



East Ridge Elementary

Home of the Suns!

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Dear East Ridge Family,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and that you have had many memorable family moments this summer. We are eagerly anticipating the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Our staff here at East Ridge is busy preparing for the arrival of students by cleaning our school, organizing supplies, registering new students, and finalizing schedules, and planning for a productive year of learning. We hope to see you at our PTA Welcome Back Coffees in the library on Wednesday, September 9th, from 9:10 – 10:10 am and Monday, September 11th, from 9:10 – 10:10 am.

Fondly,
Sarah White
Principal



**The first day of school is a full day,
NOT early release.
Release time is 3:40 pm.**

**The next full day of school on a
Wednesday will be in June, 2018.**

Daily Schedule

8:50 am Playground supervision begins
9:05 am First bell (students line up outside classrooms)
9:10 am Tardy bell (school begins)
3:40 pm Dismissal
Early release Wednesdays 2:10 pm



A big **THANK YOU** to the wonderful PTA volunteers who came in and stuffed first day envelopes on Thursday, August 23rd. Thanks to: Cassie Curry, Steph Hennessy, Rosathe Underwood, Jeff Marshall, Char Bourriage, Annmarie Campbell and their children. It is a very time consuming project and we appreciate your hard work!

Thank you to Carrie Millar and Sarah Koehler and the many wonderful volunteers who pampered our staff with a delicious lunch and desserts during our in-service meeting! What a great treat!



Thank you to all the parents and students who gave tours and helped direct our new families at the New Family Tour that was held on August 31st. The tour was well attended and our tour guides did a fantastic job!

Do you like working with kids? Have you ever considered coaching? East Ridge is looking for a Cross Country coach for the fall season, beginning soon! Check out the details on the [NSD website](#).



Thank you to Carissa Castaldo Marsh for the piano donation.



ARRIVAL INFORMATION:

Our first day of school is Wednesday, September 6th. School hours are 9:10 am to 3:40 pm. *Students should not arrive prior to 8:50 am* as this is when our supervision and patrols begin their duty. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

When students arrive at East Ridge the first week of school, they are to report to the covered area where signs will be posted with teacher's names. We will have our school assistants and parents there to help as well. The bell will ring at 9:05 am, which is the students' signal to report to the sidewalk area just outside their classroom foyer. Staff will open their doors and allow students to settle in for the school day.

Our third and final bell will be our official Tardy Bell at 9:10 am, at which time students should be in their seats, ready to start their school day. *If your child arrives with the 9:10 am bell, please have them come into the office for a late arrival slip.*



FIRST DAY NOTE

For the first day of school, please include a note with your student as to how they will be going home each day. Be sure to include your student's full name, date, teacher, and a parent signature on your note. Some of our kids go to the YMCA after school, ride the bus, walk, or some may be picked up by Mom or Dad. A note stating how your child will go home will make for a smooth transition to the end of their exciting first day of school.



SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING

- ✓ Our **Student Supply List** is available on our website. Please wait until after school has started to buy supplies other than those on the list.
- ✓ **Children without up-to-date immunizations may not enter school.** State law does not allow for a grace period.
- ✓ Children who need medication at school must have a medical release form from the healthroom.
- ✓ Check your bus routes and stops on [E-Link](http://versatrans.nsd.org/elinkrp/Students/BasicTransBoundarySearch.aspx).
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- ✓ **24-Hour Attendance Line: 425.408.4410.** Please call if your child is tardy or absent.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/6 First Day of School
Back to School Coffee 9:10 – 10:10 am in the Library
- 9/11 Kindergarten 1st Day of School
Back to School Coffee 9:10 – 10:10 am in the Library
- 9/12 Curriculum Night:
2nd Grade: 5:30 pm
3rd Grade: 5:30 pm
Principal & PTA Presentation 6:25 – 6:40 pm
- 9/13 Opening Assembly
EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY, 2:10 PM DISMISSAL
- 9/18 Beginning Band/Orchestra Info Night, NSJH, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 9/19 Curriculum Night:
Kindergarten: 5:30 pm
1st Grade: 5:30 pm
4th Grade: 6:45 pm
- 9/21 Picture Day!
- 9/26 Science Center Assembly 9:30 am
- 9/29 PTA Fall Festival, 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Neighborhood Safety

Please do not block sidewalks, walkways or intersections in the neighborhood. It is a safety issue as our children are instructed to stay on designated paths. We also ask that you are aware of your speed as you travel our neighborhood.

Thanks for your help!



Parking Lot

PLEASE:

- Enter Slowly
- Wait your turn
- **No cell phones!**
- Stay to the right
- **Follow directions from traffic monitors**
- Students exit/enter curbside only
- Use crosswalks & accompany children
- **Pickup & drop off in designated areas only**
- Speed limit 5 mph
- Do not leave car unattended
- Students should not be picked up/dropped off outside school entrances
- Drop students off and pick them up at the flagpole.
- Please pull forward as far as possible.
- Move ahead when the car in front of you moves ahead.
- Please do not wait in the fire lane or the handicapped stalls.

BUS INFORMATION

Bus stop locations and times will be posted on the district website the week prior the start of school. Please be patient the first few weeks of school and have your student to their bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to scheduled stop time.

While statistics show that riding the bus is the safest way to get to school, dangerous situations could occur if children don't follow school bus safety rules and procedures. Rules and procedures are online and will be in your child's first day packet.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents of Kindergartners:

Incoming kindergartners are required to have 2 MMR (Mumps, Measles & Rubella) immunizations prior to the start of school. Other immunizations currently required include:

- At least 4 DPT/DT, the last after age 4
- At least 3 Polio, the last after age 4
- Hepatitis B series (3 immunizations)



K-5 Students: Students need 2 doses Varicella or have their health care provider verify the student had the disease.

CURRICULUM NIGHTS - We strongly urge you to plan to attend East Ridge Curriculum Night in your child's classroom. This is a time for you to meet your child's teacher, to gain information regarding your child's classroom, and also to ask pertinent questions. Please note the schedule below:

	K	9/19, 5:30 pm	
	1 st Grade	9/19, 5:30 pm	
	2 nd Grade	9/12, 5:30 pm	
	3 rd Grade	9/12, 5:30 pm	
	4 th Grade	9/19, 6:45 pm	
	4 th /5 th Grade	9/12, 6:45 pm	
	5 th Grade	9/12, 6:45 pm	

HELPFUL LINKS

Sign up for the East Ridge Facebook page: East Ridge Elementary PTA News

Find your bus: [BUS](#)

Lunch Menus – NOW ONLINE: <http://www.nsd.org/Page/13772>



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