



ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Bengal Tigers

July 2023 Parent Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello, Bengals! A warm welcome to our new families, who are now officially in our system, and to our families who have been with us as well. I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying these glorious days of summer. The weather has been beautiful! I am interrupting your summer fun for a brief moment to be sure you have a few dates on your calendar for the start of the school year.

Though it may seem that vacation hasn't even started yet, I know it'll be just days before the stores bring out their school supplies and summer sales, so we do have our updated supply lists posted on our [website](#).

Now for the important dates: **Bengal Day** is on **Thursday, August 3 from 8:00 to 2:00**. For those of you new to RHMS, Bengal Day is the day you'll get your child's schedule, chromebooks, PE uniforms, etc. Since most of our textbooks are now online, we will not be checking out textbooks, but a student may do so at any time throughout the school year. Bengal Day is an open house type of approach, so you can come anytime between the hours of 8:00 and 2:00. I will say, however, that if past patterns repeat themselves, it's always busiest 8:00-10:00. The kids are excited and can't wait to find out their schedules and whether or not their friends are in their classes. If you come early, lines might be a little longer, but you should still be able to get through in an hour at most. We will have a variety of items for sale, too, like PE uniforms, sweats, and yearbooks, so parents have asked me to remind families to bring a checkbook. Some items are sold by Friends of Rolling Hills, our parent club, and some are sold by the school, so it might be helpful to bring your checkbook instead of one single check. We will also have the option to pay via Square, so a card is accepted, as is cash. Kids also get excited thinking they've found a way to hack our system and find out teachers before Bengal Day. Though this may in fact be true, I do want to share that we're rearranging schedules right up until the 1st day of school, so if they check online but do not actually pick up their schedules, know that some changes may occur.

While I have your attention, I also want to make note of our chromebook policy. We check out a chromebook to each student, and they're expected to carry it with them to and from school. We are very conscientious about the weight of the backpack because of the chromebook, so please look through supplies and what your child is bringing back and forth and let teachers know if it seems to be too much. Also, I think it's important to note that the **restrictions/filters we have in place on our chromebooks are only active when the device is connected to the school wifi**. If they are using the device on your home wifi or any other wifi, there are no blocks in place unless you've done so through your home internet provider. If you have concerns about how best to put restrictions on your home wifi, contact your internet provider. The school wifi does have restrictions on websites, searches, etc. This information is detailed in the paperwork that comes home to you, but not everyone reads all those papers carefully, so I'm trying to call special attention to it here.

The other important date is our Back to School Night, which is when you have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the curriculum they'll be studying in each class. To reduce traffic on campus, we have two different nights for this event. **7th and 8th grade Back to School Night is on Thursday, August 17, 5:15-7:00** while the event is on **Thursday, August 24, 5:30-7:00** for 6th grade. The night is meant to be for

parents to learn about their child’s curriculum, so please plan accordingly for childcare. More information on both dates will be coming via email, but we at least wanted you to calendar the event for planning purposes.

Finally, I want to remind parents of students entering 7th grade that they need to submit proof of TDAP immunization in order to pick up your schedule on Bengal Day and to start school on time. Students **WILL NOT** be given a schedule/allowed to attend school until the proof of immunization has been submitted. If you have any questions about this, please contact our health clerk at ext. 3030 or email our district nurse, Sandy Chavez, at schavez@buckeyeusd.org. If proof is not submitted by July 28, we cannot guarantee your child will have a schedule ready for Bengal Day. If you have it with you, please drop it by our office or email a copy to me (dbowers@buckeyeusd.org) or Nurse Sandy (schavez@buckeyeusd.org).

Now that you have a few important dates on your calendar, sit back, relax, and enjoy the fun that is summer vacation! Enjoy every moment with your children; before you know it, they’ll be running off to college. We thank you in advance for sharing your children with us; they are truly the most rewarding part of our jobs and we can’t wait to see their bright smiling faces on the first day of school (my favorite day of the year!), **Wednesday, August 9**, which is an **early release day with a 1:10 dismissal**.

Now, back to your regularly scheduled program of summer activities. Enjoy!

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

SCHOOL WEBPAGE (<https://www.buckeyeusd.org/rhms>)

Bell Schedules	ESchools Access Center	Online Payments
Bulletins (Student/Parent)	GATE Info	Sports Info and Schedules
Calendar (School year)	Handbook	Supply (suggested) List
Calendar (Student Events)	Homework Access	Transportation Info
CJSF Info and Forms	Menus Breakfast/Lunch	Tutoring Info
Dress Code	Online Book Resources	

2023/2024 CALENDAR is available on our school website [here](#).

