

# Reese Elementary

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Dear Reese Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I would like to share our Reese Elementary opening information with you. Class lists are posted on our elementary school doors. Our Back To School Family Blast-Off for grades preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> is Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> anytime between 5:00-7:00 PM. (Grades 3-5: 6:00 is an informational talk in classrooms). Thank you to Frankenmuth Credit Union *Foundation for Our Communities* for the Blast-Off tote bags! Recommended supply lists are available in our elementary office and posted on our school website under "Family Information".

Mrs. Kristine Krieger, Principal  
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## Important News...

### **Classes Begin/Breakfast in the Classrooms**

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. (GSRP begins on Tues. Sept. 12). The first bell rings at 7:50 A.M. Classes at the elementary school begin at 7:55 A.M. Breakfast is free "universal" to all students! All of our students **eat breakfast in the classrooms** beginning at 7:55 A.M.! The buses will drop students off at the gym doors at 7:45. Students will wait in the gym until the 7:50 bell. Students who are dropped off at circle drive can go to the gym to wait as well. The earliest that staff is on duty is 7:30. A student may be dropped off at our circle drive between 7:30-7:50.



**Reese Rocket Stars!**

## Upcoming Events

### **August 30**

Back to School Blast-Off

### **September 5**

First Day of School K-12

### **September 6**

GSRP Orientation 6:30 P.M.

### **September 12**

First Day of School GSRP

### **September 13**

2 Hour Late Start  
School begins at 9:55 A.M.

### **September 14**

Popcorn Day (REFA)

### **September 15**

REFA Movie Night

### **September 19**

REFA Meeting 6:00 P.M.

### **October 5**

Picture Day

### **October 6**

Free Popcorn compliments  
of REFA for Homecoming

### **Class Dismissal**

**Classes are dismissed at 3:00 P.M.** If you are picking up your child after school, please do so at the *circle drive doors*. Parents are also asked to wait outside of the building until the dismissal bell rings at the end of the day.

### **Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Orientation-3 sections!**

An orientation will be held for the GSRP preschool students and their parents on Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. We have 2 or 3 sections of preschool this year! Parents are invited to our Family Blast-Off on August 30<sup>th</sup>; and additionally will be receiving information at the orientation from Mrs. Dorland and Mrs. Elbers. This will provide an opportunity to visit the classroom again and ride the bus with some of the other students in the GSRP program.

### **School Safety**

Visitor/Volunteer Screening Forms --All classroom visitors must fill out a visitor/volunteer screening form prior to helping in the classroom, visiting a classroom or chaperoning on a field trip. These are available in our main office, online at our elementary webpage (under "family information"), and at our Back to School Family Blast-Off.

Please note that even if you filled the form out last year—it needs to be filled out on a **yearly basis**. One form needs to be completed for every volunteer. We can provide you with forms for additional family members...just let us know. Completing this form in advance will make it possible for you to volunteer throughout the school year.

During the school day, all visitors of Reese Elementary School are reminded that they need to report to the office upon entering and leaving the building to sign in and sign out. You will be given a visitor's badge to wear when you are here. Thank you for understanding that this is for the safety of our students.

Thank you for making our circle drive drop-off and pick-up safe! The circle drive works best in the morning if you pull all the way up to the end of the red lines—so more cars can pull up behind you. If you need a bit more time to help your child in the morning, there are designated "A.M. Walk-In" parking spaces on the east side of the circle drive parking lot that are right next to the side walk. Dropping students off by the main office where a bus is unloading is prohibited. Everyone should use the circle drive.

### **Parent/Student Information**

The first week of school is always a busy one! Your child will be bringing information home concerning the school district handbook that includes the new "Understanding Concussion" section, classroom rules, emergency contact information, and early closing information. Please take the time to review them with your child and return requested information as soon as possible to your child's homeroom teacher.

### **Student Insurance Plans**

2017-2018 student insurance application forms are available to pick up in the elementary office for anyone interested. This insurance helps fill the gaps your other insurance may not cover.

### **Best Wishes to Reese Staff**

Best Wishes to the following district staff on their new assignments or opportunities: Andy Behmlander, Jill Billot (to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Kelly Burke-Smith (to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Tricia Church (GrapeSEED Representative), Sherry Conachan, Christy Elbers, Bill Frost, Steve Jackson (to ES Special Education), Cindy Krieger (to Kindergarten), Mickie Kujat (Mt. Morris), Margie Schluckbier, Melanie Tetil, and Carol Westoby (Recess/Lunch Aide-still a bus driver).

