

Regional School Unit # 10
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Dear RES Kindergarten Families,

The start of the year is an especially exciting time in kindergarten! We hope you and your child are as excited as we are to begin school! I remember what it's like to be the parent of a kindergartener; there are also many questions and worries to go along with the excitement! We would like to invite you to our Kindergarten Open House in order to meet all of these needs.

Our Kindergarten Open House will be held on **Monday, August 29th, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m.** You will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers! We will start by gathering in the cafeteria at 3:30. (Please enter through the playground.) After a short presentation, families will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom from 3:35- 3:50. The kindergarten students will take a short bus ride from 3:50- 4:00. After that, your family can join the rest of our school community for an Ice Cream Social on the playground. We hope that all of these activities will help your child to make an excellent transition to RES!

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 29th and school will start at 8:00 a.m. **Students can begin arriving at school at 7:45.** On the first day of school, **bus students** will be sent home on the bus associated with your address unless you call or send a note. You can update any changes in address/phone number by contacting the office.

RES is a wonderful resource for our students and families! We provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. In order to do this, we will be asking families to complete the Community Eligibility Lunch form at Open House. Once school is in session, we will also begin our weekend feeding program that includes backpacks of food sent home each Friday.

We sincerely feel that communication with families is one of our most important jobs! Please always feel welcome to contact your child's teacher or the main office if you have questions, concerns, or celebrations. We have an excellent school website: rsu10.org/res. On this site is a page with our staff list and email contacts, and a link to our Facebook page: facebook.com/RumfordElementarySchool. We post many pictures and events through this page.

I am eager to kick off a new school year and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Warmly,



Jill Bartash, Principal