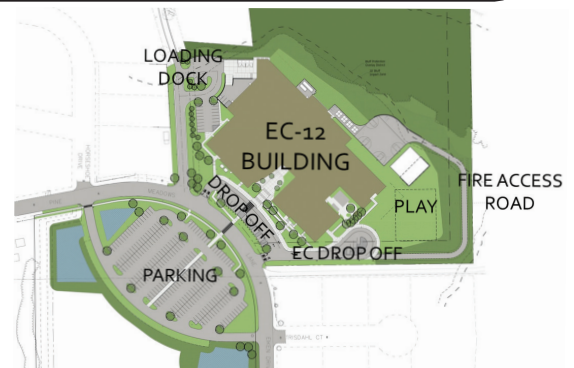
teachers for working on this new curriculum to be prepared to teach our students. We are excited to see what Reading Street offers our students to ensure their reading/language skills continue to grow. Thank you to the families for working with your children this summer and the continued support throughout the school year. Open House will be August 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00-

7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing everyone to answer questions, meet the teachers and get their classroom supplies organized in the rooms. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, questions or ideas to share. We appreciate your continued support as we start another exciting year at Rushford-Peterson!!

*Angela Shepard, Elementary Principal*

## Bus and Parent Drop off and Pick Up Information

The bus drop off locations along with parent drop off/pick up locations are clearly marked with signs. The bus drop off will be in the front of the building. Parent drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon will be in the Early Childhood Drop Off location. Please be prepared to follow the one-way signs and directions from our crossing guards as we all transition back to school!



## Middle School & High School News:



As summer winds down, the excitement of another school year is right around the corner. We are looking forward to another year at R-P

Schools and hope you and your children had a wonderful summer filled with many memories. Please take a moment to read the below information in regards to orientation sessions, our 1:1 technology program and calculators needed for math classes.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual open house 4-7 P.M. for parents and students to pick up schedules, tour the building, and find their lockers. In addition, there will be an orientation session at 6 P.M. for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders and new middle school students, and one at 6:30 P.M. for all freshman, new high school students and foreign exchange students.

Parents are encouraged to attend these with their children.

We are continuing our 1:1 Chromebook program for the coming year and are expanding it to all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The following will be the four options for students to get devices in their hands to utilize during the school day; 1) Buy at a reduced rate from Best Buy (for 6<sup>th</sup> grade families, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade that did not take part in the program and also new families), 2) Lease a Chromebook from R-P schools, 3) There will be a limited number of Chromebooks available to check out on a weekly basis from the library and 4) Bring your own device from home. Again, the ultimate goal of this program is to allow students access to a device on a daily basis.

Calculators are an important part of our middle and high school

*Jake Timm, Middle & High School Principal*

curriculum. The calculators that our math department recommends are a Ti-83 or Ti-84. It is to each student's advantage to have their own calculator as they will be used in all math classes through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We do have some calculators in the room that are available to use, but they do not leave the room. There are graphing calculator applications that are available for smartphones or Chromebook extensions as well that some students have downloaded and used with success in the past. If you have questions in regards to the best fit for your student, please let us know.

I look forward to filling our building with students again and making memories. Let's make this a wonderful year, and please never hesitate to contact us with questions about your child's education.

TROJAN PRIDE!

## COLLEGE VISITS

Juniors and Seniors are allowed to take college visits. All college visits must be prearranged with the guidance office.

### 2018 COLLEGE FAIRS

#### **MN National College Fair @ Minneapolis**

**Convention Center;**

October 24: 9 A.M.-12 P.M.; 5-8 P.M.

October 25: 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

#### **Minneapolis Performing and Visual Arts Fair**

**@ U of M, Twin Cities:** October 9: 7-9 P.M.

#### **MN Education Fair @ University Center,**

**Rochester:** October 25: 9-10:30 A.M.

#### **Mayo Clinic Health Career Festival @ RCTC**

**Field House:** October 9: 8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.



### COLLEGE TESTING

#### 2018-19 ACT Testing Dates

September 9: Register by August 4

October 28: Register by September 22

December 9: Register by November 3

February 10: Register by January 12

April 13: Register by March 8

June 8: Register by May 3

**PSAT:** Open to interested Juniors. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and provides standardized test experience. This will be given on October 10.