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the following district staff: Nathan Carter (Special Education Supervisor), Emily Caylor (TISD Literacy Coach), Ashley Morgan (MS/HS Teacher), Alexandra Mozdzen, (MS/HS Teacher), Brooke Satkowiak (Kindergarten Teacher), and Andrew Wilcox (MS/HS Maintenance).

### **No Child Left Behind Information**

Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) the federal government requires all schools that receive Title I funding inform parents that they have the right to inquire about the teaching qualifications of their child's teacher. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **Annual Education Report (AER) Update**

Our Annual Education Report (AER) and cover letter can be found on our main webpage by clicking on the Annual Education Report link to the right, our elementary webpage under "Family Information", or by hardcopies in the school office.

### **Breakfast and Lunch Prices**

Breakfast is free for all students! Serving Time: 7:55 A.M. **Breakfast is served in the classroom!** Lunch for students will be \$2.25 (Adults will be charged \$3.50). Milk is 55 cents. Our food service department has free and reduced lunch application forms for each family now available on our "FOOD SERVICE" link, at our main office and at our Back To School Family Blast-Off. Return the completed application form as soon as possible so your child's eligibility can be determined - only 1 application needed per family unit.

Sign up for Meal Magic so you can keep track of your child's lunch account day by day once school begins. Look on our main webpage [www.reese.k12.mi.us](http://www.reese.k12.mi.us) for instructions or call **Robin Waldie** @ (989) 868-9864, ext. # 2225.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is recorded daily. Call 989-868-4561 to report your child's absence BEFORE 9:00 A.M. (voicemail is available). Email notification is also welcome! See our elementary webpage attendance "envelope" icon:



## **Reese Elementary Family Association (REFA)**

[refa@reese.k12.mi.us](mailto:refa@reese.k12.mi.us)

COMING SOON-Follow us on our Facebook page!

The Reese Elementary Family Association would like to invite all elementary school parents to attend their monthly meetings. Their meetings are **every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the Elementary Library**. The Association is active in supporting programs and activities at the elementary school. Money raised through fundraising activities is used to support elementary school programs. We appreciate all the time, hard work, and support that our parents have given the students and staff! Visit our REFA table at our Back To School Family Blast-Off Night.

## **Medications**

Please remember if your son/daughter needs medication kept in school, it is required (State Law) that we have a signed release form from your family doctor. We cannot dispense any medication, including over-the-counter medication, cough drops, etc. without a doctor's signature.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Law**

See "A Parent Guide to Public Act 306" on the back page. This law starts in the 2019-2020 school year, but we are beginning to more closely monitor a child's reading progress beginning in kindergarten. If your child is not reading where expected, we will be creating plans to more accurately find where your child needs support.

## **Teacher Conference Times**

If you need to speak with any of your child's teachers they can be contacted in the morning prior to school beginning, conference hours (**see tentative grade level prep times below**), and after school.

**GSRP Preschool Team: Fridays**

**Kindergarten Team: 9:15-10:00 A.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team: 10:00-10:45 A.M.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team: 2:00-2:45 P.M.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team: 1:15-2:00 P.M.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: 12:30-1:15 P.M.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: 11:00-11:45 A.M.**

**Title 1 Teacher: (To Be Determined—TBD)**

Mrs. Karney

**Special Education Teacher: (TBD)**

Mr. Steve Jackson

**Gym: (TBD)**

Mr. Casler

**Music:**

Ms. King (Grade K & 1) **11:45-12:30**

Ms. Page (Grades 2-5) **8:20-9:05**

**Elementary Building:**

**First Bell- 7:50 A.M.**

**Starting time & Breakfast in the Classrooms- 7:55 A.M.**

**Dismissal time- 3:00 P.M.**

2017-18 CALENDAR	
August 30 & 31, 2017	Professional Development Days
September 5, 2017	Classes Begin
September 13, 2017	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
October 18, 2017	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
October 27, 2017	Marking Period 1 Ends
November 6 & 8, 2017	Conferences
November 22, 2017	Conference Release Day
November 23 & 24, 2017	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 6, 2017	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
December 25, 2017 to January 2, 2018	Christmas Holiday
January 10, 11 & 12, 2018	½ Days Exams
January 12, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Ends
January 17, 2018	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
February 7, 2018	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
February 19, 2018	No School
March 5, 2018	No School – PD Day
March 14, 2018	2 Hour Late Start Professional Development
March 16, 2018	Marking Period 3 Ends
March 26 to April 2, 2018	Spring Break
May 28, 2018	No School - Memorial Day
June 6, 7 & 8, 2018	½ Days—Semester Ends
June 8, 2018	School Ends