SCHOOL HOURS

OFFICE HOURS:	7:00 am – 3:30 pm	
LIBRARY HOURS:	MON/TUES/THURS/FRI	7:00 am – 3:30 pm
	WED	7:00 am – 1:30 pm
STUDENT HOURS	MON/TUES/THURS/FRI	7:50 am – 2:04 pm
	WEDS - EARLY RELEASE DAYS	7:50 am – 1:10 pm
	MINIMUM DAYS*	7:50 am – Noon
	*9/25 – 9/29, 1/26, 2/29, 3/1, 6/4	

EVENTS

WELCOME BENGAL DAY: We will be hosting a *Welcome Bengal Day* on Thursday, August 3rd, between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm that will allow students to pick up their schedules and to purchase Life Fitness uniforms before the start of the new school year. You may come any time between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. **If you are unable to attend, you can come to the office to pick up your child's schedule and purchase Life Fitness uniforms after Bengal Day but prior to the first day of school. Your child's schedule will also be available on eSchool the evening of Monday, August 7, or on the first day of school in the front office.**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: This night is intended for parents only, so please plan childcare accordingly. You will receive a schedule to follow on Bengal Day, and a copy will also be available on Back-to-School night outside the front office. More details to come, but for now, mark your calendars:

7th/8th GRADE: will be held on Thursday, August 17th, from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm.

6th GRADE: will be held on Thursday, August 24th, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of the 2023/2024 school year is Wednesday, August 9, 2023. School starts promptly at 7:50 am every day. Dismissal is 1:10 pm, Wednesday is an early release day.

NOTICES

SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS:

Prior to the new school year starting, there are often school supplies on sale and parents are interested in what they might provide for their child's upcoming return to school. The following supply lists have been developed for parents who wish to know what supplies might benefit their child at their grade level. These lists are made available for the convenience of our families. All lists have been updated on our website [here](#), so you can purchase the supplies when they are on sale.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY:

Middle School Dress Code Policy

"The Governing Board expects that students will present themselves in an orderly manner which will not disrupt the educational program at school. Their appearance should be neat, clean, and acceptable to the general society and in keeping with the activity at school. The Governing Board considers this to be a judgment area of the site administrator or the school (BP 5132)." The dress code also applies to activities after school (e.g., dances, sports) and off campus (e.g., field trips, away sports).

The school administration recognizes that fashion trends may keep it from being easy for students to find appropriate clothing; however, it is important to maintain a proper learning environment.

Parents/Guardians and students are requested to take the proper steps to ensure their school wardrobe meets the standards of the dress code.

Students are expected to "dress for school, not the pool." We want to make schools a safe place for all kids. We believe that all students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of unnecessary discipline or body shaming. Students should not feel "picked on" because their bodies developed differently. To that end, our dress code policy is as follows.

Dress Code Policy

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parents/guardians. The school district and individual schools are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student.

1. Certain body parts must be covered for all students
 - a. Clothing must be worn in a way that private parts and torso are covered with opaque (not see through) material.
2. Students must wear
 - a. Shirt—must be in alignment with above (1.a)
 - b. Bottom—pants, shorts, sweatpants, skirts, dresses, leggings must be in alignment with above (1.a)
 - c. Shoes—activity specific requirements are permitted for Life Fitness
3. Students cannot wear
 - a. Violent language or images, or symbols/abbreviations of such
 - b. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or illegal items/activities), or symbols/abbreviations of such
 - c. Hate speech, profanity, pornography
 - d. Images, symbols, abbreviations, or language representing any of the above
 - e. Clothing that makes visible private parts and torso
 - f. Visible underwear
 - g. Bathing suits
 - h. Helmets, hats, or headgear that obscures the face, except as a religious observance or health requirements (like a mask)

The appropriateness of clothing in question per this dress code will be left to the discretion of the administration and/or designee.

Consequences for being out of dress code are as follows:

Students out of dress code may be asked to change into different clothes (school issued or extra clothes on hand) and will receive disciplinary consequences as defined below. These articles of "Dress Code" clothing are to be returned to the school office at the end of the day and the student's clothing will be returned to them at that time.

1st Violation	Warning, change of clothes
2nd Violation	Change of clothes, Home contact, loss of 3 merits
3rd Violation	Change of clothes, Detention, loss of 5 merits

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We have a Part Time- Playground Monitor Position available for the new school year 2023/2024. Information about the position is available on the EdJoin website [here](#). You can also contact Mrs. Bowers.