

Rousseau Elementary School
2022-2023
Parent/Student Handbook Calendar



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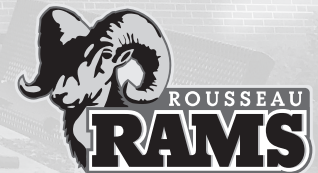


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PLEASE NOTE:

All procedures, guidelines and dates outlined in these documents are subject to change, based on recommendations and directives issued by the Nebraska Department of Education, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), or other governing body.

2022-2023 Student Calendar

Lincoln Public Schools
Lincoln, Nebraska

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JULY 2022	JANUARY 2023
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- First and last days of class for students
- All schools not in session
- All schools will dismiss early, check school building schedule
- Elementary school students NOT in attendance (plan days)
- Quarter start dates □ Quarter end dates

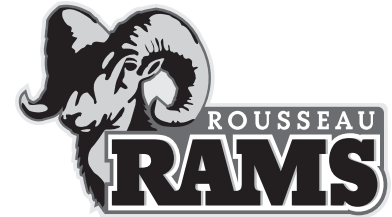
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GRADUATION DATES

Thursday, May 18, 2023: Yankee Hill Program
Thursday, May 18, 2023: Independence Academy
Thursday, May 25, 2023: Bryan Community Focus Program
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 26-28, 2023
Fri: LNS | Sat: East/LHS/LSE | Sun: LNE/LSW

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed.

Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.



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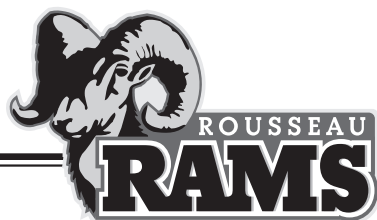
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Open House 5:30-6:30 PM	12	13
14	15 First Day of School Early Dismissal at 2:18 PM	16 Early Dismissal at 2:18 PM	17 Early Dismissal at 2:18 PM	18 First Day of Preschool	19	20
21	22 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM	23	24	25	26 Ram Report Newsletter	27
28	29	30 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	31			

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Dear Student and Families,

Welcome to Rousseau Elementary School. This handbook has been prepared for all students and parents/guardians in hopes that it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the policies and practices of our school. Please carefully review the contents with your child.

The Important Information Booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Note that dates for school events are subject to change. If you have questions regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 402-436-1165.

Our Open House will occur on August 12th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find classrooms, visit with the Health Office staff and hand in any additional paperwork.

On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to working together to make this a productive and successful year of learning.

Dr. Wendy Badje
Principal

Mrs. Wendy Barry
Assistant Principal

Rousseau Elementary Business Partners

Cornhusker Bank
34 & Old Cheney Road

The Clark Enersen Partners
1010 Lincoln Mall Suite 200

Runza
33rd & Highway 2

September 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Schools are Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pumpkin Run		PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	PTO Fundraiser Ends		Ram Report Newsletter	

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History of Maude Rousseau Elementary School

Maude Rousseau Elementary School was named after C. Maude Rousseau who was a teacher and principal in Lincoln. She was born May 2, 1879 and died February 13, 1961. Miss Rousseau taught at Elliott from 1918-1922. She was an assistant principal and girls advisor at Whittier Junior High from 1922-1926, and was the first principal at Randolph School, where she served from 1926-1947.

Not much is known about Maude Rousseau. Research for Rousseau's 10th birthday celebration turned up the fact that Maude Rousseau liked to cook, so they baked brownies using Miss Rousseau's recipe for the 10th birthday party. The recipe was provided by Anna Zeman, Maude's friend, and a person for whom Zeman School was named.

On March 12, 1963, the board of education approved the name Maude Rousseau for the new school to be built at 33rd and Calvert. At that time, Calvert Street was not even paved all the way. Kingery Construction was low bidder, and thus got the job of building Rousseau School at a cost of under \$500,000. The Clark Enersen Partners designed the building.

In 1964, Maude Rousseau School's boundaries started at 27th and Woodsdale, running east of Woodsdale and Melrose to 40th Street, south of 40th Street to the school district's limits, west to 27th Street and north back to Woodsdale.



