



Riverhead Charter School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are eagerly waiting to welcome our RCS families back to school and to block out those rain clouds we have had most of the summer. Bring on the sunshine as we kick off the new school year with our Annual RCS Family BBQ. We have many new additions to our school this year and are anxious to tell you about them. Please plan on joining us for some good food and good times as well as noting the other dates that are listed for you below.

Annual Welcome Back BBQ and New Parent/Student Orientation –Wednesday, September 2

All Riverhead Charter School students and families are invited. Come to meet and greet teachers, staff, students and families. There will be a mandatory New Parent/Student Orientation immediately following the BBQ for all new families. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share. **Make sure you call the school to RSVP (ext 2250) by Monday August 31.**

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 8, 2009. School hours are from 8am – 3:45pm. ***Please remember that students will not be permitted to attend classes until they have been registered in the Home Districts.***

School Uniforms – School Uniforms are as follows:

Boys

- Navy blue long pants or shorts / Light Blue polo shirt with knit collar, long or short sleeve/ Black shoes or sneakers

Girls

- Navy blue long pants, skirt, jumper or shorts/ Light yellow polo shirt with knit collar. Long or short sleeve/ Black shoes or sneakers

Immunizations – NYS Health Laws require that proof of appropriate immunizations be presented to the health office.

School Calendar and Handbook –The complete calendar and student handbook will be distributed to each student during the first week of school.



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Emergency Contact Forms – Please bring the enclosed forms with you when you attend our BBQ. There will be people at the welcome table to collect them. If you can not attend the BBQ, they are due during the first week of school. It is for your child's safety and well-being that we must ALWAYS have your CURRENT contact information on file. Please remember to notify us every time this important information changes during the year.

Attendance Policy Reminder

New York State Education Law requires that all students attend school regularly. Parents are responsible for making sure their child/children are attending school every day except when the child is ill or has an excused absence. Please review, sign and return the attached Attendance Policy to the Welcome Table at the BBQ or during the first week of school.

Transportation – Bus/Transportation information will be sent to you directly from your home district.

Parent Volunteers and Lunch Aids needed. Please call the business office on ext. 2250 to find out how you can volunteer. We are also looking for parents to sign up twice a year to assist us with items that we need help with. We are having a work day on August 31st for parents to come in and help us spruce up our classrooms and grounds outside. Please call the school and let us know if you are able to help a couple of hours from 2:00-4:00pm or at 6:00-7:00pm or any combination of these. We need people who can also paint and stencil. Let us know your expertise and we will find a job for you.

Get Your Friends to Enroll- We have a few seats still available in some grades. It is important to have a quota of students enrolled. One free uniform will go to a family that recruits another student for enrollment.

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 2 - 6pm Welcome Back Family BBQ and New Parent/Student Orientation

September 7 Labor Day

September 8 - 8am First Day of School for Students

September 23 - 7pm Great and Meet Night- Parent/Teachers

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 369-5800 ext 2250. In the meantime, relax and enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Yours truly,

Dorothy Porteus, Principal