

August 1, 2019

Greetings to all our Reedy Creek Families!

We're getting ready for the 2019-2020 school year! We're excited to see all our returning students and families and look forward to meeting the new members of our Reedy Creek family. Our school community welcomes all students as we work in partnership with you to see them all make academic and personal growth. Our theme this year is, "Bridge the Gap." We want to serve as a bridge to connect to families and students. As a staff, we want to close not only achievement gaps, but gaps in communication and other barriers that can interfere with student success. Some key factors we'll be focusing on are engaging students, building better communication, cultural responsiveness, building positive relationships with students and families and strengthening our school partnership with families and community.

You are an integral part of your child's education and we want to receive your ideas and input throughout the year. In saying that, we will continue to work on building our parent engagement this school year. We want you to be part of the process of educating your child. We will do our best to let you know what is happening in our school and in your child's classroom. We are excited about the new ideas we have this year for our upcoming Open House, classroom invites for families to showcase your child's learning, and new family events.

Enclosed is some important information on school procedures etc. for you to read and serve as a reference. Except for our Kindergarten parents (separate flyers enclosed), you will receive your child's teacher assignment when you attend our "Meet and Greet the Teacher" event. This will be held on **Friday, August 23rd from 8:15am-10:30am**. You can come anytime during this time frame to visit the teacher's classroom with your child. There will also be tables set up with information regarding transportation, carpool, before and after school care programs, daycares, Reedy Creek PTA, and more. **Our first school day for students will be Monday, August 26th.**

We'd like for you to feel connected to the school and to be involved in any way, big or small, that fits your schedule. Please consider joining and supporting our PTA at Reedy Creek ES for a minimal cost of \$5.00. Please stop by and apply for a membership on August 23rd at our PTA membership table. Our PTA president is Mrs. Mary Holloway, who also served as president last school year. She currently has two children at our school. Our PTA is always looking for more parents to get involved and have a voice. The PTA supports the school in so many ways. They host our fall and spring book fairs, many school and family events, and provide grants for teachers to attend conferences for professional development, host clubs, and to buy resources for classrooms. Their events provide an opportunity to bring families together and add enriching experiences to our students at RCES. Their fundraising efforts have allowed the school to purchase technology equipment, playground equipment, school materials, Cultural Arts performances, teacher grants, teacher appreciation luncheons, and so much more. If you haven't joined the PTA or attended any meetings, I encourage you to give it a go this school year.

The staff and I look forward to seeing families and students soon for our **Back-to-School/ "Meet and Greet the Teacher" event on Friday, August 23rd from 8:15-10:30am.** Also, each month we send home a Principal/Reedy Creek ES newsletter detailing a calendar of events and information. You can also access our website at www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes with links to important school information and sites. Information is continuously added during the year, so please check it regularly for updates.

Our entire staff looks forward to a great 2019-2020 school year! Please know that my door is open to you. Feel free to call, email, or stop by to discuss any topics, questions or concerns you may have. My goal is to get to know our families better and to support not only your child's needs, but your needs as well.

Enclosed is a yellow paper that I would ask every parent to fill out and turn in to their child's teacher. We want to hear from you and learn more about what you want for your child this school year. You can bring this to your child's teacher when you come to the Meet the Teacher Event on August 23rd. If you're unable to attend, you can send it in with your child during the first week of school. We hope to receive this valuable information from you, as you know your child best! I'm looking forward to a great school year!

In Partnership,



Catherine Yanello, Principal

Bridge the Gap



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RCES Info for 2019-2020

MEET THE TEACHER

Our "Meet the Teacher" has been scheduled for **Friday, August 23, 2019 from 8:15am -10:30am**. All parents and students are encouraged to attend anytime during this time frame for general information such as PTA, transportation, carpool numbers, before and after school care, etc. **Homeroom teacher placements for Grades 1-5 will be posted at this time near classroom doors.** The teachers are excited to meet their students!