## Drivers Education

R-P Schools has hired two independent driving schools, Southeast School of Driving and Turning Point Driving School to provide Drivers Education opportunities to students. Information regarding classes will be in the daily announcements and on the R-P Schools website. For more information, please contact Dan Bieberdorf at 507-450-1314 or Jake Dahl at 507-450-4975.

## Junior Class Dues

Junior dues are \$10.00 and due to Cheri Vix as soon as possible. The dues are used for junior and senior class expenses.

## Junior Class Fundraisers

The Junior class will be starting their **MAGAZINE SALES** the first day of school. If you are interested in ordering or renewing what you currently receive, contact your favorite junior to subscribe. If you are not contacted and would like to purchase or renew magazines, please call Cheri Vix at the R-P High School at 507-864-7786.

## Partners in Education

Rushford-Peterson Partners In Education (P.I.E.) awarded over \$9,000.00 in Mini Grants to R-P staff in May of 2018. These grants will allow teachers to implement innovative ideas as well as to add and compliment ongoing educational programs. P.I.E. is fortunate to have community members that choose to sponsor Mini Grants.

On Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> the students of R-P Elementary School will kick off the Chip Shoppe/Cherrydale Fundraiser. Orders will be due back to the school on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and delivery will be on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Over the past five years, this particular fundraiser has raised over \$83,000 for the R-P school district. The money raised from the fundraiser is made available in the form of Mini Grants for educational purposes.

## Cans for Kids

Recycle aluminum cans in the cage located on the northeast corner of the Rushford Mall. Use the east alley entrance of the Rushford Mall for drop offs.



## R-P Backpack Program

The backpack program provides four meals for Saturday and Sunday each week to children in need on a weekly basis. Backpacks will contain food for children in grades K-12. The kick-off for the program will begin October 5, 2018 through May 24, 2019. We have partnered with the Channel One Food Program in Rochester, MN.



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** *Financially:* the cost for food is \$3/backpack. Organizations or individuals may donate to this cause. (Sponsor a backpack for the year: 32 weeks x \$3 = \$96, Sponsor a week of giving: \$90 - \$120 per week.)

**TIME:** Volunteers are needed on Wednesday afternoon/evenings to help assemble the backpacks. Consider donating your time to this effort! For more information, please contact: Chuck Ehler at Rushford-Peterson schools or by calling 507-864-7786.



# 2018 Fall Activity Season

by Dan Bieberdorf, Activities Director



I am very excited to be starting my sixth year as the Activities Director at Rushford-Peterson Schools. While I hope that you all are having a safe and enjoyable

summer, we have been busy finalizing the preparation for the upcoming fall sports season at Rushford-Peterson. Rather than having separate seasonal meetings, we will be having one large Parent and Student Eligibility Night for all students and parents that are planning to participate in any sport during the 2018-19 school year. This has been set for Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and all students planning to participate in an athletic sport need to attend. This will include a discussion on the necessary forms and fees that need to be completed, and also a time for the parents and athletes to talk with the coaches after the meeting. Rather than having separate meetings, all students in grades 7-12 and their parents will be meeting in the Auditorium at 6:30 P.M. All eligibility forms can be completed online, and participation fees can also be paid online or in person. A link to the forms and information are currently available on the Rushford-Peterson website, and more information will be available at the meeting. Please contact Dan Bieberdorf at 507-864-7786 ext. 1012 or danbieberdorf@r-pschools.com if you are unable to attend this meeting.

The following starting dates for fall sports have been set by the MSHSL and Rushford-Peterson Schools. Football and volleyball for grades 9-12 will begin practices on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, while students in grades 7 and 8 will start football and volleyball practices on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. All football and volleyball practices will be in Rushford this year. Students in grades 7-12 interested in cross country running are scheduled to begin practice Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> as well. Rushford-Peterson shares a cross country program with Lewiston-Altura, with Lewiston-Altura being the host school. The Lewiston-Altura coaches will be contacting past Rushford-Peterson participants about practice times and program participation, and schedules will be available at the Eligibility Meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder! All forms and user fees must be taken care of before athletes are allowed to practice!**

## Immunizations

Please don't forget, students starting Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have a documented case of the Chicken Pox disease or have received the Varicella Vaccine prior to the first day of classes this year, due to the 2004 Minnesota State Immunization Laws. 7<sup>th</sup> graders must also have a record of receiving 5 Tetanus (DT, Dtap), 4 polios, 3-Hepatitis B, 2 MMRs, and 1 Varicella Vaccine (or documented case of the Chicken Pox disease). All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a second MMR booster before school starts. Also ALL students need to have received a TD by the age of 11 or later.

