



Rees Eagle Update



School News

September 2, 2008

Hello Parents!

It's wonderful for all of Rees staff to welcome you and your children to another school year. We thank you for allowing us to be your partner in the education of your children. We hope that this partnership will continually be strengthened as we work together to ensure the learning for all students. We invite you to volunteer in the classroom and to be part of class and school activities throughout the school year. We invite your input always and thank you for your support! We look forward to working together and making this a very successful school year for all students!

Sincerely,
Mike Larsen

Literacy Thought from Mrs. Miller

It's so great to be in the schools and see the excitement of students coming back to school. If you ask them what their favorite thing at school is, most of them will say – recess! However, I get to see many of them happy to be reading books too. As you set goals and plan schedules at home, be sure to S.T.I.C.K. to reading:

Spend

Twenty minutes reading,

Interactively

Conversing with

Kids.

Read with your students and enjoy talking about the story. Happy reading!

Early Out Collaboration Wednesday

This year all schools throughout Nebo School District will have Collaboration-Early Out Wednesdays. Each Wednesday for the rest of the school year will be an early out day with school ending at 2:30pm. During this time, teacher teams will be working together to strengthen instruction and interventions for all students to bring about increased student achievement. If you have any questions regarding Early-Out Wednesdays, please visit with your child's teacher or Mr. Larsen.

Back-to-School Night

Our Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 4, at 6:30pm. We ask you to please add this event to your calendars. For the first few minutes, we will meet as a general assembly in the auditorium to introduce staff members, and for our PTA to conduct a couple items of business. After this general session, teachers will welcome parents for two twenty minute sessions in classrooms. We look forward to having many parents/guardians, grandparents, and community members attend this event. As a reminder, students are not expected to attend this Back-to-School night event.

It Pays to Read-Road to Success Reading Program

We have partnered our *It Pays to Read* with Ken Garff and the *Road to Success* program. We have seen the excitement for reading grow and look forward to this excitement for reading to continue this year. I invite you to read through the program rules located on the September reading calendar and to visit with your child's teacher or an office staff member if you have any questions. Thanks for encouraging your children to read each night.

Checkout Procedures

Please know that when you check a student out from school before the end-of-school bell rings that you will need to complete the following procedures. *First*, share with Mrs. Olsen that an early checkout is necessary, *second*, fill out information on checkout sheet and sign name, and *third*, wait in the office area until your student arrives in the office. Thank you.

Emergency Management Plan & Drills

The Emergency Management Plan for Rees Elementary is written and is part of the school information handbook. It consists of off-premises evacuation locations and procedures for emergency situations such as; fire and other hazardous situations, earthquakes, and lock-downs. To help us be more prepared in case of a real emergency, students and staff members will conduct a drill once a month to teach and reinforce emergency procedures. I invite parents to help children understand the importance of these drills and to visit with the school administration if you have any questions regarding our emergency plan and drills.

School Picture Day

School Picture Day will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd. More information will be coming soon.

School Safety Information from our School Community Council

The safety of our students is our number one priority. In efforts to provide increased safety for all students at Rees, we will continue to lock all the doors to the building except the main entrance (front office) doors. All other entrances and exits of the building will be locked and will remain locked once the school day begins at 9:00am. By locking the doors we are increasing our school safety by helping all individuals visiting the school to follow the check-in policy of Nebo School District.

Spirit Day

We have school spirit at Rees, and have designated each Friday as our School Spirit Day. We have nice school shirts and encourage children to wear their school shirts (from past years as well) or school colors (maroon and gold) on Fridays. We have a lot to be proud of at Rees School and want to do all we can to build school pride.

Student Safety Getting To and From School

The safety of all students before school, during school hours, and after school is a top priority for all parents and staff members. Students are supervised in loading and unloading zones, bus zones, and crosswalks by faculty members and crossing guards before and after school. Students have been instructed to follow directions of adult supervisors and to obey school rules. Please help maintain the safety of all students by encouraging your children to use sidewalks, to cross Rees Avenue and other streets only in crosswalks, by not loading children into cars in the middle of the street or in the busing zone, and by reminding children not to cross through the bus zone. We encourage parents to provide their students with specific instructions for how, where, and when they will be picked up from school. We ask parents who have students who walk to/from school to walk the route with them to share your expectations and to provide training for increased safety. Thank you for all you do to help our students remain safe.

Calendar of Events for September

Thursday, September 4 th (6:30pm).....	Back-to-School Night
Monday, September 8 th (3:45pm).....	School Community Council Meeting
Thursday, September 11 th (3:30pm).....	PTA Room Helpers / Teachers Orientation
Thursday, September 11 th (4:00pm).....	PTA Board Meeting
Monday, September 15 th – Friday, September 19 th	PTA / School Book Fair
Tuesday, September 16 th (6:30pm).....	Parent Literacy Night for Parents with Kindergarten –2 nd Grade Students
Wednesday, September 17 th	Constitution Day Celebrated
Thursday, September 18 th (6:30pm).....	Parent Literacy Night for Parents with 3 rd – 6 th Grade Students
Monday, September 22 nd – Thursday, September 25 th	Green Ribbon Safety Week
Tuesday, September 23 rd	School Picture Day
Friday, September 26 th	District Development Day (No School)
Monday, September 29 th (3:45pm).....	School Community Council Meeting