October 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 P/T Conferences 4-7 PM Cards for a Cause Fundraiser Starts Runza Dine Out Night 5:00-8:00 PM	12 National Walk or Bike to School	13 P/T Conferences 4-7 PM Wear Your Favorite Team Gear	14 End of 1st Quarter No School for Elementary Students	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Cards for a Cause Fundraiser Ends	22
	Schools are Closed					
23	24 Red Ribbon Week PTO Mtg. 6:30 PM	25 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	26 Red Ribbon Week	27 Picture Retakes Red Ribbon Week	28 Ram Report Newsletter Red Ribbon Week	29
30	31 Red Ribbon Week					

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School Rules & Behavior Expectations

The Rousseau community including students, parents, administration, and staff will work together to create and maintain a safe, caring environment that promotes teaching and learning. Rousseau School has implemented a school wide multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). MTSS is a school-wide system that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school learning environments. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. The expectations listed below will enhance the development of a positive learning environment.

- **Be Respectful** - We will treat others with respect and care.
- **Be Responsible** - We will display good citizenship and acknowledge responsibility for behavior.
- **Be Safe** - We will have the responsibility to practice self-discipline skills to ensure safety for all.

During the first week of school and throughout the school year, staff will focus on teaching students the behavior expectations for all areas of our school. Our goal is to “catch kids being learners”. When students know that their positive behavior is clearly defined, taught, recognized and reinforced, they are more likely to respond with positive behavior choices. The Behavior Expectation Matrix (page 8) describes in more detail the expectations we have for students.

We know that students can have challenges to consistently display appropriate behavior due to a variety of reasons. To further support our students, we help students learn to manage their own behavior so that they and their classmates can learn, perform and behave at grade level or above.

Students work on the following goals for life:

- I can be productive and follow directions, even if I am mad.
- I can be productive and follow directions, even if others are not okay.
- I can be productive and follow directions, even if I don't want to.

Rousseau's Mission Statement

The mission of Rousseau Elementary:

Learn at High Levels.

Think Interdependently.

Lead with Character.

Rousseau's Goals for Students

It is the goal of Rousseau that every student meet the following school improvement goals:

1. All students will improve math skills across grade levels.
2. All students will improve literacy skills across grade levels.

The Rousseau staff partners with parents and guardians to achieve these goals on a daily basis. The following are suggestions parents can use to get students prepared to learn:

- Get to know your child's teacher. As a parent you know your child best. Share what you know with the teacher: interests, favorite book, concerns you may have, etc.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Tired children can't do their best work. Establish a routine for bedtime and adhere to it.
- Talk to the teacher about what is expected of your child in school. Every family should set aside homework time and model for children the process of learning.
- Limit TV and video game time. Studies show that children who do best in school watch the least amount of TV/video games. When you first turn off the TV/ video game, you will have to help your child find other things to do – read a book, take a walk, visit the library, play a game.
- Chores are an important part of a child's life. They provide children the foundation upon which responsibility and high self-esteem are built. Research shows that children who do chores without reminders or parent persuasion are very successful at their first job called SCHOOL.



November 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Elks Hoop Shoot 4-6 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Rousseau Birthday	17	18 Fall Party Ram Report Newsletter	19
20	21 Grand Adult Day K-2	22 Grand Adult Day 3-5	23	24	25	26
		Schools are Closed				
27	28 No School for Elementary Students	29 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	30			

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Rousseau Elementary School Common Area Procedures 2022-2023