EFFECTIVE Sept. 1, 2014, meningitis vaccinations or the MCV4 is required for MN 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Consent forms are available in the school office. If your child is a kindergartner please check with the elementary office to make sure his/her immunizations are up to date for starting school.

## Physical Exams

The R-P Schools' policy on athletic physicals require a physical exam once every three years. When having your physical, please remember that a copy of the Sports Qualifying Physical Exam Form from the MSHSL must be turned in to the school. It must be signed by both parents and athlete. These forms are available at most of the local health care facilities that offer sports physicals, but they are also available to download on the school website (under Activities/Forms-Eligibility).

## Transportation to School Sponsored Activities

Students representing the R-P School District on away trips for athletics, music, FFA, Speech, Drama, etc. MUST use the transportation provided by the school. NO student will be allowed to drive a car and participate in an event. Students will also be required to use the school transportation in returning from an event. Exceptions are noted in the Student Handbook.

## Participation Requirements for Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Physical signed by a physician within the last three years
- Athletic Eligibility Statement signed by student and parent
- Parent's Permit and Health Questionnaire signed by parent
- R-P Social Media Guidelines
- Insurance form or waiver signed by parent
- R-P Athletic Department Medical Information
- User fee paid-\$250 Family Cap Athletics: \$60/sport grades 9-12  
\$35/sport grades 7-8  
Non-Athletics: \$35/activity grades 7-12

*Non-athletic activities are Speech, One Act Play, and Fall Dance*

## Fall Coaching Staff

### FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Davin Thompson  
Assistant Coaches: Chris Drinkall, Joe Hatch, Jake Timm  
7-8 Coaches: Jeremy Tesch, Jordan Aug, Cole Kingsley

### VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Nikki Schultz  
B Team: Amy Drinkall  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach: Brooke Schilling  
7-8 Coaches: Jade Pelzl, Jenny Helgemoe

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Head Coach: Matt Kingsbury

### FALL DANCE LINE

Head Coach: Lauri Bauer

## Season Tickets

Season tickets to all athletic events are available at the high school principal's office beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$80 for adults, \$40 for students and \$180 for family. Admission prices to all athletic events are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

## Senior Citizen Athletic Passes

Senior citizens living in the Rushford-Peterson School District (age 62 or older) must stop in the high school office for their complimentary pass. Senior citizen athletic passes are for R-P school sponsored activities only. Any post-season tournament play at R-P is not included in the pass.

***Tickets will go on sale on August 20<sup>th</sup> in the R-P School Office!***



# Independent School District #239

1000 Pine Meadows Lane, P.O. Box 627, Rushford, MN 55971

(507) 864-7785

[www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com)



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$1.55; 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$1.60; Lunch costs: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$2.30; 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$2.40. Milk: \$.45.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. **A new application must be submitted each year.** At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students receive breakfasts at no charge.

**Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:**

R-P Schools, Attn: Laura Hahn, P.O. Box 627, Rushford, MN 55971

**Who can get free school meals?** Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Or children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions. To apply for full school meals, please complete The Application for Educational Benefits form.

**I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals?** Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance may be eligible for free school meals. Please fill out an application.

**Who should I include as household members?** Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

**May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

**What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

**Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

**How will the information be kept?** Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

**If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call 507-864-7785 ext.1003.

Sincerely,

Chuck Ehler, Superintendent

## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2018-19 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

**Maximum Total Income**

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Add for each additional person	7,992	666	333	308	154

### Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

### Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), write in your case number, check which program you participate in, and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3. WIC and Medical Assistance (M.A.) programs do not qualify for this purpose.

