Important Dates

September 5
7-9pm
Back to School Night

September 6
8:45am RAS Cafeteria
HSA Meeting

September 6
Class Parent Application
Deadline

September 9 & 23
8pm GRHS Media Center
Board of Education
Meeting

September 10-12
School Photos

September 13
8:45am RAS Cafeteria
Class Parent Orientation
Meeting

September 13
Last day to register for
Discovery

September 23
Discovery classes begin

October 4
8:45am RAS Cafeteria
HSA Meeting

1. BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
   September 5 7-9pm

2. CLASS PARENT REGISTRATION
   Register here by 9/6 to

3. SCHOOL CLOSED
   Mon 9/30, Wed 10/9, & Mon 10/14

QUICK LINKS

RAS Facebook Group
Back to School Info
Construction Updates

Cafeteria Menu
School Bucks
RAS Calendar
Discovery
Registration is open - don’t miss out on the chance for your your child to discover something new! Click here to register.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
There are many opportunities to help out at RAS. Most calls for help will be e-mailed in advance via the famous 2pm e-blast!

* Sign up to be a class parent here

* TREP$ - Chair or Co-Chairs needed. TREP$ is an after-school program for 4th–6th graders It teaches entrepreneurial skills such as Product Development, Marketing, Sales, Customer Service, and Handling Money. In order for this great program to continue we need to fill this spot - reach out to Tara Arnett for more information rashsaprez@gmail.com

* Come join the RAS Library team! One of the most fun ways to help our school. Sign up here for the required training if you haven’t previously completed it. Hope to see you in the stacks!

* Find out more about the HSA committees here!
Visiting Author

Ridgewood Avenue School welcomes Children’s Author Susan Verde on September 23rd.

We will be offering four books in Susan Verde’s wellness series including her newest addition, I Am Love. This series explores what it means to have human experiences in the world. It is perfect for children of all ages and continues to influence readers around the world. Each book will be autographed and can be personalized. See below for purchase and personalization options.

Orders MUST be received NO LATER than Wednesday, September 11th. Payments is credit card only. Click here to order!

Please contact Toni Grober at tonigail9@aol.com or Tara Arnett at taraharnett@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Personalized Laptop Case

Protect your Chromebook in GR Style! Black neoprene zip top case for 13” laptop computer. Room for charger and even a mouse! Classic embroidered interlock “GR” logo and an option for name embroidered in red for $5 extra.

- Measures 14”W x 10.5”H
- Made of 100% neoprene
- Water-resistant material
- Fits laptops with screens up to 13.3”

SALE ENDS SEPTEMBER 9TH

Click here to order! Please contact Tara Arnett at taraharnett@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Butterfly Garden

RAS HSA used leftover class dues to provide 4 new Adirondack Chairs and 2 tables for the butterfly garden in the courtyard. Be sure to take a look on Back to School Night!

EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY!

• PARENT SOCIALS! Get to know your fellow Rhino Parents
• NJ Devils Hockey game Winter 2019
• HARLEM WIZARDS January 26
Did you know that there are a variety of after school clubs and organizations for your child to get involved in? Me neither!

Find out more info [here](#) and encourage your child to get involved!

There are lots of “free” ways to contribute to our school

**Shoprite** - go [here](#) and link your Shoprite rewards card to RAS and earn bonus box tops and Shoprite give backs!

**Coke Rewards for School** - Coca-Cola Give wants to help raise funds in our community; Click [here](#) for more info and start fundraising today!

**Box Tops** - Box Tops is going digital. Over the next 12-18 months Box Tops will be phasing out the traditional claimable box tops and moving to full digital. Download the new Box Tops App today and scan your receipt. Be sure to send in any clipped boxtops that you have - we are still submitting them! Questions? Reach out to Cathy Walters cathy07028@gmail.com

Sheets ’n Treats - be on the lookout for a whole new Sheet ’n Treats fundraiser coming soon - sales begin on 9/16 and run through 10/7.

Winter Spiritwear - Pre-Sale in Oct/delivery late Nov.
Tips for Incoming RAS Families

Think things at RAS work differently than the lower schools? Some things do!

General

- Third grade students line up on the playground and enter the building at 8:20 ~ school starts at 8:30
- In inclement weather, students go to the LOWER gym ~ not directly to their classroom. They are told this at the beginning of the year, but it’s helpful to remind them of that first time the weather doesn’t cooperate
- The main office is staffed from 8am to 3:30pm
- Crossing guards are on duty in the mornings from 7:30am to 8:45/9:00am and then again in the afternoons from 2:30/2:45pm until 4 pm
- Students are not allowed to remain on the playground unsupervised after school
- There’s more than one Lost & Found. The main Lost & Found is in the cafeteria. There is a smaller one in the office under the table where visitors sign in. There is an unofficial one all over the perimeter of the playground and on the benches. If your child loses something be sure to have them to check all locations

Lunch

- Your child’s lunch PIN for MySchoolBucks is his or her ID number. You can find that number on the Student Information tab in Skyward listed as “Other ID”
- Some teachers will write your child’s number on a post it note for them until they memorize it. If the child loses that post it note between the classroom and the cafeteria the cashier can look it up for them
- If students forget lunch, they should go to the office to get a lunch pass so that they can purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Remind them of that on occasion
- There are 2 opportunities during the lunch period to make purchases ~ at the beginning the students can purchase a lunch meal. 10 minutes before lunch period is over, they can line up again and get “snack” - which is code for dessert

Tips

- Download the Google Classroom App to your phone ~ you can keep tabs on your child’s schoolwork and they can complete some assignments if you are on the go
- Register for the Google Basics for Parents course when it’s offered at RAS ~ you will lean how your child is using Google Classroom and Apps and how they can benefit you
- Write your phone numbers in the front of their agenda so that they can call you from the school office/library/friend’s phone
- Put a few dollars in their backpack so they can support after school fundraisers – the students are made aware of events during announcements, but parents aren’t typically asked to contribute items so you may not know when they are happening
- The RhinoStoreUs (school store) is open during lunch periods (usually Fridays, tbd). It sells a variety of small items such as pencils, pens, fidget spinners
- Keep the art work handy that they bring home, as you MAY be asked to return it for the Art Show in May