

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at Rice Elementary. Hopefully the summer has provided you with many memorable opportunities to spend time with family and friends.

We are so excited to start the year off in our brand new elementary building. Some exciting additions in our new elementary school will include third and fourth grades being added to our campus, along with a state of the art Media Center, and tornado shelter.

Safety is our very first priority. In order to ensure the safety of our students, we ask that students enter and exit cars in a safe and organized way. We ask everyone to follow our pick-up procedures. Each family should discuss these loading and walking procedures with their child/children.

The pick-up procedure will be as follows:

* Car rider pick-up time is 3:30. Cars will enter in a single file and follow the marked signs. Please reference the attached map. All students will be loaded into the car by the teachers. **Parents shall remain in their cars at all times while we load students.**

***For the safety of our students, anyone walking up to the building to pick their child up will be asked to return to their car and continue in the car rider line.**

Each student will receive two name signs, one that will be placed in the right side of your car window or dashboard, the other for you to keep in case your first one gets lost or damaged. These signs help the teacher to locate your child and place him/her in the car in a quick and timely matter.

Bus riders will receive a color-coded bus tag that will be placed on their backpack. Please leave these tags attached so that we may identify the address of each student.

With construction finishing up and teachers moving into the new school, Meet the Teacher will be held at the old elementary, Friday, August 16th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This will just be a “meet and greet.” **Please do not bring school supplies.** Students first day of school will begin at the new elementary school on August 19th.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the principal of such an outstanding group of staff and students. We appreciate your patience with us and thank you for keeping our students safe. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continuing support in making Rice Elementary a safe and productive environment for all.

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Rice Elementary Principal

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