### Step 3: Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- List all adults living in the household (everyone not listed in Step 1) whether related or not, such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends. Include any adult who is temporarily away from home, like a student away at college. Attach another page if necessary.
- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received: each week, every other week, twice per month, or monthly.
- For farm or self-employment income only, list the net income per year or month after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
- Last four digits of Social Security number – An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.
- Regular incomes to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

**Step 4: Signature and Contact Information** An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step.

**Optional:** Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.





## 2018-19 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household. Please use pen (not a pencil).

**STEP 1:** List **ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students** up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

**Definition:** A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. Read How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits for more information.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last name	Birthdate	Grade	Foster Child
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

**STEP 2:** Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance **does not** qualify.

If **NO** > Go to STEP 3.      If **YES** > Enter Case Number  then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

**STEP 3:** Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

**A. Child Income**

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1.

Child Income	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)** List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before deductions or taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Are you sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for more information. "Sources of Income for Children" will help you with the Child Income section. "Sources of income for Adults" will help you with the ALL Adult household Members section.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work				Net income from Self-Employment	All Other Income such as SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on page two	Sources of Income								
	Monthly	2x Month	Bi-Weekly	Weekly			Monthly	Yearly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**C. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN)** of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member XXX-XX- Check if no SSN:  **Total Household Members** (Children and Adults) \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4:** Contact information and adult signature. Mail Completed Form To: (School/District Information) \_\_\_\_\_  
 "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

I have checked this box if I *do not* want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of adult

Today's Date

Street Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Apt#

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

**INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income**

**Sources of Income for Children**

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from work</li> <li>Social Security                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disability Payments</li> <li>Survivor's Benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>Income from person outside the household</li> <li>Income from any other source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security</li> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul>

**Sources of Income for Adults**

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes)</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>If you are in the U.S. Military:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash Assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income</li> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Disability benefits</li> <li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

**OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities**

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. **Ethnicity (check one):**  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race (check one or more):**  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

**The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering

**Do not fill out: For School Use Only**

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annualized	Household Size	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Determining Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

Selected for Verification – attach Verification Tracker

USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

**To file a program complaint of discrimination**, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form, (AD-3027) online at: <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410  
fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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# District Notifications

## Highly Qualified Teachers

As a parent of a student in the Rushford-Peterson School District, under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you have a right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. The No Child Left Behind Act gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers:

- Whether the State of Minnesota has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact Chuck Ehler at (507) 864-7785.

## Military Recruitment Opt Out

The No Child Left Behind Act requires school districts to release student names, addresses, and phone numbers to military recruiters upon their request. Military recruiters request student lists of high school juniors and seniors. If you would like to opt your junior or senior out of having their name released to recruiters, please return the following form to the high school office by September 14, 2018.

### Student Opt Out Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I request that this student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to Armed Forces, Military recruiters, and/or Military Schools.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**School Lunch Accounts:** Again this year lunch charges will be capped at \$5.00. As a reminder, on-line payment options are available on our website at [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com). All families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunches. This information is enclosed in the newsletter. Meal prices for 2018-2019 are as follows: Breakfast costs: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$1.55; 6-12<sup>th</sup>: \$1.60; Adults: \$2.55. Lunch costs: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$2.30; 6-12<sup>th</sup>: \$2.40; Adults: \$3.85. Extra Milk \$0.45. Other charges: Kindergarten Snack Fee \$50.00; Milk Break Charge (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) \$27.50/Semester or \$55/Year.

**Health and Accident Information:** The Rushford-Peterson School District does not provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by children at school. We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their children, prior to participation in any sports or school sponsored activity. Please review your present health and accident insurance program. The school is making available accident insurance through Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, MN. Questions about this plan may be directed to David Desch at Student Assurance Services, Inc., at 651-209-5990 or call toll free 1-800-293-6472. Forms and information will be available at the Sports information meetings, at the Parent/Student Open House and in the office throughout the year.