Kindergarten "Meet the Teacher" is scheduled after the Kindergarten staggered entry days on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 5:30-6:30pm. Kindergarten students will attend one full day during the first week of school beforehand. Wake County Public School System calls this Kindergarten Staggered Entry. The only day your child attends during the first week of school (August 26-August 30) will be based on the following schedule:

See below, using your child's first letter of their last name.



Monday, August 26, 2019	A, B, C, D, E
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	F, G, H, I, J, K, L
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	M, N, O, P, Q, R
Thursday, August 29, 2019	S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z



****Kindergarten parents are asked to complete the enclosed information tag that your child will wear to school on his/her staggered entry day.**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/SCHOOL HOURS

The first day of school for students in Grades 1-5 is Monday, August 26, 2019. Kindergarten students will arrive throughout the week based on a staggered entry plan listed above. Our school hours are from 9:15am to 3:45pm Monday through Friday.

Our doors open for students at 8:45am for arrival and breakfast. The staff is unable to supervise your child before our doors open at 8:45am. For the safety of your child, we ask that **absolutely no child be dropped off at school until 8:45am, unless they are enrolled in the Reedy Creek before-school program.** Please have your child/children at school by 9:00am. This allows them time to prepare for instruction beginning promptly at 9:15am. **The tardy bell rings at 9:15am. All students who are not in their classrooms by 9:15am are considered late for the day.** If your child has a morning appointment or will be tardy, please walk them into the main office and sign them in. **Please do not drop your child off in the parking lot or in front of the school for office staff to check them in. Office staff is not always readily available and it poses a safety risk to allow students to enter the building unaccompanied.**

MEAL PRICES 2019/2020

Breakfast

Full Price	\$1.25
Reduced Price	\$0.00
Adult Price	A la Carte

Lunch

Full Price	\$2.75 (increase from 2018-2019)
Reduced Price	\$.40
Adult Price	A la Carte
Extra or A la Carte Milk	\$.50



Applications for free/reduced meals will be mailed to all students at their home address in August by Child Nutrition Services. **Please complete this form even if you do not feel you will qualify for it.** Every parent needs to fill out and return the completed application to the appropriate address on the form or you can turn it in at our school office. Students may use their free/reduced number from last year for the first 10 days of school. **After the 10th day of school, students must pay for their meals or have qualified for free/reduced status for the 2019-2020 school year.**

You may pay for meals daily, in advance through our cafeteria, or set up an account online with www.myschoolbucks.com, using your child's student ID number. Advanced sales are logged on a computer and students can draw from their balance using their lunch number (same as student ID number). Accounts may be set up during our "Meet the Teacher" in the cafeteria or on the first day of school. Checks should be made payable to Reedy Creek Elementary Cafeteria and must be from a North Carolina financial institution. No out of state checks will be accepted.

RCES BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS

RCES hosts the WCPSS Before & After School Care program. We follow WCPSS program policies and procedures. RCES staff members will be working and overseeing both of these programs. Once your child is enrolled, you will receive all information and program guidelines. For Before School Care, our policy is that upon arrival, parents are **required** to enter the school to drop off their children. **Parents must sign in their child(ren) each day.** The entrance will not be in the front lobby or main entrance. You will enter the building from the sidewalk in the front, far right of the building by the cafeteria. If you're dropping your child off, you can pull up at the curb right in front of the entrance, come in and sign your child in to leave right away. If you need a few extra minutes to make a payment or need to talk to a Before Care Staff member, you'll need to park first in our front lot.

For After School Care, parents can also pull up or park in front of the building by the sidewalk leading up to the side door near our cafeteria. **You will need to go inside to sign your child(ren) out each day.**

Registration and information for either program will be available at our Meet the Teacher event on Friday, August 23rd.