	Arrival	Playground	Hallway	Restroom	Lunchroom	Assembly	Reggie	Dismissal	Use of Technology	Digital Citizenship
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and personal items to self Stand quietly in assigned lines when the whistle is blown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run/walk your lap Line up when whistle blows Ask permission to leave the playground Enter the building ready to learn Put trash in garbage cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep exit doors closed Walk directly to destination Keep our hallways clean Keep lockers & cubbies clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign out of classroom Return to class promptly Keep restrooms clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stack trays appropriately Raise hand for adult assistance/ spills Clean up your eating area Sort items: compost & trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to adults Remain seated until teacher dismisses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask to pet Reggie before petting him Pet Reggie gently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait calmly for adults or bus Keep hands, feet and objects to self Go directly to your destination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use correct cord/slot to plug computer Be careful with devices Report damage immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand your digital footprint Report issues to adults Follow directions . Use technology with purpose
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk quietly Maintain personal space Level 1 voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let everyone play Use good sportsmanship Follow the rules of the game Use kind words Follow directions given by all adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep feet quiet Level 0 voice Close lockers quietly Hang up coats & backpacks Follow directions given by all adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use level 0 voices Flush toilet Respect privacy and personal space Keep empty stalls unlocked Wait in hallway until open stall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Square up to table Use good manners Save games for the playground Level 0 voice in serving area Level 2 voice at lunch table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use audience manners Listen responsively and applaud appropriately Level 1 voice until program begins Level 0 voice during program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only small groups of students around Reggie at one time Wave at Reggie in halls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk quietly Maintain personal space. Listen to adults. Level 1 voices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use clean hands Wait your turn when taking computers off the cart Work quietly, respect that others are working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to posts politely Visit appropriate sites and apps Ask before posting photos Be kind in your posts
Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sidewalks and crosswalks. Arrive on time (8:50 to 9:00am). Breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:00am. 8:45 Walking track K-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on play structure What is on the ground stays on the ground Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Use equipment correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk single file facing forward Keep hands and feet to self Walk on the right Keep proper distance between you and others Keep locker doors closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands with soap and water Keep hands and feet to self Report concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit on pockets Eat own meal/food Walk directly to recess Finish chewing and swallowing before dismissed Stand on dot spot in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Sit on pockets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk towards Reggie - Don't Run Level 1 voices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sidewalks and crosswalks Exit assigned doors Walk bikes and carry skateboards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use two hands and walk when carrying a computer device Keep technology away from food/liquid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep login and password information private Get permission to download Get permission to visit a new site

December 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Band/Strings Concert 6:00 PM	9	10
11	12 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	13	14	15 Chorus Concert 6:00 PM	16 Ram Report Newsletter	17
18	19	20	21 End of 2nd Quarter Pajama Day	22	23 Schools are Closed Winter Break	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Schools are Closed - Winter Break						

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Telephone Calls

The Rousseau telephone number is 402-436-1165. Calls to the office will be answered from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm. Students will not be called out of class for phone calls unless it is an emergency.

The school phone is for business purposes. Students may not use the phone except in an emergency or with a note from the teacher. Please speak to your child about making arrangements with you before school about staying after school, visits to friends, etc.

Arrival And Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

Rousseau Elementary School campus is closed until 8:50 am. Prior to that time, no supervision is available, and students are not to be on school grounds. **1st-5th will line up on the playground and KDG will line up out front.** Students will not be permitted to walk through the building to the playground for lineup. The first bell rings at 9:00 am and students will walk from the playground with their teacher and enter the building through their designated doors. School begins at 9:05 am and students are expected to be in their classroom seats at the sound of the bell.

	Dismissal Doors
Preschool:	Door 10 (arrival and dismissal)
Kindergarten:	Door 1
1st Grade:	Door 13
2nd Grade:	Door 10
3rd Grade:	Door 9
4th Grade:	Door 3
5th Grade:	Door 2

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed by teachers at 3:38 pm and will leave the building through their designated doors. All students must go directly home or to a school sanctioned after school activity. Students who are participating in Family Service will meet a Family Service staff member at a designated location to be escorted to the program area.

After-School Guidelines

- School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 6:00 pm except for use by school childcare and clubs. Reservations for rooms/playground should be entered in the district Archibus system.
- If students are to be picked up at school and no one has arrived by 3:45 pm, school staff will attempt to contact parents.
- Afterschool plans need to be made in advance.



January 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Schools are Closed - Winter Break		10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Schools are Closed		24	25	26	27
	PTO Meeting 6:30 PM		Kids Heart Challenge Begins		Ram Report Newsletter	
29	30	PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	31			

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Traffic

We have made some significant changes to help with parking and traffic flow in and around Rousseau Elementary. Please review the map or view our video using this link: (<https://www.wavevideo.com/view/2764146279>).

You will still have the choice to pickup/dropoff your students on either 33rd Street or Calvert Street.