## Pesticide Notice

All Minnesota Schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents, or other pests as defined by the law (M.S. 123b.575, Subd. 9). In order to provide the required information, schools must maintain a list of parents/guardians and school employees who request notification. Schools must also provide information about individual pesticide applications upon request, including the name of pesticide procedure, and the time and location of the planned application. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the school office. Pesticides and non-chemical treatments may be used in combination in and around schools for a variety of reasons, including the control of pests which have the potential to bite, sting, spread disease, cause asthma, and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Pesticides may also be used to prevent or control damage to materials within the school building or to the school building itself, or to control pests or weeds that are seen as a nuisance. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their smaller size and rapid growth and development. Also their playful behavior may expose them to more pesticide residue. To limit the potential pesticide exposure, this school follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. To be notified about pest notifications, contact the R-P Schools, PO Box 627, Rushford, MN 55971 or call 507-864-7785.

## Lead-In-Water Annual Notice

MN Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the avail-

ability of the information. R-P School District has a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with MN Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the MN Dept. of Health (MDH). For more information on the district's lead in water testing program, please contact Chuck Ehler, Superintendent at 507-864-7785.

## NSF Checks & Past Due Accounts

Since September 1, 2014, all checks returned to the school due to non-sufficient funds (NSF) will be sent directly to a collection agency, the agency will charge a \$30 fee. Notices for unpaid accounts will be sent monthly, the third notice will inform the parent that the account will be sent to the collection agency unless payment is received or arrangements are made with the District Office.

## Indoor Air Quality

R-P Public Schools have developed an indoor air quality management plan for the district. The management plan addresses policies and procedures that will be used in the school to address indoor air quality issues. All plans are approved by the board through the approval of the health & safety policy required by MN Dept. of Ed. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality, or would like to use the EPA tools for Schools checklists, please contact the district indoor air quality coordinator at the District Office at (507) 864-7785.

## Minnesota Student Survey

R-P Schools will be conducting a MN Student Survey. As part of Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98) parents are allowed to review the survey and will be given the opportunity to elect not to allow their child to participate in the survey. More information regarding the survey will be available in late Fall. Please contact the

District office with any questions regarding the survey.

## Asbestos Notification

During the past school year and continuing into the 2018-19 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763-"Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice."

- 6-month Periodic Surveillance Inspection
- Asbestos Patch & Repair
- Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc)
- Training of District Personnel

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that asbestos-containing materials (ACM) be maintained in good condition, and left in-place whenever possible. Therefore, R-P Public Schools has limited its asbestos removal to areas where renovation or maintenance activities are planned. There was no asbestos abatement work completed during the summer of 2018. R-P Public Schools has contracted through the Southeast Service Cooperative with the Institute of Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services. The completed updated Asbestos Management Plan for the R-P Schools can be found in the District office. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page. Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to Charles Ehler or Dan Fitch with the Institute for Environmental Assessment at (507)281-6692.

## District Annual Report

The Annual Public Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement for the R-P School District will be available on the District's website [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com) after October 15, 2018.

# R-P Community Education

## Adult/Youth Enrichment Classes

### 55+ DRIVING CLASSES:

*Taught by MN Hwy Safety Center instructors*

The class will explore changes in laws, the latest vehicle technology, and provide you with easy-to-use defensive driving tips. *Pre-registration is required by calling MHSRC at 888-234-1294. All checks are to be made payable to MHSRC.*

**8 Hr Initial Course:** (1/2 hour lunch break on your own)

**Date:** Saturday, September 15

**Time:** 8:30 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Location:** R-P Forum Room

**Fee:** \$26 (checks made out to MHSRC)

**We will be offering 2 different dates for the 4 hour Refresher Course:**

**4 Hr Refresher Course:**

**Date:** Thursday, October 4

**Time:** 5:30-9:30 P.M.

**Date:** Monday, December 10

**Time:** 12:30-4:30 P.M.

**Location:** R-P Forum Room

**Fee:** \$22 (checks made out to MHSRC)

### EDUCATE YOURSELF WITH PRE-PLANNING

Gain knowledge for yourself, a parent, another family member or friend. We will teach you about our travel plan, BSI contracts, help you understand medical assistance rules, and have plenty of time to answer questions regarding funerals and cremation. This free program will include education, humor, as well as delicious pizza and refreshments. Every participant will receive a folder and hand outs to take home. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 10 @ 507-864-7771 or by email: info@hofffuneral.com to assist us with food planning.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 12

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** Hoff Funeral Home, Rushford

**Fee:** Free

### HEALING THROUGH HYPNOTHERAPY

**Healing Through Hypnotherapy part 1** (1 hour educational talk):

What is hypnotherapy? How does it work, and what does it feel like?