STUDENT HOLIDAYS, TEACHER WORKDAYS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

(there are no early release days this school year)

Listed below are the student holidays, teacher workdays, and other important dates scheduled on the calendar:

September 2, 2019
September 30, 2019
October 9, 2019
October 31, 2019
November 1, 2019
November 11, 2019
November 27-29, 2019
December 20, 2019 – January 3, 2020
January 20, 2020
January 29, 2020
February 17, 2020
February 18, 2020
March 9, 2020
April 6-10, 2020
April 13, 2020
May 1, 2020
May 25, 2020
June 12, 2020

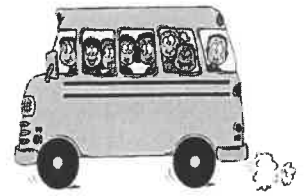


LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
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VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



BUS ROUTES

If your child was a bus rider at the end of last school year, he/she will automatically receive bus transportation. We have not received bus route information from the transportation department yet. However, if your child is new to WCPSS or new to Reedy Creek ES, then you will need to request a bus stop by going online and completing a request form. You can refer to the WCPSS website under the transportation tab. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's transportation, you may call Cary Transportation at 919-460-3517.



Students should report to their bus stop at least 15 minutes early for the first couple of weeks. We ask that students/parents allow 15 minutes before and after the assigned time for pickup. This will allow drivers time to make whatever adjustments necessary to maximize their route. Buses are allocated to schools based on the number of riders for each route. Because of this, we ask that students who will be regular bus riders, do so the first few weeks. This will allow transportation to get an accurate headcount and assign the correct number of buses to Reedy Creek Elementary at the beginning of the year. **You may view the afternoon bus departures and updates on our school website's Twitter feed, @ReedyCreekBuses.**

CARPOOL

All parents will need to sign-up for a new carpool number. Please discard last year's carpool tag as new ones will be issued at our Meet the Teacher Event or during the first few weeks of school. Parents will receive a carpool tag for their vehicle as well as a tag to put on the child's backpack. It is best if you receive your carpool tag before school starts. After our Meet the Teacher Event, you may pick up a tag in our main office as soon as possible.

AM CARPOOL

Cars will need to circle around the loop in the back of the school to accommodate the amount of cars in line. You will then pull up and drop off your child in the front of our building. Staff members will be on duty to assist with carpool. For smooth operations and to reduce foot traffic in the building during arrival, please do not park in the lot and walk students into the school. **Please keep in mind that it will take the first few weeks to get systems down and for students to learn their carpool numbers and routines. Please be patient with us as it takes a longer amount of time the first few weeks to run smoothly. Thanks for your cooperation.**

To keep our children safe and the morning carpool line moving efficiently, please do the following:

Follow the posted speed limit and established traffic pattern. Stay behind the car in front of you. Drive slowly and maintain a single file lane in the front of the school and do not cut out of line while cars are unloading. Keep your child in the car until our doors open at 8:45am. Once your vehicle has come to a complete stop, our safety patrol and/or staff member will open the student's door, **on the right side only (our sidewalk side)** for unloading children safely. Please enter and exit campus slowly no matter if you're running late. There are many children, staff, and family members out front during arrival and dismissal and we need to maintain safety.



PM CARPOOL

Cars will pick up students at the front of the school. Students will leave from their classroom when their number is posted on the classroom television and line up on the corresponding colored square on the sidewalk outside for quick loading into cars. Once the first few weeks of school have gone by, you will find that carpool is usually completed no later than 4:05pm. Your promptness in picking up your child plays a vital role in successful carpool procedures. If you are unable to pick up your child from school by 4:00pm on a daily basis or if you are coming late on a consistent basis, please arrange other transportation (i.e.: bus or daycare van). Staff cannot stay late to supervise students after school. If you do come after 4:10pm, you will need to come in the main office to sign your child out. We understand that an emergency can happen. If this is the case, please call the main office and inform us if you will be delayed.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

It is best if you write a note to your child's teacher if there will be any transportation changes. Please have your child turn this notification into his/her teacher upon arrival to class. You can also send an accompanying email to the teacher if it is sent early in the morning. Teachers are instructing students most of the day and do not always check their email in the afternoon. You can also call the office in the morning if necessary with a transportation change. In the event of an emergency, you may call the office before 3:00pm. If you call after 3:00pm, we cannot always accept changes on such short notice and we want to make sure there aren't any last minute mix-ups for the student. Our phone lines may be tied up and excessive calls to our main office line at this busy time need to be limited. Our focus through dismissal is on preserving instructional time with few interruptions to classrooms and student safety.