Arrival Procedures

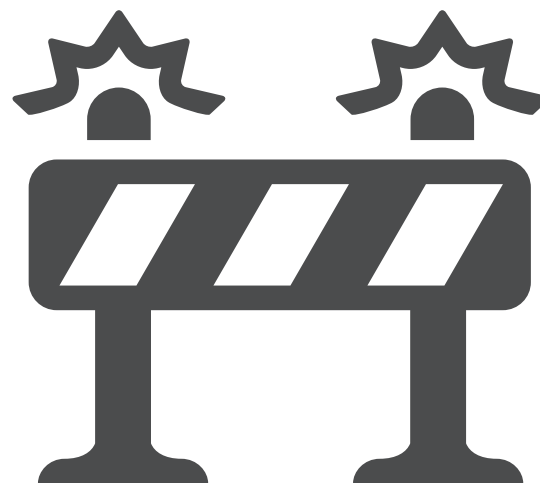
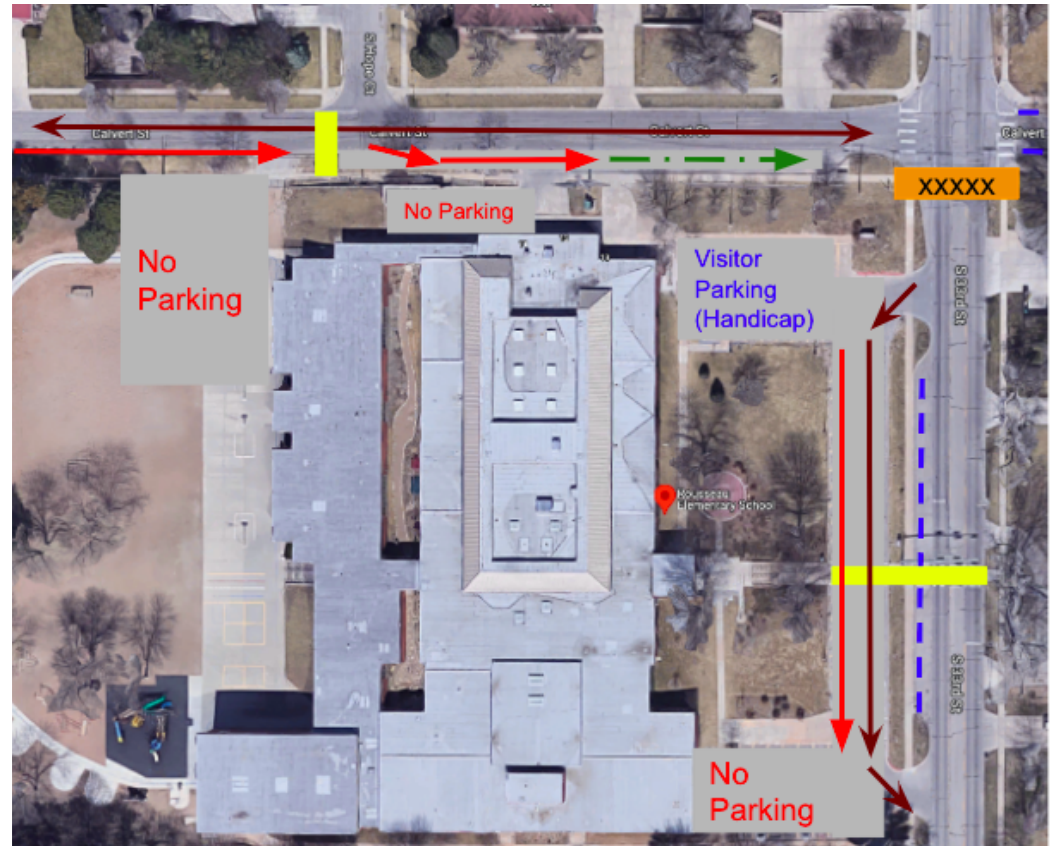
Rousseau Elementary School campus is closed until 8:50. Prior to that time, no supervision is available, and students are not to be on school grounds. Parents should remain in their vehicle and students should leave their car on curbside. If you need to park your vehicle and come into the school, please use the visitor parking on the northeast corner of the school. If parents stay in their cutout and move forward with the traffic in front of them, we will have better flow moving traffic around our school. When students arrive on campus they should proceed around the school to the playground on the west side of the building.

Dismissal Procedures

Students will be dismissed by teachers at 3:38 pm and will leave the building through their designated doors.

All students must go directly home or to a school sanctioned after school activity. Students who are participating in Family Service will meet a Family Service Staff Member at a designated location to be escorted to the program area.

