

The Dixie

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Welcome Back!!!

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! I am so proud of our students and how they are performing in the classroom. Please continue to establish consistent night time routines for your children. Our primary students are tired at the end of the day and will require more sleep during the school year. We are continuing to practice social distancing and washing our hands. RSE will continue to follow our state mandated protocols while providing a safe learning environment for our students.

I would like to welcome our new students and families to our school. All of our new students have been great additions to our building. We are a small community and we take pride in being one of the best elementaries in Indiana. Our staff takes pride in our building and our students will continue to grow and accelerate throughout the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the office and we can set a time to meet.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Allen

Counselor's Corner

Another year of Guidance Lessons lies ahead for your student! In case you were unaware, every month, I go into each classroom and provide two lessons focusing on social and emotional wellbeing. These lessons will begin in September. Each month has a different theme, and our first theme, as always, is Bullying Prevention. In each school newsletter, I will try to update you all on our monthly theme and some questions or activities you can do at home to enrich your student's learning and understanding of the topic :)

Yearbooks

At this point, all of the pre-ordered yearbooks from the 2020-2021 school year have been handed out to the students. If you think you ordered one, but have not received it, please call the office to let us know. If you did not order one, but would like one, we have a limited supply of extras available to purchase in the front office for \$15.

PowerSchool Bulletin

If you have downloaded the PowerSchool App be sure to check out the School Bulletin! This is something new that we are trying as another way to communicate important information with parents. You will currently find the elementary's textbook rental fees listed there!

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Attendance Policy

As the new school year begins, I want to make sure all of our families, new and old, fully understand our attendance policy here at Randolph Southern Elementary. Below is a quick breakdown:

Absences

- Per state policy, we begin tracking attendance once a student is five (5) years old. This includes pre-school.
- **Unexcused Absences**
 - o Permitted twelve (12) unexcused per school year
 - o Examples: Vacations, hair appointments, missing the school bus, oversleeping, out-of-school suspension, etc.
 - o After ten (10) unexcused absences, we are required to report it to the state as possible educational neglect.
 - o Letters sent home to parents at each student's 6th, 10th, and 12th absence in an attempt to keep communication open.
- **Excused Absence**
 - o Will not count against the absence total of twelve (12)
 - o Examples: Student illness, illness/death in the family, mandated quarantine, required court appearance.
 - o Requires either a letter or call to the school or teacher to let them know why the student is absent, or a doctor's note.

Tardies

- Our tardy bell rings at 8:05 am.
- Any student that arrives to class after that time will need a tardy slip from the front office.
- ***IF A STUDENT EATS BREAKFAST AT THE SCHOOL, THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED TO BE IN CLASS BY 8:05 AM. IF THEY ARE NOT IN CLASS AT THIS TIME, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED TARDY, EVEN IF THEY WERE IN THE CAFETERIA EATING BREAKFAST PRIOR TO THIS TIME.*** Obviously, if we have a bus that arrives late, we will notify the teachers and make sure the students have enough time to eat breakfast. The breakfast duty staff work very hard at making sure every student understands this concept and gets to class on time, but some students still struggle to finish in a timely manner. If you know your student eats breakfast at school, please make sure they fully understand this expectation J
- Students permitted fifteen (15) tardies per school year.
 - o Letters sent home to parents at each student's 10th, 13th, and 15th tardy.

For more information regarding our Attendance Policy, please reference our Student Handbook, page 6-9.