



Rosewood Elementary School

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September's Life Skills Are: Friendship and Organization

September

Dates To Remember

- Sept. 11 Boosterthon Pep Rally
- Sept. 20 Interim Reports
- Sept. 20 Boosterthon Fun Run

ATTENDANCE RULES

- **Family Trips and vacations are unexcused** absences and should be scheduled around the school calendar.
- Three consecutive or five cumulative unexcused absences constitutes truancy, and an Attendance Intervention Plan must be implemented. Once an AIP is in place, a truancy petition will be filed for any additional unexcused absences.
- The South Carolina Department of Education is now keeping track of all lost instructional minutes; therefore, any student who is not IN CLASS by 7:25 is tardy and should be signed in at the main office by a parent or other adult.
- Parents may write excuses for up to 10 absences. Any additional absences must be excused by a doctor.
- Parents will be required to attend an Attendance Intervention Plan meeting should their student accumulate 10 tardies at any point during the school year. A referral may be made with the Department of Social Services for any student who accumulates 30 or more tardies.
- Chronic absenteeism looks at the amount of instructional time lost during the school day, and all types of absences (excused, unexcused and suspensions) are included in the absenteeism report.
- Beginning this year with the enactment of Every Student Succeeds Act, districts and schools will now report the number of chronically absent children to the S.C. Department of Education.
- A student who misses more than 50% of the instructional day will be counted as absent for the full day.

Any changes in your child's normal afternoon dismissal procedures **MUST** be sent in **WRITING** and received before 1:00. Absolutely no changes will be accepted over the telephone.

FOOD AND SNACK PROCEDURES

As we work together to provide a safe and secure environment for our children to learn, we ask for your assistance with food and snack procedures. Students should not share food or snacks with friends during lunch or school hours. On birthdays, students may still bring a special treat to share with their homebase classroom, but before sending a food item notify the homebase teacher about what you are sending at least a day or two in advance so we can make plans for students in that classroom who may not be able to participate due to allergies or dietary restrictions. Thank you for working with us as we work together to ensure to promote the safety and well-being of all of our students.



Rosewood Elementary PTO is preparing for the 2017 Boosterthon Kick Off! On Monday, September 11, we will kick off our awesome 2-week PTO fundraising program with a Pep Rally. On September 20th, every student will participate in the Rosewood Elementary PTO Fun Run. This year, the PTO's goal is to raise \$20,000 for classroom upgrades and enhancements. Please begin thinking of friends and family who would like to pledge their support, and look for more information that will be sent home. Thank you for supporting Rosewood Elementary PTO!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello, my name is Susan Burbage, and I am the School Counselor at Rosewood. My goal is to provide a nurturing and safe environment for students to develop academically, socially and emotionally. I meet with students individually, in small groups and teach developmental guidance lessons to all grade levels. My lessons focus on Rosewood's Character Program: Life Long Guidelines and Life Skills, and on bullying prevention to promote a respectful school atmosphere. I am always available to parents to discuss matters concerning your child, so please feel free to call me at 803-733-3002 if you have any questions or concerns.

Susan Burbage, Ed.S, NBCT



ROSEWOOD READ TO SUCCEED

This year Rosewood Elementary will continue to follow the guidelines of our new Rosewood Read to Succeed Plan based on the South Carolina General Assembly's Act 284 (Read to Succeed) legislation. The goal of Read to Succeed is to ensure all students graduate from high school with the reading and writing skills they need to be college- and career-ready. This legislation requires us to address eight areas at our school to include reading plans, third grade progression, summer reading camps, reading interventions, in-service educator endorsements, early learning and literacy development, teacher preparation, and reading coaches.



This school year, Act 284 will require that students must be retained in the third grade if the students fail to demonstrate grade level reading proficiency at the end of the grade. The aim of this law is to ensure that all South Carolina students, by the third grade, have their individual literacy needs identified and met through appropriate and successful interventions, and that all teachers will have the tools, skills, and knowledge they need to provide those targeted interventions.

To address the components of this legislation, Rosewood has assembled a Reading Literacy Team composed of educators and parents to formulate a plan for addressing student literacy needs, to ensure that adequate time is allowed in the schedule to provide for uninterrupted time in ELA and that a 30 minute reading intervention period is incorporated daily at every grade level, and that appropriate professional training in reading is available to teachers and facilitated by our reading coach, Abby Tyson.

We are looking forward to a continued focus on student literacy skills for this school year. Please look for updates in our newsletter and let us know if we can provide any additional information or resources related to our Rosewood Elementary Read to Succeed Plan.



Join or Support Our Rosewood Rocks Pink Team in the Walk for Life!!!



Go to the Rosewood website and click on the link to donate or join our team. You can also buy a pink pom pom for the hallways with your child's name, your family's name, or a special someone's name for \$5. Help us to cheer on the Rosewood Rocks Team!

Richland County School District One's Mission Statement

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

Rosewood Elementary School's Vision Statement

Rosewood Elementary, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to ensuring each learner achieves his/her potential in a safe, caring, academically challenging and diverse learning environment that will develop well-rounded, contributing citizens for a changing world.