



## **SY. 26 Families Communication**

**August 13, 2025**

Dear Roscoe Nix Families,

We are about to send, via email and hard copy, important information for the start of the school year. This will include:

- **Class assignments**
- **Forms**
- **Key dates** for the first days of school:
  - **Monday, August 25** – First day for **Kindergarten students only**
  - **Tuesday, August 26** – First day for **Grades K–2 Autism program**
  - **Week of September 2** – First day for **Pre-K and CAPP** students

### **Transportation Update**

The district has recently updated its procedures: we will no longer send hard copies of bus routes. Families can log into **ParentVUE** to view bus routes and pick-up/drop-off schedules. If you have any difficulty accessing this information, please contact us, we are happy to help.

### **Communication**

We will also send this same message to families via **ParentSquare**. I apologize for the duplication, but I want to ensure that everyone can access the new system.

If you have any questions, please call the school at **240-740-7550**.

Thank you, and we look forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Julian Pineda

Principal

Roscoe Nix Elementary School

**August 12, 2025**

**Dear Roscoe Nix School Family,**

We are excited to extend a warm welcome back to all of our families! I hope you are enjoying a restful and joyful summer. At Roscoe Nix, we have been working hard to prepare for an exciting

school year, and we can't wait to welcome back our faculty and students in just a few short weeks.

Please take a few minutes to review the announcements and reminders below. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

### Key Dates

- **August 22**
  - **2:00–2:30 p.m.** – In-Person Open House for new families
  - **2:30–3:00 p.m.** – Meet and Greet with teachers, school tours for all families
- **August 25** – First Day of School for **Kindergarten only**
- **August 26** – First Day of School for **Grades 1–2**
- **September 9** – In-Person Back-to-School Night, **6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### Pre-K and CAPP

Please note that **Pre-K and CAPP (4-year-old)** students do not start school until the week of **September 2**. Teachers will contact each family to schedule individual meetings and share details about what to bring, schedules, and tips to prepare our future Rockets for a successful year.

### School Hours

To maximize instructional time, our dismissal process will now begin at **3:25 p.m.**.

- **Early Pickup:** No early dismissals after **3:00 p.m.** Please plan accordingly and call the school in advance to notify the main office and your child's teacher.
- **Arrival:** Classes begin promptly at **9:00 a.m.** We encourage all families to arrive by **8:45 a.m.** Students who wish to eat breakfast should arrive between **8:45–9:00 a.m.** Breakfast will not be served after 9:00 a.m.
- Walkers and car riders may enter the building starting at **8:40 a.m.**

### Buses & Transportation

- If you cannot attend the Open House or Back-to-School Night, presentation materials will be shared by email and posted on our school website.
- **School Supply Lists** and other important documents are included in this communication.
- On the first day of school, please use the attached stickers: one on your child's clothing (with their full name, not nickname) and one on the inside of their backpack.
- Please keep transportation routines consistent. If there is a change, notify the office and the teacher.
- Make sure your child knows their bus stop and understands not to get off the bus unless they see a familiar adult.
- Bus riders will receive a **color tag** matching their route. Walkers and car riders will have a **white tag**. Please do not remove these tags—they help us ensure students get home safely.

- If you are picking up your child, please arrive on time, as we do not offer an aftercare program.

Attached, you will also find the **bus routes**. Please be on time at the bus stops. During the first days of school, expect delays as drivers learn routes and meet students. Schedules will stabilize after the first week.

### **Meals**

The lunch menu will be posted on the MCPS website. All students are welcome to eat breakfast and lunch at school.

### **Communication Updates**

Last year, we used the **Remind** app for text updates. MCPS has informed us that Remind will be discontinued in December following its acquisition by **ParentSquare**. We will guide you through the transition to ParentSquare to ensure we stay connected. Attached you will find some reference documents to set it up. Our school website will also be regularly updated with important information and resources.

### **Forms**

Please complete and return any forms included in this communication, if applicable.

We are excited to partner with you for another successful school year! I look forward to hearing from you, meeting new families, and continuing the incredible work we've built together. Thank you for your ongoing support of Roscoe Nix ES.

Warm regards,

Julian Pineda

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