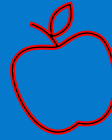


Dr. Julian Rogus Elementary



September Newsletter

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Mission - To educate children in a nurturing environment.

Vision - To create a school where children are loved for who they are and challenged to aim high.

Values - Acceptance, Belonging and Community.



Dear Rogus Families,

We are excited to see the beginning school year days transition into September. Labor Day is always a starting line of its own for achieving a great school year. Procedures have been taught, children are beginning to be comfortable in their classrooms, and discussions about how we will go about learning turns into the process of learning. As educators, we love completing this early transition and can't wait to get started in growing our students as much as we possibly can.

Before we start this next part of our school year, we would like to take a moment to thank all our families for your flexibility and collaboration as we completed our return to school. This is the first time that we have kicked-off a complete school year while also putting in place the increased procedures that comes with Covid-19 mitigation. We know that there have been some wrinkles along the way, and we greatly appreciate the patience you have given and thoughtful suggestions that have been shared with us. Having this partnership will be instrumental in making this a fabulous school year. Thank you for all you have done!

This month we will be making sure all our students are comfortable conducting our safety drills and are well prepared for any contingency we may need to put in place during the school day. Our fire drills and severe weather drill will be practiced twice so that both AM and PM students may participate.

In September will also be focusing on collecting student achievement data through our Fall NWEA benchmark. This information is essential in providing us an in-depth analysis of each child and will guide our student goal setting, guided groups, and growth conversations during a great stretch of learning from Fall into Winter. We are looking forward to meeting your child where they are now and guiding their growth throughout this school year.

In all of this, we will practice our values of acceptance, belonging and community and continue to build relationships with each child. We are very much looking forward to the months ahead, thanks for joining us!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Bulfer

Important September Dates:

September 3	½ Day of School for K to 4 Students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EC/Pre-K – No School• K ½ Day Dismissal – 11:00• K Full Day Dismissal – 11:45• 1 to 4 Dismissal – 12:10 PM
September 6	Labor Day: No School
September 7	NWEA Fall Benchmark (9/7 – 9/17)
September 8	Fall Fire Drill AM
September 15	Fall Fire Drill PM Board of Education Meeting @ 7PM
September 16	Severe Weather Drill
September 21	LW Transportation Delayed Start
September 27	PBIS Student Raffle
October 4	Fall Picture Day!

Arrival and Dismissal News:

Thank you to all our families that worked with us to improve the efficiency of arrival and dismissal during the first week of school.

As a reminder, all students that have a bus route will need to have a note brought with them to school on days you **do not** wish for them to ride the bus and would like them to be parent pick-up.

You may permanently remove your child from the bus and place into parent pick-up daily by filling out a "[Parent Transportation Request](#)" form. Once completed, you will no longer need to send a note to school.

Throughout the school year, Lincoln-Way will have several delayed starts at the high school. These will affect many of our AM routes creating delays of 10 – 20 minutes for bus stop pick-up. **The first delayed start will be on September 21.** Please be at your stop on time





Our Kindness Trees are back in bloom at DJR!

All year long, students will be recognized for demonstrating acts of kindness during the school day. Students will earn a kindness token that we place in our kindness orchard and their name will be read during morning announcements.

In September, students will be earning kindness apples. We have had apples received from students in Early Childhood, Kindergarten and Grade 1 to 4 classrooms. Thank you to all our students who have already earned a kindness apple and demonstrated leadership through kindness!



NWEA Fall Benchmark

Beginning on Tuesday, September 7 all K – 4 students will take the NWEA Map assessment in ELA and Math. This assessment will be proctored in two sessions and will be conducted with your child’s classroom teacher. We will have a winter benchmark in December and a Spring benchmark in May.

NWEA Map data provides an abundance of information for our teachers that allows us to differentiate learning and focus on your child’s growth. For more information regarding the NWEA Map assessment, please see this quick “Family Guide to MAP Growth” document linked here: [NWEA Map Family Guide](#).



P.B.I.S at Rogus

Our PBIS team has been hard at work preparing lessons and teaching our students the importance of the three “B’s” during our school day:

- Be **Respectful**
- Be **Responsible**
- Be **Safe**



As a part of our PBIS programming, students will be able to earn Eagles Tickets when demonstrating the 3 B’s. Tickets will be entered into a monthly raffle in which students can earn fun activities such as eating lunch with a teacher, bringing a stuffed animal to school, or participating in a special craft activity. We look forward to celebrating a positive climate and culture with our students throughout the school year! Our first PBIS raffle will be held on September 27.

Save the Date!

**Fall Picture Day will be on
Monday, October 4.
More Info will Follow soon!**



Beginning of Year Forms

The following forms are needed to be completed and on file this school year. If you have not turned these forms in, please do so this week:

[2021/2022 Parent Handbook Signature Form](#)

[Student – Parent Agreement for Computing Device](#)

[Acceptable Use Policy Form](#)



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