



*RUSD Mission & Vision: Each student will be challenged and inspired to reach her or his fullest intellectual, social-emotional and creative potential to positively impact the world.*

## **Welcome Back to School**

Dear Reed School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. This is going to be an exciting year filled with new learning opportunities, activities, and experiences. We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces as well as meeting all of our new students and families. We do have a few new faces here on campus. Please help me welcome our new 2nd grade teacher, Ms Nicole Ford. Ms Ford brings a wealth of experience to Reed and we are fortunate to have her join our team. Ms Barri Johnson, our former district ELD teacher, is transitioning back to kindergarten and Ms Hilary Olsen will join our amazing instructional aide team. We are fortunate to have such talented and dynamic educators join our Reed community.

If you haven't done so already, be certain to review the [RUSD Elementary Family Handbook](#). Print, sign and return the **Parent Acknowledgement form to your child's teacher on or before August 31st**. The handbook is an invaluable resource. In it you should find answers to most of your questions.

If you are new to Reed, please plan to attend our *New Families Orientation* on Friday, August 24 from 8:30-10:00 in our multipurpose room. You will have the opportunity to learn about school happenings and meet several members of our Reed community. The orientation will culminate with a docent led campus tour.

Campus supervision begins each morning at 8:00 am. You are most welcome to walk your child on to the playground for the *first two days* of school. Beginning **Monday, August 27th** please plan to drop your child off at carline or the front gate. Yard supervisors will be on site to welcome and monitor your child. In the event of tearful separations, please be ready to release your child to one of our caring staff. Tears generally subside within minutes! (Goodbyes are always hardest on the adult; I promise!)

On the first day of school, our gates will be open and you are welcome to walk your child directly to his/her classroom. Classrooms will open at **8:15am**. Please do not go to your classroom before that time, as teachers are busy preparing for this special day. (*\*Morning carline begins Friday, August 24th. Please note that carline closes each morning at 8:25. For the safety of students, please do not leave your child at carline after the volunteers close the gate. Find street parking and walk your child to the office.* )

Be sure to send a note to your child's teacher regarding your after school pick up plans. State whether your child will be: taking the bus, picked up at tables, picked up at carline, or picked up by the BTCCC staff. Please be sure to communicate your plan with your child.

Carline placards and key tags will be coming home on the first day. Please look for an envelope in your child's backpack.

Choice Lunch service begins **Monday the 27th**. For the first two days of school, please be sure to send your child with a healthy snack and lunch. ***\*Please do not send in any food or snacks containing nuts.***

Please be reminded **not to use the front circle** to drop off or pick up your child. The circle is reserved for buses and emergency vehicles only. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

While we love our friendly four-legged friends, dogs are **not permitted** on or around the campus. This includes the sidewalk area in the front circle. Some of our students are either allergic and/or nervous around animals so please leave your pets at home.

Lastly, and perhaps the most exciting...teacher assignments! A class placement email will be sent to all kindergarten families on Tuesday, August 21st. Kindergarten students and families are invited to stop by between 9:00-9:45 on Wednesday, August 22 to meet your teacher and see your new classroom. Class placements will be sent to all 1st and 2nd grade families on Wednesday, August 22nd.

I know I speak for the entire Reed School staff when I say how excited we are to begin the new year. See you all on Thursday, August 23rd!

Warmly,  
Dr. Mary Niesyn & staff  
Reed School Principal