Come and learn about the science and myths behind hypnosis, discover how to tap into the full power of your mind, and realize that when you change your mind, you change your life.

**Healing Through Hypnotherapy part 2** (1 hour educational talk):

Emotional Mastery: Is our mood under our control, or are we victims to our genetics or our environment? What can we learn from our negative emotions, and how do we cultivate joy and peace? Come learn how to use your feelings as a guidance system and master your mood. Remember: What you think, you create. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you become.

**Healing Through Hypnotherapy part 3** (1 hour educational talk):

Trauma and Resilience: Trauma can leave us emotionally scarred for years. We store those memories of pain and trauma in our brain and our body. How do we heal, how do we overcome anxiety and depression, and how do we develop resilience? Come learn how to release fear and pain, open up to love, and grow strong.

**Date:** Thursdays, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8

**Time:** 6:30-7:30 P.M.

**Location:** R-P Forum Room

**Fee:** \$10/Talk

### BARRE EXERCISE CLASS

Total-body conditioning that integrates four training methods-Ballet & Dance Technique, Yoga Postures, Strength Training, and Cardio Bursts.

Students will work to improve posture and alignment, mobility, flexibility, balance, strength, and stability. No dance experience necessary. Good for beginner to advanced exercisers. Bring 2-3 lb hand weights. Minimum of 8 people needed to hold this class.

**Dates:** Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14 (no class on Oct. 31)

**Time:** 6:15-7:15 P.M.

**Location:** R-P School Dance Studio

**Fee:** \$38

**Instructor:** Sarah Ventura



### AUTUMN FESTIVAL: AN ARTS & CRAFTS AFFAIR

Canterbury Park, Shakopee MN

Enjoy a Festive Marketplace as you visit this Award Winning ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL! Featuring some of the Nation's Most Skilled Artisans and Craftspeople from all over the country, you'll see them display and sell their American made, handcrafted creations. From traditional to contemporary, the event showcases the finest selection of talents and innovative handcrafted works making these shows the ultimate "pop up shops" of the arts & crafts, industry. You'll find unique art, personalized gifts, jewelry, ornaments, home decor, whimsical & re-purposed works, clothing, children's items, purses, gourmet food and so much more! The last stop of the day will be Home Essential Boutique. Take in the displays of thousands of items to enhance your personal attire, home, cabin, and garden. Enjoy your free treat bag from this special boutique. *Registration deadline is October 12. No refunds after October 12, 2018.*

An itinerary will be sent to you approximately 1 week prior to the trip with all the specifics of our day.

**Date:** Thursday, November 8

**Time:** 8:30 A.M.-6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Winona Middle School

**Fee:** \$44

### CIRQUE DU SOLEIL - CORTEO

Target Center, Minneapolis MN

Corteo, the latest Cirque Du Soleil's production is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity. *Registration Deadline is Oct 5. NO REFUNDS AFTER Oct 5.* An itinerary will be sent to you approximately 1 week prior to the trip. Note: There will be limited concessions at the Target Center for this event, so please pack a lunch to eat on the bus.

**Date:** Sunday, November 11

**Time:** 9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

**Location:** Winona Middle School

**Fee:** \$79

### ELF THE MUSICAL

Ordway, St. Paul MN

*Join us for a Christmas production you will never forget at the Ordway!*

Elf The Musical is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. Seats are on the main mezzanine level! *Registration Deadline is Oct. 26. NO REFUNDS AFTER Oct. 26.* An itinerary will be sent to you approximately 1 week prior to the trip. Note: There will be limited concessions at this event, so please pack a lunch to eat on the bus.

**Date:** Saturday, December 15

**Time:** 10:45 A.M.-6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Winona Middle School

**Fee:** \$121



### MEET SARAH

Sarah Ventura is a group fitness instructor, yoga teacher, and Rapid Transformational Hypnotherapist based out of Winona, MN. She's passionate about mind and body health and dedicated to helping her students and clients reach their highest potential while having fun.