****If students are not picked up within 10 minutes of dismissal, they should return to the main entrance to wait for parent/guardian.**



	= No parking (stay in vehicles at all times)
	= Free flow traffic
	= Bus and daycare van parking only
	= Suggested crosswalks

February 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Kids Heart Challenge Ends	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Celebration	15	16 P/T Conferences 4-7 PM PTO Book Fair 4-7 PM	17 No School for Elementary Students	18
19	20 Schools are Closed	21 P/T Conferences 4-7 PM PTO Book Fair 4-7 PM	22	23	24 Ram Report Newsletter	25
26	27	28 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool				

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Student Conduct

Behavioral Expectations

Any conduct which causes or which creates reasonable likelihood that it will cause disruption or interference with any school function, activity, or purpose or such conduct that interferes with the health, safety, and well being or the rights of other students is prohibited by the Board of Education.

It is with this belief that Rousseau Elementary has chosen to establish the following school rules:

- 1. Be Safe**
- 2. Be Respectful**
- 3. Be Responsible**

Our focus is to define, teach, practice and reinforce appropriate learning behaviors. We work to strengthen the prevention process so that students can successfully demonstrate behaviors that will help them learn. We are committed to helping children learn that they can problem solve, they can act in a way that will not make a problem for themselves or others, and that staff at Rousseau School will hold them accountable for their behaviors. When children are hurtful or disruptive at Rousseau, teachers will ask them to immediately stop and change the behavior.

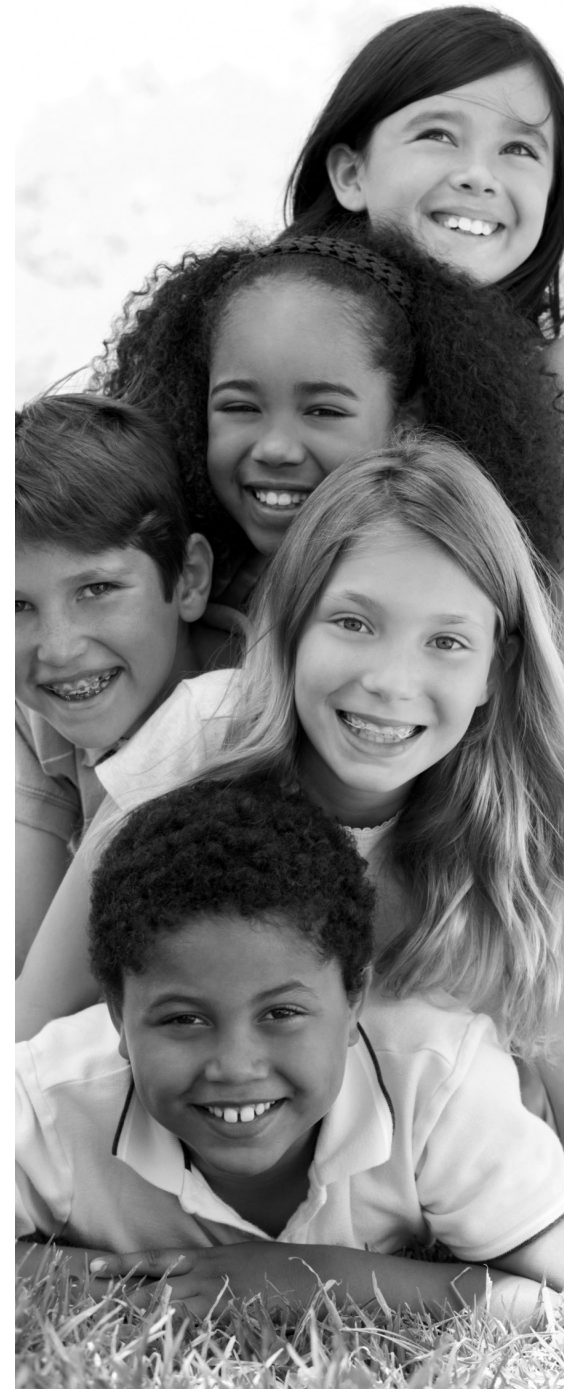
Children will be referred immediately to the office for:

1. Physical violence directed to an adult. Suspension, from class or school may result. Parent/teacher/administrator conference may be required.
2. Physical violence directed to a student. Suspension, from class or school may result. Parent/teacher/administrator conference may be required.
3. Profanity directed to an adult. Suspension, from class or school may result. Parent/teacher/administrator conference may be required.
4. Profanity directed to a student. Suspension from class or school may result. Parent/teacher/administrator conference may be required.
5. Bringing items that are considered to be weapons such as knives, bullets, fireworks, etc.