MEDICATIONS



At the elementary level in Wake County, students are not permitted to self-medicate. In the event your child has an extreme need, please have your child's physician contact our school base nurse at 919-380-3660. It is recommended that all medication be given at home, when possible. A school official will not give medication unless it is in a container dispensed by a pharmacy with the student's name, name of medication, the date the prescription was filled, and the directions clearly marked. Prescription medications to be administered at school must also be accompanied by a 1702 form signed by the parent and physician stating the name of medication, the dose, and the time it is to be administered. **We are unable to accept any medicine without a completed 1702 form or prescription label.** Parents are responsible for transporting all medications to and from school unless special arrangements are made with the Principal. **Students cannot transport medications at any time.** **Over the counter medications will not be administered unless accompanied by a completed 1702 form signed by parent and physician.** Examples of over the counter medications are cough drops, Tylenol, eye drops, etc. Parents/guardians who wish to administer medication to their child during the school day may do so by reporting to the main office.

ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition, please report this information to an office staff member, classroom teacher, and school nurse. For example: food allergies, asthma, diabetes, etc. Depending on the severity/nature of the condition, an emergency medical plan may need to be created for your child by our school nurse. Please call 919-380-3660.

HEALTH ROOM/ILLNESSES/ABSENCES

Reedy Creek Elementary has a health room located in the main office to serve as a temporary resting place for sick children and to administer first aid for minor injuries. Parents will be called to pick up children if the child is unable to return to class. Please pickup your child as quickly as possible. Please keep your child home when they show any of these symptoms: Fever of 100 degrees F or higher, nausea or vomiting, severe headache, diarrhea, red, watery eyes with yellow drainage, or an unexplained rash. Children should stay home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication. Please do not give children fever-reducing medication and then send them to school. **When your child is absent, you'll need to provide a note to explain your child's absence within two days upon his/her return.** Please let our data manager, Ms. Snipes, know if your child has a long-term illness or an upcoming surgery and will miss extended time at school. Attendance at school is key to your child's academic success. If your child accrues more than 6 unexcused absences, you will be notified in writing by our school Social Worker. Every day holds valuable learning experiences and good attendance is crucial.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

We hope that you can visit us regularly for classroom and school events. We want you to feel welcomed here. Students love to see their parents at school. RCES has a security system in place with all our entrances into the building being locked. You will need to ring the bell by the main entrance and be buzzed in by office staff. To ensure a safe school, anyone entering the building for any reason must report to the school office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. Not only is it Wake County Public School System's policy, but we look to see that people are wearing a visitor sticker to ensure that they should be in the building and have checked in at the main office. Parents, while strongly encouraged to visit and volunteer, we ask you reach out to your child's teacher to set up a schedule/times and to pre-arrange visits.



If you're coming to eat lunch with your child at their lunch time, you are welcome to do so. When visiting for lunch, your child may choose up to two students from the class to eat with you. There is a designated area in the cafeteria for visitors or you can sit at the tables in the courtyard area outside the cafeteria, weather permitting.

We also require that parents/guardians drop off and pick up students in the main office and not at the classroom doors for safety reasons. Students will not be released from classrooms unless directed by an office staff member.



