

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year -- a school year like no other! We hope you find this back to school newsletter helpful in uncertain times. As always, we appreciate your flexibility, patience and understanding as we work together through a most unusual start up. Please look for the weekly updates from your admin team in conjunction with checking the website for additional information. Thank you!

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office Phone:	541-790-8500	Attendance:	541-790-8525
Fax:	541-790-8505	Attendance in Spanish:	541-790-8507

Our school is currently closed to the public for drop-in visits. If you would like to schedule an appointment with an administrator or our counselor, please email them to set a time.

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For other questions, please contact:

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Student records, telephone & address changes, transcripts, enrollment

Theresa Elmore, Attendance elmore_t@4j.lane.edu
Student attendance, planned absences, excusing absences, lost items, lockers, medication disbursement

Karen Kingzett, Office Manager kingzett@4j.lane.edu
Financial issues and fees, announcements, general information

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND A SPACE TO WORK

Welcome to Roosevelt during the time of Covid-19! Even though we won't be in the school building this fall, we recommend these supplies, along with your iPad. We also recommend setting up a dedicated space for students to have their Zoom meetings and complete their school work. Having a regular space to work equipped with all necessary materials helps normalize a new school routine and supports students in re-establishing good habits and approaches to learning.

School Supply List 2020-2021	
All students:	
1 – binder -suggest 2"-3" zippered w/pockets or expanding file	1 – box colored pencils
1 – pack of college ruled notebook paper	1 – ruler
1 – zipper pencil pouch	1 – pair of scissors
4 – pens: black and/or blue ink	2 – glue sticks
3 – boxes no. 2 pencils	1 – set of headphones or earbuds
1 – beveled eraser (pink pearl type)	
As needed/requested by teachers:	
1 – scientific calculator	2 – graph paper pads (4-5 squares/inch)
1 – protractor	4 – spiral notebooks
1 – compass	PE class: shorts, tee-shirt and athletic shoes with laces
<p>Supplies should be replenished as students use them throughout the year. We recognize you may rely solely on your iPad, but sometimes it's nice to have other supplies, too.</p>	
<p>You may donate school supplies by contacting the RMS Office. Reams of lined and copy paper are always needed, as well as pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, glue sticks and tissues. Thank you for your generosity.</p>	
<p>If you need a scholarship for supplies, please notify your student's advisor or the school secretary.</p>	

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

(Th)	Sep. 3	iPad pick up at Roosevelt 8 am - 4 pm
(Th)	Sep. 10	iPad pick up at Roosevelt 8 am - 4 pm
(W)	Sep. 14	Classes begin online-- details to follow! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6th grade morning only for Orientation and House (Advisory)• 7th and 8th grade afternoon only for welcome back in House
(Th)	Sep. 17	Grade Level Family Meetings: Zoom invite to follow! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6th grade @ 5:00 pm• 7th grade @5:30 pm• 8th grade @ 6:00 pm
(Th)	Sep. 17	6:30 pm Virtual PAR meeting @ 6:30 pm
(T)	Sep. 29	Virtual RMS Open House (Times and format TBA)
(F)	Oct. 9	NO SCHOOL, Statewide In-service
(F)	Oct. 16	NO SCHOOL, Grading/Professional Development
(Th)	Oct. 29	NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conferences
(F)	Oct. 30	NO SCHOOL, Professional Development
(W)	Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day
(Th-F)	Nov. 26-27	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday
(F)	Dec. 4	NO SCHOOL, 1st Trimester Final Grading

TECHNOLOGY

This year, every student will use a school device to access classes. There are many reasons for this, including managing tech requests, maintaining and updating operating systems and ensuring equitable access across the school. If you haven't picked up your iPad already, you have two more chances to do so: September 3 and 10, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

In addition, if you need a hotspot, we can provide you one. If you need internet support, the district has established a partnership with Comcast which will enable 4j to cover the cost of twelve months of "Internet Essentials" for families. For more information please visit: <https://www.4j.lane.edu/communications/coronavirus/internet-access/>. You may also call 541-790-7757 (English) or 541-790-7758 (Spanish) and leave your callback information.

If you need tech support, please send an email to 4jdesktop@4j.lane.edu. We also have a new Parent and Student Tech Support portal at <https://technologysupport.4j.lane.edu>. This is intended as a self-help resource and contains many quick-sheets designed to help with common problems. Finally, you can call the help desk at 541-790-7777 for further support.

PARENTS AT ROOSEVELT – WHAT IS PAR?

PAR (Parents at Roosevelt) is the parent-led volunteer organization that supports RMS students and staff, connects and informs parents, and is one of the many ways parents can get involved in the school. There are no membership fees to join PAR -- all RMS parents are automatically members and encouraged to participate in any and all ways that work for them.

What does PAR do?

PAR fundraises throughout the year to secure supplemental funding for staffing. PAR also provides teacher grants which go to support field trips, purchase books and other supplies, all of which provide greater learning experiences for all students. Our biggest fundraiser, Showcase Roosevelt, is held in the spring.

PAR sponsors Parent Education Nights. These presentations cover current teen topics such as anxiety, self-esteem and confidence-building, identity, social media and substance use. We work with local experts to bring you the most current information, ideas, and resources available. Please contact us with topics you'd like to see presented and discussed for future events.

PAR hosts teacher and staff appreciation events throughout the year. We invite families to participate by contributing items, usually food or drinks, for these occasions. PAR works with staff and students to put on three Activity Nights during the school year. These are fun-filled evenings for the students to enjoy music and games in a safe, supervised environment.

How can I be involved with PAR?

- Attend a PAR business meeting - stay tuned for meeting days and time.
- Volunteer at RAD (Roosevelt Activity Day) or Activity Night (maybe not in 2020-2021).
- Participate in a Parent Education event.
- Volunteer for Showcase Roosevelt, with a new format TBA.
- Fill an open leadership position (with support from PAR leadership): activity night chair, EEF chair/liaison, fundraising chair, eScrip chair, Box Tops chair, Out in the Community chair
- Follow PAR on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parentsatroosevelt and on Instagram at @parentsatroosevelt.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Roosevelt offers an opportunity after school for students to catch up on their homework assignments. Homework Club will be virtual this year with more information about structure and times to come.

ATTENDANCE HOT LINE: 541-790-8525; SPANISH 541-790-8507

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS

Use the attendance number to call as soon as you know your student will not be coming to school. You can also email absences to dialroosevelt@4j.lane.edu. Calls are made to the primary phone number listed in our computer records. Please help us keep track of our students by calling the attendance hotline when your student will miss school.

ROOSEVELT'S STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK IS ONLINE

You will find a great deal of important information in the Student - Parent Handbook, which is on the Roosevelt website: <http://roosevelt.4j.lane.edu/>. Among important items included in the handbook are: school calendars, bell schedules, whom to contact for help, program highlights, school policies, technology guidelines and Roosevelt expectations. Please note this document has not yet been updated for the 2020-21 school year. While some policies will still apply, our context and contacts are different. Parts of the handbook relating specifically to in-person school activities will not be pertinent until students are allowed back in the building. Please stay tuned for new updates after the start of school ... and thanks for your understanding and patience!

STUDENT PLANNER

A major challenge at middle school is to organize and stay current with classes. The student planner is a tool designed to help students organize work to be completed and turned in for credit. This year the student planner will be online and used in conjunction with the Canvas learning management system. More information will be provided by September 14.

STUDENT INFORMATION ON PARENTVUE

Synergy ParentVue is a website offering secure, private access to school and student information, including assignments, grades, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details. ParentVue offers a single sign-on to view school information for all 4J siblings, regardless of grade level or school of attendance. Parents can see information about their children only, and cannot see the records of other students. While the website is accessible over the internet, access is secured via a username and password. During the first week of school parent activation keys will be emailed to all parents who have not previously logged into ParentVue.

SCHOOL FUNDING SUPPORT, FEE INFORMATION AND ANNUAL PERMISSION, NOTICE OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPT OUT FORMS

All school fees are suspended this fall.

All permission and opt out forms must be completed and returned to the Roosevelt office. 4J's annual permission and opt out forms must be signed every school year and are attached to the email that includes this newsletter. Permission for 4J-issued email and G Suite for Education (Google) accounts are good for the student's entire middle school years. The Google permission form will be emailed separately only to parents of students who do not have email and Google permissions on file. Please return all signed permission and opt out forms by Monday, September 14. Completed forms may be mailed to Roosevelt (500 E. 24th Ave. Eugene, OR 97405) or dropped in the locked drop box in Roosevelt's entry vestibule or returned by email to kingzett@4j.lane.edu. If you have any questions, or prefer to receive a paper copy of the permission and opt out forms, please call our school secretary at 541-790-8500.

RMS CAFETERIA AND FOOD SERVICES INFORMATION

Even though we are not serving meals in the school cafeteria this fall, and even though free grab-and-go meals are available to all 4J students regardless of income, you should still apply for the federal free lunch program if you think your student might qualify. Approval into the program may entitle your family to other benefits besides school lunches.

APPLYING FOR NATIONAL FREE AND REDUCED MEALS PROGRAMS: Participation in the federal free and reduced meals program for breakfast and lunch requires a new application **EVERY** school year. If you believe your child may qualify for free or reduced meal prices, **apply online** at: <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/firlapp>. Assistance with completing forms is available by nutrition services staff at the district office (541-790-7653). **NOTE:** Both new and returning students to the program **must complete a NEW form** at the beginning of the school year. Complete one form per family and include all 4J students living in your household. Returning students may participate under prior year eligibility for the first 30 days of school. **Please be aware that application processing may take up to 10 days before eligibility is verified.** A student is considered approved to participate in free or reduced meal programs upon receipt of the approval notification letter provided by Nutrition Services. Until that time, parents/guardians are responsible for any charges to the student meal account or providing the student with a lunch.

Free Meals during School Closure

This is the most current information we have at the time of publishing this newsletter, but check the 4J website frequently for updates: <https://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/>.

Free grab-and-go meals are available for all 4J students and youth 18 years old and younger through the extended school closure. There are no income or application requirements. Children do

not need to be present when picking up meals. Families can choose the location that is most convenient for them, regardless of where they live or attend school. Please follow directions posted at each site. Families are required to use social distancing strategies-- 6 feet distance from anyone not in your household -- when accessing meal sites. All meals are intended to be picked up and not consumed onsite.

Serving Times: Daily, 10:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Each location is serving all levels, so meals will be provided on days when any of the three levels are open.

Where:

Churchill Region

- Arts & Technology Academy, 1650 W. 22nd Ave.*

North Eugene Region

- Awbrey Park Elementary School, 158 Spring Creek Dr.*
- Howard Elementary School, 700 Howard Ave.*

Sheldon Region

- Holt Elementary School, 770 Calvin St.*

South Eugene Region (beginning September 14)

- Roosevelt Middle School, 500 E. 24th Ave.*
- Spencer Butte Middle School, 500 E. 43rd Ave.*

Downtown

- ECCO, 200 N. Monroe St. (behind the district office)

*hot meals available

Frequently asked questions:

- Meals are for ANY child age 18 and under
- Meals are provided at no charge
- No income requirements apply, and students do not have to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals
- Children do not need to be present to receive a meal
- Children do not need to be students in 4J
- Children do not need to attend school at the site where picking up meals
- Meals are a grab-n-go style, with both breakfast and lunch available at the same time
- Food supplies are sufficient to provide meals based on typical participation
- Social distancing rules must be observed at all times—staff, students and families picking up meals must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from any person who is not a member of their immediate household

GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT RMS & TO STAY INFORMED

In ordinary school years we include a fee sheet in the back to school materials that describes school fees and ways in which families may donate to Roosevelt. This year we are not including a fee sheet because of the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID pandemic. Despite this current environment, some families may still wish to make a tax-deductible donation to Roosevelt. With that in mind, please see below for ways in which donations may be made.

Library donation: The library's book budget has suffered substantial cuts. A tax-deductible donation from our Roosevelt families will go far to sustain the library. You may make a donation to the library at <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/RMS-library-2020-2021>.

G.I.V.E donation: A Generous Investment Valuing Education (GIVE) donation will fund additional classroom staffing (teacher and/or instructional assistant). You may make a donation at <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/GIVE-2020-21>.

EEF donation: Parents may wish to contribute through EEF (Eugene Education Fund). This can be directed toward your choice of different programs within the school or for general staffing to reduce class sizes. Here are three different ways you can donate to EEF:

1. Mail a **check payable to "EEF/RMS"** to EEF, PO Box 1014, Eugene, OR 97440. *Please specify "RMS Staffing" on the memo line.*
2. Set up an automatic monthly withdrawal from your checking account. Include a **separate check payable to "EEF/RMS"** in the amount of your first monthly installment along with a note to indicate the final month for monthly withdrawals.
3. Use your credit or debit card to make an online contribution by going to <https://eugeneeducationfoundation.salsalabs.org/roosevelt/index.html> and clicking "Donate Now." Click on "Online Giving" & specify the amount. **Designate "RMS Staffing" in the designation input box.**

Thank you for your generosity to keep our teachers, our electives, and smaller class sizes. Contributions are tax deductible.

Sign up for eScrip and link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Roosevelt - see below

Stay informed with e-News (sign up information below); the Roosevelt web site (<https://roosevelt.4j.lane.edu>); auto dialers to your phone (make sure we have correct phone numbers for you); view the PAR Facebook page at PARENTS AT ROOSEVELT - PAR and attend PAR meetings, generally the first Friday of each month, 9-10am.

Volunteer - find more information below in this newsletter.

FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD

You can help Roosevelt earn donations from Fred Meyer by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Roosevelt at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for Roosevelt by name or by our nonprofit number, GB554. You still earn your rewards points, fuel points and rebates, but also earn donations for Roosevelt.

FREE MONEY – BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

You can earn free money for Roosevelt just by clipping Box Tops for Education on brands you commonly purchase, such as: Avery office products, Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Nestle, Yoplait, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Progresso, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Nature Valley and more. Ask your neighbors and family members to also save Box Tops for you. Turn in clipped, unexpired Box Tops at the front office. Each Box Top is worth \$.10 to Roosevelt. **TIP:** Before storing food after shopping, clip Box Tops immediately.

SUPPORT RMS WITH ESCRIP

EScrip is a fast and easy way to earn money for Roosevelt Middle School – and it's free! Participating families earn a donation for our school whenever they shop at a participating grocery store (Market of Choice), restaurant or online retailer.

Go to www.escrip.com. Register your credit/debit cards. Designate Roosevelt Middle School—**Recipient ID #6723045**. Encourage your relatives to register too! Roosevelt will earn a percentage of your purchases each time you shop at Market of Choice (4% of your purchase goes back to Roosevelt) or eat at Sizzle Pie, Jameson's, Dickey's Barbecue (or other participating

restaurants) or shop online at the eScrip online mall (<https://shopping.escrip.com/>). Search the participating businesses to find your favorites (Apple, eBay, Barnes & Noble, Nike, North Face, Skechers, and Travelocity, just to name a few). There are over 800 businesses participating!

Please register today to help support our school! Already registered for eScrip? Thank you! Please still go online to update your cards and confirm that you have established Roosevelt as the beneficiary. Have children at more than one school? You can designate up to three!

Please check to see if your registered credit card has expired. If so, you'll need to register your new card in order for the school to benefit. Yes, you can sign up your grandparents, relatives, friends, and neighbors to support Roosevelt Middle School through our e-scrip program. Relatives do not need to live in Eugene or even Oregon to earn money for Roosevelt.

WEEKLY ROOSEVELT E-NEWS

Our weekly eNews keeps you informed through weekly news briefs. Content includes calendar highlights, updates from administrators, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and more. Weekly updates are sent to all families by a parent volunteer, through a confidential listserv. You'll recognize the eNews when it arrives in your in-box because in the subject line you will see: "**[RMS] eNews**" and the date. It is our intent to include all Roosevelt families on our eNews distribution list, but sometimes errors happen. If you wish to receive the Roosevelt eNews but you are not on the list, please email rmsenews@gmail.com to be added to the list. Also, please know, you can always opt out. Questions or problems, email rmsenews@gmail.com. Roosevelt eNews is a service of Parents at Roosevelt, in cooperation with Roosevelt Middle School, and is produced by volunteers on privately owned equipment.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

While we won't be meeting in person this fall, we can still find ways to utilize your support. Please keep your information updated so we can call on you in the future. Volunteer opportunities will be highlighted in each eNews as well as on our website. We appreciate any time you have available to help.

All volunteers are required to complete an electronic background check at www.helpcounter.net/eugene. Background checks are site specific (but you may sign up for more than one school) and expire after two years. If it has been two years since you last completed a background check for Roosevelt, then you will need to complete another background check before you start volunteering this year. **Once your background check is completed you will receive an email for a mandatory Volunteer Orientation** from the school district (SafeSchools). This must be completed as soon as possible and **BEFORE** you volunteer.

ALL volunteers are required to complete a mandatory volunteer orientation EVERY school year. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 541-790-8500 with any questions.

Many thanks for taking the time to read through our back-to-school newsletter and looking at the attached documents. We hope we'll be together again in the near future ... until then, we'll see you online on September 14!