While no one menu of consequences parallels children's misbehavior, staff will continue to implement logical learning opportunities. Contact your child's teacher or an administrator to learn more about this behavioral approach.

Positive Reinforcement

The Rousseau Staff give students positive reinforcements in a variety of ways. Individual students may earn Ram Bucks for displaying positive behaviors that are taught in our Second Steps Curriculum.



March 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Book Parade	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 End of 3rd Quarter Fashion Disaster Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Schools are Closed					
19 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM NO Preschool	29	30	31 Ram Report Newsletter	

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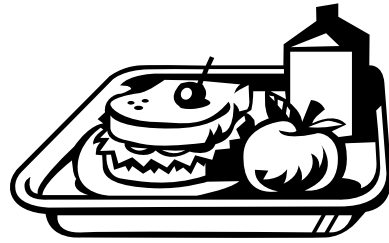
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Lunch/Breakfast at School

Lunch may be purchased at school. Money can be deposited on-line (LPS.org Buy Student Meals) or sending cash or checks. One check per family will be accepted. Please write all of your student's names and amount you wish to deposit in each account and turn in to the school office. Students will access their meal account by either using finger-scanning or a personalized barcode card. You may place any amount into your child's account. Each student will need to have their own account.

Lunch Schedule

11:03-11:47	Kindergarten
11:26-12:10	1st Grade
11:47-12:31	2nd Grade
12:35-1:19	3rd Grade
12:11-12:55	4th Grade
1:00-1:44	5th Grade



Visitors Eating At School

Many children and their parents enjoy having lunch together in the lunchroom. Classrooms go to lunch a few minutes after each other. Parents may contact the classroom teacher for specific lunch times. Parents may join their students at recess on outdoor recess days. However, parents will not be allowed to go to the classrooms on indoor recess days.

Cost of Lunch

All students will be provided free lunch and breakfast this year per USDA. Meal prices for the 2022-23 school year are as follows:

Student-paid \$2.50 | Student-reduced \$0.40 | Adult/non-student TBA

If your child received free/reduced lunch and breakfast last year, your application is valid for the first 30 days of school this year. Please complete a new application found online @lps.org. Eligibility for the free/reduced lunch program is determined by federal guidelines.

Breakfast

Students may participate in the breakfast program. Students arriving for breakfast should not arrive prior to **8:40 am**. Students will enter through Door 1 and go to the cafeteria. Students will be dismissed at 8:50 am to line up at their arrival doors.

Additional Food Items in the Cafeteria

Students are always welcome to bring cold lunch from home. As with hot lunch, food items may not be traded or shared. **If a student is having cold lunch, they may bring a drink item. (We ask that no soda be brought to school).** Students may always bring \$.50 to purchase milk/juice from the cafeteria.

Bullying

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Wendy Badje. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child adults in the building who they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.

April 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Art Night/3rd Gr Musical 6:00 PM	7 Schools are Closed	8
9	10 Schools are Closed	11	12	13	14	15 PTO Scholarships Due
16	17	18	19	20	21 Ram Report Newsletter Rousseau Fun Night 5:30-7:30 PM	22
23	24	25 PLC Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:18 PM No Preschool Chorus Concert 6:00 PM Walk-A-Thon	26	27 No School for Elementary Students	28 Schools are Closed	29
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Rousseau Parent Teacher Organization

The Rousseau School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a vital part of Rousseau School's success with children. As an organization, they represent parents/guardians and organize events and projects that serve children and families. Scheduled PTO meetings are listed on the calendar. All families are encouraged to attend PTO meetings and activities. PTO Meetings are generally held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Rousseau Media Center. Meeting dates are listed on the Rousseau website calendar and in this handbook. Every parent is a member of PTO and there are no dues! Facebook: Check out PTO happenings on the Rousseau website/PTO or our Facebook page! Search Rousseau Elementary PTO on facebook and "Like" our page. PTO Meetings will be virtual until further notice.