# R-P Community Education

## Youth Enrichment Classes

### YOUTH DANCE CLASSES (3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Dancers will be taught a combination of dance styles throughout the year including the technical aspects of ballet, the fluid movements of lyrical jazz, and the energy and sharpness of jazz. Emphasis will be on dance technique, musical timing, and stage presence as well as a comprehensive understanding of stage directions and performance etiquette. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis for each section. Every effort will be made to keep this schedule but adjustments may be made based on registration numbers for each section.

**Strength and Technique Class:** This class is for students grades 3 and up that want to take their progression in dance skills more seriously (students need to be also enrolled in their grade level class.) This class will give them an extra day of dance each week to focus solely on learning proper technique, building strength and advancing their skill level. *Need a minimum of 7.*

**Musical Theater Class:** This fun, class will dive into all of the aspects of musical theater performance: from stage direction and movement to character development, vocal strength and choreography. *Need a minimum of 7.*

Participants are asked to make a commitment to the entire year of dance, though payment will still be by session. There will be no formal December dance recitals. Instead, the first half of the year will be focused on building skills and strength. Family and friends are invited to an observation day on November 27 and 29. The second half of the year will focus on incorporating new skills into a performance that will result in our May recital.

### CLASS SECTIONS:

#### **TUESDAYS:**

3:15-3:45 K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

3:45-4:15 Strength & Technique (grades 3 and up)

4:15-4:45 Musical Theater Class (grades 2 and up)

4:45-5:15 Preschool (3-5 years old)

**Location:** R-P School Vocal Room

#### **THURSDAYS:**

3:15-3:45 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3:45-4:30 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade

4:30-5:15 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Instructor:** Michelle Erickson

**DATES: Tuesday class sections:** Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 27. Observation class on Nov. 27.

**Thursday class sections:** Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29. Observation class on November 29.

*\*These will be closed classes.  
Dancer only please.*

**Fees:** Strength and Technique is \$55; all other 30 minute classes are \$60; all 45 minute classes are \$70 (7 week session)

### LITTLE ROCKERS (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Pairing up with their favorite Danceline members, the Little Rockers will learn a routine and perform at the Friday night home football game on September 14<sup>nd</sup>! The fee includes a t-shirt & pom pom! **Deadline to order a t-shirt is August 30<sup>th</sup> (Sign up at Open House)!**

**Dates/Time:** Wednesdays, Sept. 5 & 12 Time: 3:15-4:30 P.M.  
Thursdays, Sept. 6 & 13

**Performance:** Friday, Sept. 14 Time: 6:45 P.M.

**Location:** Meet in the R-P Schools Commons area for practice and performance date. *Weather pending; the Rockers will walk together with the coach to the field. Parents will pick up at the field unless of inclement weather. If inclement weather, the Rockers will be at R-P Schools.*

**Instructor:** Lauri Bauer, Fall Dance Coach **Fee:** \$35

**REGISTER AT OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES  
OR ONLINE AT WWW.R-PSCHOOLS.COM**

**Little Rockers & Flag Football t-shirt deadline is  
August 30!**

**Youth Tackle equipment handout will be at Open  
House on August 29<sup>th</sup>!**

### ATV CLASS (Must be 11 years old)

Learn valuable skills to make you a safe ATV rider. This is a required course for youth to ride on state lands and trails. The class is for ATV riders ages 12 and up. 11 year olds may also attend class, but their certificate is not valid until their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Students must pre-register and view the DNR safety training online at [www.ATVcourse.com](http://www.ATVcourse.com). (cost \$29.99 online) and print out the certificate of completion before the day of class. On the day of class, wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, and a DOT helmet. ATV's will be supplied by M&M for the outdoor training course.

**Dates:** Sat, September 15

**Time:** 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

**Location:** Snowmobile Building

**Fee:** \$10-Reg; *Additional fees*

**Instructor:** Bluff Country ATV Club

*payable to DNR*

### JUNIOR SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Girls will have fun while learning the basic fundamentals of volleyball! We will focus on passing, digging, setting, and serving in this fun program and the participants enjoy the Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> home game for FREE! A scheduled scrimmage will be for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade only which will be on Saturday, October 27. Details will be given at practice.