VOLUNTEERS

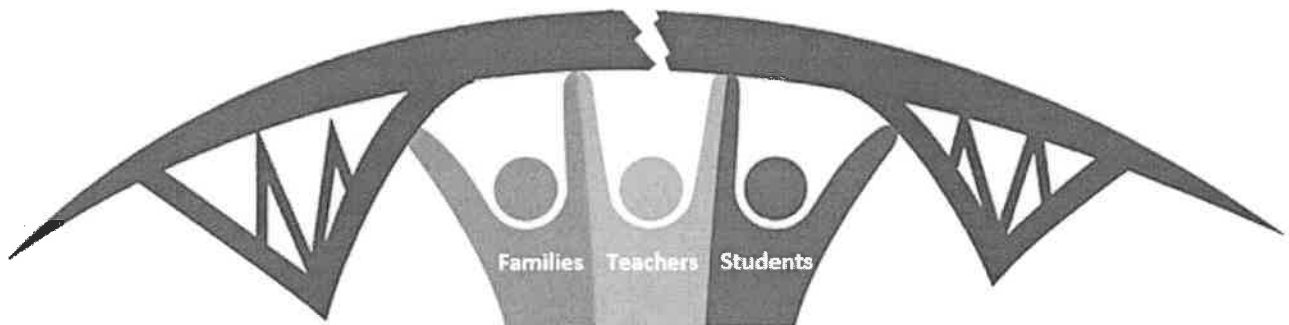
Reedy Creek Elementary loves, appreciates, and values all of our families! We invite all of our parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends to volunteer this school year! There are many different ways and opportunities to do so. Please talk to the office, your child's teacher and/or contact our PTA @ rceptapresident@gmail.com about volunteer opportunities or to share ideas you may have. **All continuing**

volunteers who were approved last year, must reactivate as a volunteer no later than 4:00pm on October 31, 2019. After October 31, 2019, any volunteer not reactivated, may not volunteer without a new criminal record check. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register through www.wcpss.net by selecting the Community tab.

Please feel free to call the office at 919-380-3660 with any questions. We encourage all parents and guardians to visit our informative school website at www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes for all the latest updates. We also recommend the Wake County School System website: www.wcpss.net as a great informational tool for our parents.

We look forward to a great year with your child!

Bridge the Gap



School website: www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes

School Twitter: @ReedyCreekElem

Bus Twitter: @ReedyCreekBuses

Facebook: Reedy Creek Elementary PTA - Cary, NC

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Staggered Entry Info

We will be hosting a **Kindergarten Popsicles & Playground** event for families on **Friday, August 23rd from 10:00-11:15am in the Media Center** (during our Grades 1st-5th "Meet the Teacher" event) Kindergarten teachers will provide parents with key information and afterwards parents can visit with one another and the teachers while students play on the playground.

For staggered entry, your child will attend only **one full day during the first week of school, (August 26-August 30)**, so that teachers have far less students than the full class size and can conduct a few initial kindergarten assessments. The teachers will also help students become familiar with the school itself and some of our procedures. The small group environment allows teachers to give more individualized attention on that day and will also help ease your child's transition to school. **Please do not bring in your child's school supplies on this day as teacher assignments will occur after staggered entry week.** Your child can bring supplies in the next week after he/she has been assigned to a classroom teacher.

The **ONE** day your child attends is based on the following schedule using the **first letter of your child's LAST name: (example: John Smith attends Thursday)**