Visitors

Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to visit school. Children not enrolled at Rousseau may not visit unless accompanied by an adult. It is recommended that visitors limit their visit to 30 minutes. When visitors come to school, we ask that they come to the office, check in with the secured-entrance monitor, and wear a visitor's badge provided for you. Wearing this visitor's badge will assure all staff that approval has been given by the office to visit.

K-5 Common Practices Document

The K-5 Common Practices Document includes practices that have been extracted from the Lincoln Public Schools Important Information Booklet. This sheet is meant to be a quick-reference guide for common practices that are for elementary school families only. Some of the topics included in this document include: Dress Code, Gift/Treats/Invitations, Cell Phones and Electronic Devices, Homework Expectations, Students leaving School Prior to Dismissal Bell. This document can be found on the LPS Homepage under "Important Information Booklet."

Important Information Needed

It is very important that parents/guardians notify the school of any change in address and/or telephone number. The office must have a current telephone number on file in case we must contact you in the event of an emergency. Persons listed as emergency contacts will be called to verify a student's absence if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Returning to School Following Illness

Students should have a note from parent/guardian explaining the cause of the absence if the parent has not been in contact with the school during the absence. In some cases the school may request a statement from a physician. If the absence is of three days or more due to a communicable disease, the student should be checked by the nurse, health technician, principal or principal's designee.

Dental Inspections

Dental inspections are performed in the school by dentists recommended by the Lincoln District Dental Society and approved by the Board of Education. Students presenting a dental report form signed by their own dentist will be excused from annual dental inspection which starts approximately October 1.

May 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Staff Appreciation Week	2 Staff Appreciation Week	3 Staff Appreciation Week	4 Staff Appreciation Week Band/Strings Concert 6:00 PM	5 Staff Appreciation Week	6 Mayor's Run
7	8 Bike Rodeo 4-6 PM	9 Bike Rodeo Rain Date 4-6 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18	19 Ram Report Newsletter	20
21	22 Field Day	23 5th Gr. Salt Dogs	24	25 Last Day of School Early Dismissal at 2:18 PM Beach Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Reggie

Rousseau School is involved in the Domesti-Pup Program, which is an organization that trains and certifies therapy dogs to be used in schools. Reggie is a Golden Retriever and is a certified Edu-Pup Therapy dog. Reggie was trained at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and graduated from the program during the summer of 2013. Dr. Badje then adopted Reggie and brings him to school nearly every day.

Edu-Pups are natural teachers. They can bring a renewed inspiration and excitement into the learning process. Dogs can help develop self-esteem, responsibility, motivation, self-discipline and communication skills.

Children may see Reggie before/after school, in their classrooms, in the hallways and at Rousseau School events. If you have a child that may be allergic to dogs or frightened of dogs, please stop by the school office to fill out a form.

June 2023



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Methods of Communication

School Newsletter

The **Ram Report** contains announcements, information, school events, and PTO events. This newsletter is sent electronically the last Friday of the month.

Weekly Communication Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home via Friday folders. Please return the folder the next Monday including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family at Rousseau Elementary School.

Community News

"Community News" is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. "Community News" replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of "Community News."

School Website

Information is regularly updated on our website:
<http://wp.lps.org/rousseau/>

ParentVue

Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on our school website.

School Messenger

This district-wide communication system sends school and district emails, texts, and phone calls to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address.

Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

Check out school happenings Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/rousseaurams>, [instagram.com/rousseauelementary](https://www.instagram.com/rousseauelementary) and twitter.com/RousseauLPS.
Check out PTO happenings on our Facebook Page! Search Rousseau Elementary PTO and "Like" our page.

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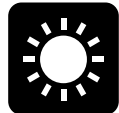
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Principal: Dr. Wendy Badje

Assistant Principal: Wendy Barry

July 2023

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Custodial/Non-Custodial Parents

