



Reed School NEWSLETTER

September 9, 2020

September 10 - Virtual Back to School Night (Zoom links sent by teachers):

- 6:00-6:30pm Kindergarten & Extended Distant Learning
- 6:30-7:00pm 1st Grade
- 7:00-7:30pm 2nd Grade

Reed Families and Caregivers,

As I write this letter, I am looking out the window at a darkened sky even though the clock tells me it is midmorning. This certainly has been an extraordinary week with regard to our weather and air quality. Yet in the midst of this unusual and challenging situation, I am heartened to see our students remaining calm, engaged, and motivated in their lessons. Reed students truly are AMAZING!

Please be sure to attend Back to School Night tomorrow evening. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher and learn all about classroom activities, routines, and expectations. Your child's teacher will share key aspects of learning and child development that remain consistent regardless of whether school is structured in a distance learning or an in-person model.

As we all are aware, we do not yet have a date for our transition to in-person learning. However, we are very busy developing new safety procedures and routines for staff, students, families, and caregivers. Next week I will be able to share many important details of the procedures we will implement in preparation for in-person learning. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to create the best possible plan.

Please enjoy tomorrow evening's program!

Warmly,
Mary Niesyn

REED VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

Back to School Night will be a virtual event this year. Reed teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet you and share your child's classroom program. This year's event will look a little different. Parents are asked to join the classroom directly using your child's classroom Zoom link (*Teachers will send this to you*). We ask that you review the tips below to ensure a successful evening tomorrow:

- **Arrive on Time:** Please plan to log on 5 minutes early so that you have time to trouble shoot any tech issues.
- **Virtual Waiting Room:** When you log in, you will enter a virtual waiting room. The teacher will admit all guests at the designated time. **If you join late, please be prepared to wait a moment for the teacher to break away from their presentation to let you in.*
- **Stay Muted:** Please remain muted during the presentation. Even subtle background noise can be distracting to the presenters and other participants.
- **Turn Your Camera On:** If you are able, please be sure to keep your camera on. Seeing faces is an important step in building community and developing connections!
- **Consider Using Your Child's Device:** If you use your child's device, it should be

relatively easy to connect to your teacher's personal Zoom link. Additionally, the teacher will see your child's name below your image which can help the teacher connect parent with student.

- **Focus on Learning:** As always, the focus of the teacher presentation will remain on curriculum, instruction, and expectations.
- **Use the Chat Feature:** If you have a question that is relevant to the entire group, you can submit it using the chat feature on Zoom. If you are unable to access the chat feature, you can email your teacher directly.
- **Avoid Child-Specific Inquiries:** Please remember that personal questions and specific inquiries about your child are not appropriate topics for Back to School Night. Please direct personal questions to your child's teacher in a separate email.
- **Unanswered Questions:** Your child's teacher may or may not have time to respond to questions during the presentation. The questions submitted in the chat feature will be saved for the teacher to review at a later time.

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Extended Distance Learning Class with Ms. Jawor 6:00-6:30pm

PTA STAFF PICNIC LUNCH

A big thank you to the PTA for generously providing to-go lunches for the staff on the last Teacher Work Day in August! Everyone really appreciated being able to eat lunch in their classroom while preparing for the first day of school. Thanks to Michelle Thomsen and Carli Hamilton for organizing it all.



REED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Room Parents: If you are interested in being a Room Parent for your child's class, please contact your Grade Level Coordinator by **Tuesday, September 15th** to let them know you are interested. Please include your name, contact info, and your child's teacher's name in your message to:

Grade Level Coordinators

- For Kindergarten, contact Afsaneh Zolfaghari at afsaneh.zolfaghari@gmail.com
- For 1st grade, contact Allison Richards at allisonS.richards@gmail.com
- For 2nd grade, contact Megan Pirsch at meganpirsch@gmail.com
- For Distance Learning Class, contact Julie Stewart at julie.ohara@gmail.com

The responsibilities of Room Parents have changed slightly for the 2020-2021 school year and may evolve as we transition from distance learning to hybrid and in-person learning. For more information, please click [HERE](#) or contact your Grade Level Coordinator.

Reed PTA Meeting: Our first Reed PTA Meeting is **Monday, September 14th** at 9:15am via Zoom. Find out what's happening at Reed and how YOU can help. All PTA members are invited. Please contact Reed PTA Site Chair, Michelle Thomsen at mmsmith8@yahoo.com for more information.



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