**Dates:** Saturdays: Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13; scrimmage: Oct. 27

**Time:** 9-10 A.M.: 3 & 4 Grade; 10-11:30 A.M.: 5 & 6 Grade

**Location:** R-P Elem/MS Gym **Fee:** \$15: 3 & 4 Grade

**Instructor:** Jenny Helgemoe \$20: 5 & 6 Grade

### FLAG FOOTBALL (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Flag Football is back but this year will be on Saturday mornings! Practices for all teams will be from 9-9:45 A.M. and games after the practice. An email will be sent shortly after Open House to let you know your child's team. Volunteers are needed! If interested, please contact Community Ed or Davin Thompson. **Deadline to order a t-shirt is August 30<sup>th</sup> (Sign up at Open House)!**

**Dates:** Saturdays: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6

**Time:** 9-10:30 A.M.

**Location:** R-P Athletic Field

**Fee:** \$20

**Instructor:** Davin Thompson

### YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Youth Tackle Football is a safe introduction to the rules, the skills and the game of tackle football. Tackle football will meet Monday and Thursday evenings. Football begins in September and runs through October. The player is responsible for providing their mouth piece (required), and shoes. All other equipment is provided by the R-P Youth Football program and must be returned at the end of the season. Equipment check out will be on August 29<sup>th</sup> during Open House.

**Dates:** Mondays/Thursdays beginning September 6-October 11

**Time:** 3:30-5 P.M.

**Location:** R-P Practice Field

**Fee:** \$35

**Instructor:** Davin Thompson



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**THE COMPLETE GAMBA SONATAS CONCERT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 2 P.M.**

*R-P Community Ed is excited to partner with bringing back Tulio Rondón, viola da gamba Tami Morse, harpsichord from the Lyra Baroque Orchestra! The performance will be held in the R-P Auditorium. Free will donation.*



Tulio Rondón (viola da gamba) and Tami Morse (harpsichord) celebrate their recent recording of the J. S. Bach gamba sonatas with a Minnesota tour! Hear the complete J. S. Bach sonatas for viola da gamba and obbligato harpsichord, their own arrangement for harpsichord and gamba of the d minor organ trio sonata, and selections from the French Suite No. 5 in G Major for solo harpsichord. Tami will perform on a 2018 Klinkhamer harpsichord, modeled after the Colmar Ruckers harpsichord from 1624. It is the only instrument voiced in bird quill that can be heard publicly in the state of Minnesota. Tami Morse is a fiscal year 2018 recipient of an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of

Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



**Lille By Preschool**

Age-appropriate experiences that build the foundation for Kindergarten, as well as their entire academic career! Lille By Preschool serves children ages 3-5 years old and is located in the school building under the direction of Community Education.

**Preschool packets for the 2018-19 school year are available to those that registered!**

**Lille By Preschool is proud to be 4-Star Parent Aware Rated!**



For more information about preschool, please call 507-864-7065 or visit the school website [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com)

**Kids' Club**

**Hours: 6:30-8 A.M.;**  
**3-6:00 P.M. on**  
**School Days**



Conveniently located in the school building!  
No weekly minimum

**Come see us at Open House!**  
*August 29<sup>th</sup> 4-7 P.M.*

R-P Community Education School-Age Child Care Program  
507-864-7065 \* [kidsclub@r-pschools.com](mailto:kidsclub@r-pschools.com) \* [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com)

**R-P COMMUNITY ED REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (If student) & gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (If student): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Classes Registering for:  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

*I give permission for my child's participation in these R-P Community Ed Programs. I do not object to my child's photo being taken while in classes and being used in publications. (Check here if objection \_\_\_\_\_)*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER & PAY ONLINE FOR ALL YOUR CLASSES!**

Go to our website at:  
[www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com) click on Community Ed

**CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Registration Forms are available online at our website: [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com) under Community Ed or available at R-P School.
- No news is good news! You will only be contacted if your class is cancelled or changed.
- In the event that a class is cancelled, the students will receive a cancellation notice by telephone or email. In that case, you will be refunded.
- Registration forms may be mailed to: R-P Community Ed, P.O. Box 627, Rushford, MN, 55971. They may also be dropped off at the school.
- Please make checks payable to R-P Community Ed or you may pay online at our website [www.r-pschools.com](http://www.r-pschools.com).
- If R-P Schools close for inclement weather, all classes are cancelled.