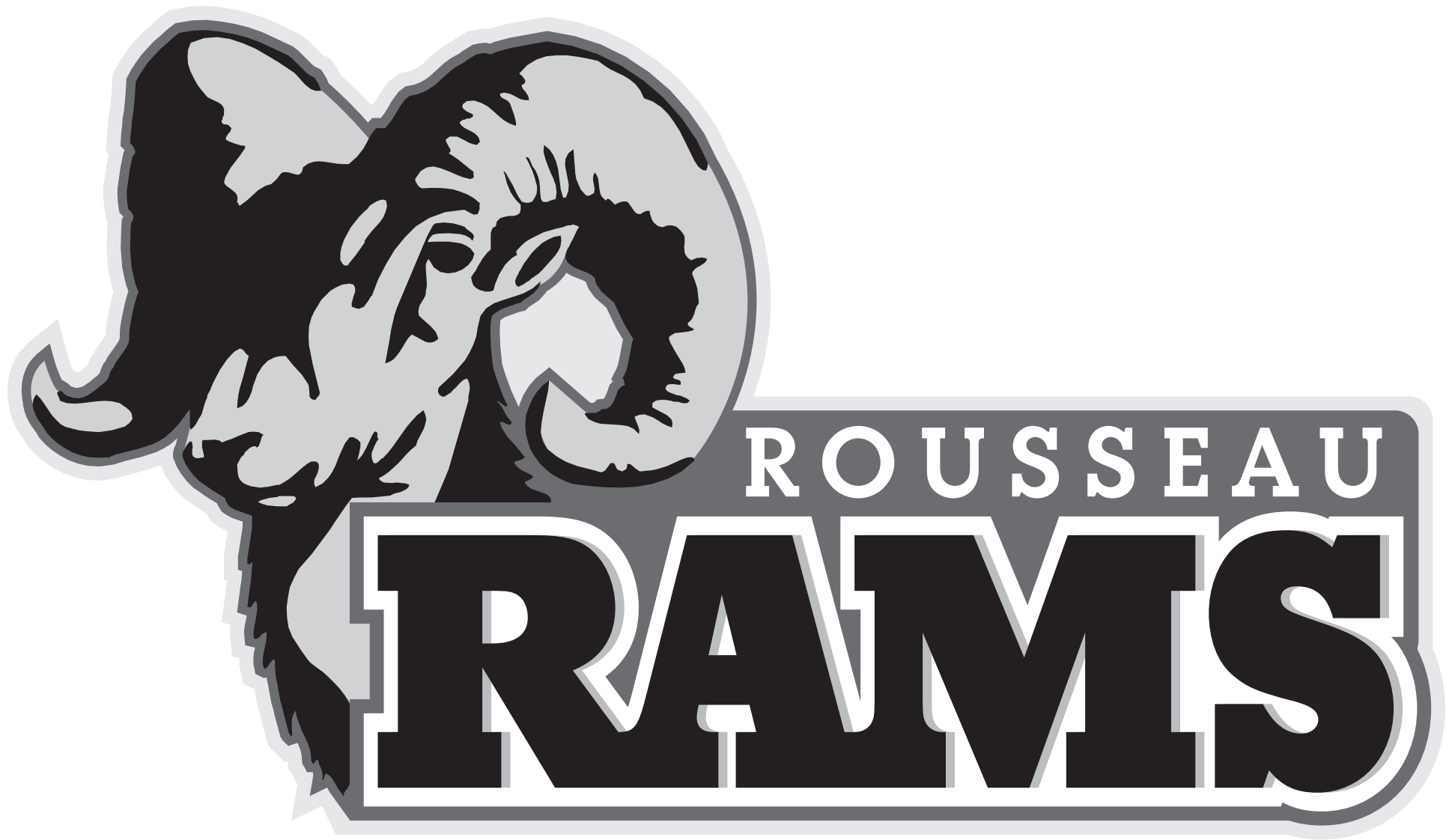
It is Lincoln Public Schools policy to foster and facilitate parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Divorced and separated parents maintain all parental rights with their children unless altered by a court order.

If parental rights have been changed, the school principal must have access to a copy of the court order stipulating those changes. School officials will follow the directives stated in the order and in other such directives regarding access to the child as provided by the parent having legal custody.

With regard to visiting children during school hours, attempts will be made to accommodate both parents. However, in cases of concern and dispute between parents, the custodial parent's directive will be followed. Parents are asked to resolve issues of child visitation at school outside of the school setting.

Communication to parents is sent home on a weekly basis with each child. Occasionally, information will be mailed using the parent name and address provided at the time of enrollment. If a non-custodial parent or parent with joint custody wants information from school, please notify the office.





Helpful Information

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

Other _____

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

Other _____

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

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Other _____

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