




ROSE PARK NEWS

January 2023

January 16	No School - PIR Day
February 17	READ-A-THON — Kick-off — Packets go home
Feb 17—24	READ-A-THON — Sponsorship week
February 20	Presidents Day Holiday - No School
February 27	End of Trimester
February 25—March 3	READ-A-THON — Reading Week
February 27—March 3	READ-A-THON — Dress-up Week
March 4	READ-A-THON — Collection begins
March 6	Report Cards go home
March 10	READ-A-THON — Collection ends — All money must be turned in by this date.
March 13 - 17	Spring Break




PARENT RESOURCE NIGHT

JANUARY 26, 2023
6PM - 8PM
Lincoln Center Auditorium

The Three Big Emotions: Anger, Anxiety, and Depression

Learn communication skills that can help us and our kids navigate these difficult emotions.

These three emotions are normal and sometimes challenging for all of us, but can be especially difficult for youth. Join Kee Dunning as she shares the 'Kee Concepts' in communicating with your child. This presentation will provide parents with information and tools to help themselves and their kids cope with these difficult emotions.




Keynote Speaker
Kee Dunning,
MS, MEd, LCPC, LMFT

Kee Dunning is a licensed clinical professional counselor, consultant and owner of Dunning Counseling and Consulting in Billings. As a mental health counselor, Kee sees clients across the life span with a special interest in working with children and their families. Kee's work was highlighted in the documentary, *Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness* produced by Ken Burns.

The event is free and open to all parents and community members.

For more information: visit
 Billings Public Schools Parent Information



Please do not park in the parking spot reserved for our Nurse between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Our nurse services students from several schools and administers medications on a time-sensitive schedule. If she is unable to park quickly, she will miss the appointed time for a student's medication administration.



Please be considerate of our nurse's schedule and the medical needs of the students she serves.

MID-YEAR REMINDERS:

Inclement Weather Tips and Practices



RECESS: OUT OR IN?

We will go **outside** for recess if

1. the temperature with wind chill is **zero or above** or
2. it is raining lightly, and students will not get wet through their clothing.

We will stay **inside** for recess if

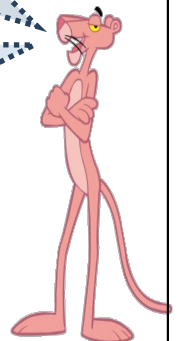
1. the temperature with wind chill drops below **zero** or
2. it is raining hard enough that students will get wet through their clothing.

Dress your child appropriately for rain, cold and snow!

Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for inclement weather on or with them. Do not assume that students will be inside whether cold, snowing or raining — Montana weather changes quickly, so it is best to be prepared for cold, rainy, or snowy weather.

Appropriate **COLD and SNOWY** weather clothing consists of: a winter coat, hat or hood, gloves or mittens, snow boots, long pants, and snow pants if your child has them. **Students without snow boots and snow pants will not be allowed on the snow during recess.** If your child is in need of any of these items, please contact the office.

Appropriate clothing for **RAINY** weather is a water-resistant jacket with a hood and/or an umbrella.



MID-YEAR REMINDERS: General Expectations



FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY and the SAFETY OF ALL:

Riders of Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards, Hoverboards, etc.— Everyone is asked to walk their mode of transportation on school property — parents included. Billings City ordinance states that children 12 and under must wear a bike helmet. We require all riders of any mode to wear a helmet. Please refer to the Rose Park Student Handbook for more information.

Pets — Please do not bring your pet to school. With our large population, we need to be cognizant of those who have allergies to, or fear of, animals. Sometimes an excited pet will leave behind a mess to be cleaned up. We love pets, but please considerate of everyone involved, and keep pets at home.

Locked Doors — All school entrances are locked. Please go to the main entrance to gain access into the building. Please ring the buzzer and be prepared to identify yourself, state your reason for visiting, and/or present identification.

Visitor Stickers — All visitors must enter through the main entrance off of 19th Street, and sign in at the office. If you plan to have lunch with your child or have made arrangements with your child's teacher to volunteer in a classroom, please stop at the office to sign in, and pick up a VISITOR sticker.

Classroom Visitations — If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please do so prior to the beginning of school (arrive by 8:00 a.m.) or after your child's dismissal time. If you need to drop off forgotten lunches, schoolwork, coats, etc., the office staff will be happy to deliver any items to your child's classroom. Due to privacy and safety issues, we do not allow parents to "drop in" to their child's classroom during the school day, nor do we allow parents past the front counter. Any classroom visitations must be arranged with the teacher.

Doctor/Dentist Appointments — If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment during school hours, please stop at the office and sign him/her out. We will use the intercom to call for your child, as there is less interruption for the classroom when we do it this way. If your child returns to school, please be sure he or she checks in at the office before returning to class. If you desire your child to be at the office at a specific time, please call the office 5 minutes prior to your arrival.

After School Plans — If plans for your child's after school pick-up have changed since morning, please call the office no later than 1:00 p.m. for Primary students and 1:30 for Intermediate students. After these times, we will try, but cannot guarantee that we will be able to notify your child of your change in plans. If your student normally rides a bus or daycare van but is being picked up by a family member or friend, please notify the office. This helps prevent much confusion and concern for bus drivers, daycare providers, and staff members.

Parking — For the safety of all children, and due to the large number of buses transporting our special needs students, parking is not allowed near the front door of the school. Please observe and respect the yellow painted areas, and our bus zones. Please do not park in the space reserved for our Nurse between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Use the Crosswalk to cross 19th Street West — Crossing mid-block (jaywalking) is dangerous and against the law. Cross at the southern-most crosswalk at the intersection of Avenue E and 19th Street West when possible. Our Crosswalk Guard is there to stop traffic and keep our students and parents safe while crossing the street. We encourage parents to model crosswalk safety habits by crossing at the crosswalk when escorting your child(ren) into the building.

Birthday / Social Invitations — Emotional safety is important to us. Be considerate of the feelings of your child's classmates. In an effort to promote a safe, healthy environment for all students in each classroom, we do not permit on-campus distribution of birthday or social invitations that are not inclusive. If you would like to distribute party invitations on campus, please include the whole class or those students of like gender to your child. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more information.

MID-YEAR REMINDERS: Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures



Please DO NOT, under any circumstances, park in the bus zones in front of the school during the hours of 7:45 to 8:20 and 1:30 and 3:15

Drop-Off and Pick-Up zones are denoted by **BLACK ARROWS .**

Drop-Off is defined as

- 1) stopping to let your child(ren) get out of the car
- 2) leaving as soon as your child(ren) are safely out of the vehicle and on the sidewalk.

When picking-up or dropping your child(ren) off, please pull up to the southern-most part of the zone to encourage a smooth flow of traffic.