

RUMCK September News

- * **Security:** Thank you for your support and cooperation with the check-in security policy during school hours. We realize you may experience some inconvenience, but the safety of your children while they are at our school is of utmost importance. Please have your RUMCK parent security badge readily visible when entering the building. If you do not have your badge with you, a photo ID will be requested, and you will receive a visitor's badge. Please return this badge to the greeter upon exiting the building.
- * **Intercom:** An intercom with a camera has been purchased for the security doors. The installation has been temporarily delayed. In the interim, please clip your parent badge where the greeter can see it through the security doors. Thank you for your cooperation.



- * **Carpool:** We appreciate your patience with carpool during these first few weeks as we all learn the ropes! Some helpful tips: please put your child's car seat on the right side of your car, unbuckle your child

from the car seat when you come to a stop, and please do not allow your child to sit on your lap to drive or put their head out the car window. As a reminder, carpool is a cell free zone. The carpool line begins on the west side of the sanctuary and circles around the parking lot. Please be aware that the back of the parking lot is not an entry point for the carpool line.

- * **Entrances/Exits:** Children in carpool will enter through the door at the right of the main sanctuary steps. Parents walking their children into school will enter and exit at the covered walkway on the left. Both doors may be used to exit at dismissal.
- * **Website:** Please refer to our website www.rumc.com/rumck for information regarding the school calendar, parent handbook, newsletter, consignment sale, etc.
- * **Email Updates:** If you are not receiving email updates, please email snewkirk@rumc.com with your email address or leave this information with the greeter. If you would like someone else in your household to receive updates from school, please let us know and we will be glad to add them to our distribution list.



- * **Schoolbags:** Our schoolbags have been selected to allow your child to be more independent in the classroom. Most of the children can hang up their bags, open them, take items out and put items in. The challenge is sometimes carrying them, especially for the younger children. If your child's bag is dragging when it is carried, you may want to tie a knot in the upper part of the straps to reduce the length.

- * **Substitutes:** If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, the following steps are required to be placed on the substitute list: attend the RUMC abuse prevention intervention procedures (APIP) training, receive a satisfactory background check, and read the substitute handbook to become familiar with staff responsibilities and school policies. If you would like to attend the APIP training, it will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7, in the front office (near the greeter's desk) at 9:45 a.m. This should take about 30 minutes. Please call the office or email snewkirk@rumc.com if you plan to attend.
- * **RUMCK Endowment:** We now have \$93,730 in the principal of the RUMCK endowment. The initial funding for the endowment will never be spent, but will work in perpetuity to generate investment income to help support the school every year. Donations to our endowment can be a great way to honor a child's birthday, recognize a teacher, mark a child's "graduation" to big school, take advantage of a company matching gift prior to year-end, etc. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and can be made via check or online at www.rumc.com/foundation. All donations are tax-deductible.
- * **Playgrounds:** Please note that the playgrounds are reserved for RUMCK use only during school hours: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



- * **Birthday Books:** Please consider donating a book to the RUMCK library to celebrate your child's birthday. A special time is set aside for reading the book in the classroom. A nameplate honoring your child will be put in the front of the book. Birthday books are placed in our RUMCK library and enjoyed by all classes throughout the year.

- * **Parent-Teacher "Get-Acquainted" Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21. Teachers will communicate conference times soon and work to coordinate sibling conferences. Please make every effort to be on time as these conferences are scheduled continuously. Since there is no school on this day, complimentary childcare for children six months and older is available in room #165 during your conference time. Due to allergy concerns, snacks are not offered during this time.
- * **PMO** is looking for substitute teachers. Your name would be added to a list for the caregivers to call when they are out. If you are interested, contact Danna Coffey at 770.261.1714 or dcoffey@rumc.com to apply.

Don't forget the consignment sale is just around the corner on September 15-16!