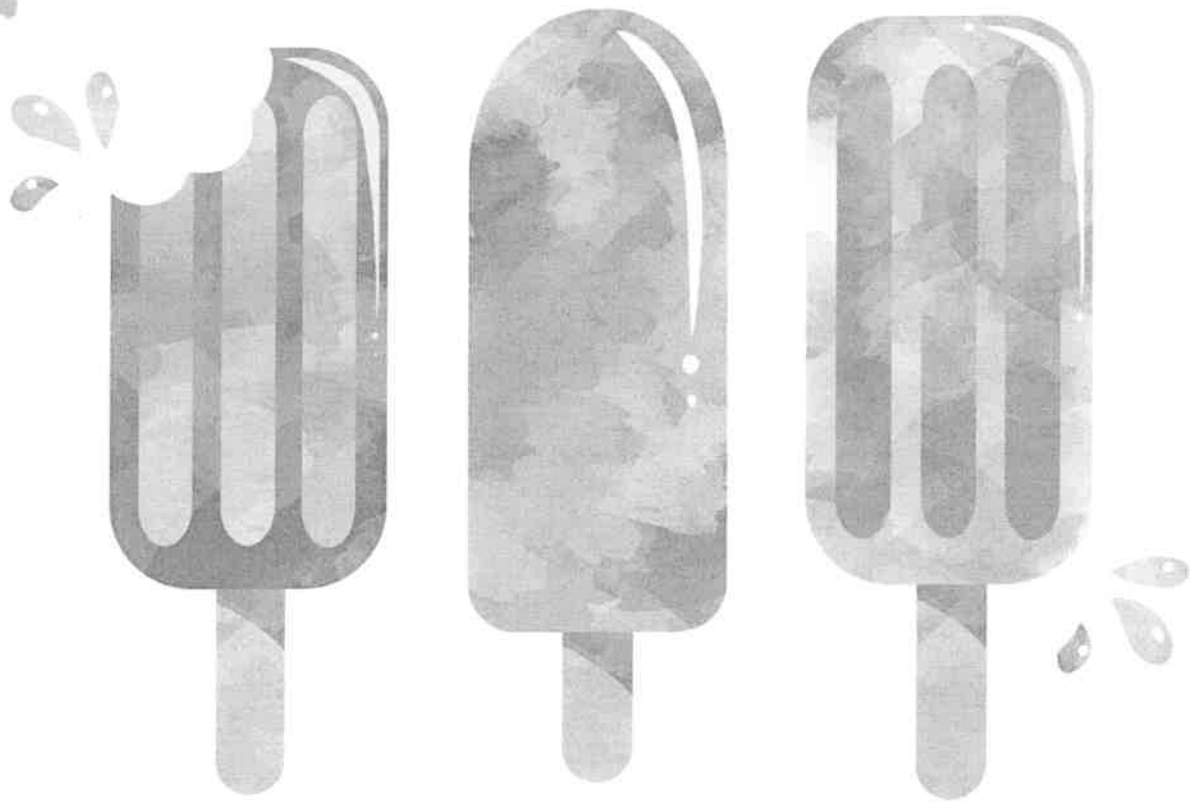
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Thursday, August 29, 2019	All Kindergarten students/parents are invited to "Meet the Teacher", 5:30-6:30pm



***Please refer to the enclosed information packet for school hours, procedures, etc... All kindergarten students **begin attending school every day, all day beginning on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 (after the Labor Day Holiday)** following the WCPSS traditional calendar. Kindergarten teachers and staff will be in carpool, our bus areas, and the front lobby to greet and check students in on the first day and walk them to class. For an easier transition, please try to say your good-byes as you check in your child.

***Please complete the enclosed information tag that your child needs to have with them on their staggered entry day. When your child comes on the designated staggered entry day, please put the enclosed sticker on him/her in a visible location on their shirt. Rest assured whether your child is carpool, before and after-school care, or bus rider, there will be extra staff members in the hallways and carpool area to assist students in getting to class.

Pop on Over!



FOR POPSICLES & PLAYGROUND

All Kindergarten Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 10-11:15AM
REEDY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Join us for a brief informational session with our Kindergarten teachers in our Media Center at 10:00 and then enjoy a sweet treat and play time for the children on the playground afterward.

Getting to Know Your Child

through your eyes

Dear Parent - Please fill this out and return it to your child's teacher.

Child's full name: _____

1. What are your hopes and dreams for your child this school year?

2. What can we do to support you?

3. What are your child's strengths, interests, and talents?

4. Any additional comments you'd like to share:
