

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Rootstown Elementary School staff, I would like to welcome our students and parents to the 2019-2020 school year. It was great seeing you during Open House on August 22nd. The year promises to be filled with many opportunities for our students to grow academically and socially through varied instructional techniques and programs. It is our goal each year to plan instruction and programs to meet the needs of all types of learners.

As we begin the year, I would like to share changes to the building and staff:

- The building received new Chromebooks from our PTA. These will be used on the mobile cart in the fourth-fifth grade hallway. Thank you to the PTA for their generosity!
- We are continuing the “Rovers R Respectful, Responsible and Role Models” as our new PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) theme. Please note the new signage throughout the building reflecting this theme.
- Progressbook is a district-wide gradebook that will offer parents the opportunity to see grades and report cards.
- Security cameras were installed in several locations within the building over the summer.

**Staff changes for 19-20:**

- Mrs. Paolucci is the new Attendance Secretary.
- Mrs. Burrell moves from 5th grade to Kindergarten.
- Miss Gearhart moves from 4th grade to 5th grade.
- Ms. Perline will be our new school psychologist from MCECSC replacing Mrs. Saborse.
- Ms. Shelly will be the preschool teacher from MCECSC.
- Ms. Butler will be the new OT and Mr. Wellington will be the new PT from MCECSC.
- Educational Aides: Mrs. Ginter, Mrs. Hopp, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Kruger

I am looking forward to a great school year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns during the school year.

Go Rovers!

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey Turner

Principal

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**Acceptable Use Policy**

**Please sign and return the Acceptable Use Policy distributed Open House night as soon as possible.**

**Student Handbook Reminders**

**On the first day of school, your child received the student handbook regarding expected behavior at school. Please review the handbook with your child and sign and return the last page to your child’s teacher. As we are experiencing warmer weather this time of the year, please make sure your child is following the dress code policy. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.**

**Important Dates:**

September 26 - Interims Posted

September 27-No School for Students

October 8 - (Pre-K, K-2 only) School Pictures

October 9 - (Pre-K, 3-5 only) School Pictures

October 11-NEOEA Day-No School

October 10 and October 22 -Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:30 p.m.

October 25 - Fall Parties - 1:50 pm

**Counselor:** A welcome back to all families and students! I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are off to a great start to the 2019-2020 school year!! As part of my role in the building, I will be visiting classes periodically throughout the year for guidance lessons and am available to meet with students individually to ensure academic and emotional success. In addition, I will be offering several small group experiences throughout the year. If you would like your child to meet with me or participate in any of the small group experiences, please contact me at 330.325.2011 or at [ray@roversk12.org](mailto:ray@roversk12.org).

**Start with Hello Week:** This year, in conjunction with our high school, middle school, and schools across the country, we will be celebrating Start with Hello Week. This initiative was started through the Sandy Hook Promise and will be celebrated nationally September 23-27, 2019. This week encourages students to end social isolation and build better relationships with their peers. The goal of this week is to have daily activities and lessons to teach students the skills necessary to include others and connect with peers. By doing this, we hope to end the feelings of isolation and loneliness that students may experience while in school. This process is taught through the three simple steps we will be enforcing throughout this week and the remainder of the year:

1.) see someone alone, 2.) reach out and help, 3.) *Start with Hello!*

Throughout this week we will have a special lesson on the steps to Start with Hello and daily activities emphasizing the important message of starting with hello! More information will be coming home with students and will be available through social media as the week draws closer.