



REVIEW



Sep. 6, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

It has been so exciting to welcome our new and returning Rouge Park students back to school. It has been a very smooth first week and we are proud of our students who have done such a great job of adjusting to new classrooms and routines. Our primary goal for back to school is to focus on the mental health and well-being of our students and staff. We know that when children feel safe, welcomed and have a sense of belonging, then great learning can happen. In the coming weeks, staff will be building their classroom communities, helping students develop friendships and making sure that everyone has the tools they need to learn and grow. We already have staff running some extra-curricular activities including cross country (grades 4-8) and intermediate volleyball. It's going to be a great year!

We are thrilled to be the administrators of Rouge Park P.S. and we look forward to meeting you in the days to come. Below and in future weekly communications, you will find pertinent information and reminders. Please be sure to read **The Review** each week.

We welcome you and your child back to school for the 2024-2025 school year!

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Upcoming Events:

| Date | Day | What's Happening at School? |
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| Sep. 9 | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day to order pizza for session 1 on School Cash Online (by 12:00 p.m.)• Int. boys volleyball @ 12:15 |
| Sep. 10 | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Int. boys volleyball @ 7 a.m.• Cross country practice @ 10:05• Kids Kitchen for those who ordered• Int. girls volleyball tryouts @12:30• School Council @ 6:30 in the staffroom (child care for school-aged children available) |
| Sep. 11 | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross country practice @ 10:05• Snack Shack at morning recess (\$2 per snack)• Lunch Lady for those who ordered• Int. boys volleyball @ 12:15 |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. boys volleyball @ 2:45 |
| Sep. 12 | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. boys volleyball at 7:00 am • Tentative date for first fire drill • First pizza day for those who ordered • Cross country practice @ 10:05 |
| Sep. 13 | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. girls volleyball tryout @ 12:30 • Open volleyball (intermediate co-ed) @ 3:30 |
| Upcoming: September 26 - Picture Day September 27 - PA Day October 1 - "Meet our Staff" Event | | |

Agendas:

Most teachers in grades 1-8 will be using agendas with their class. Agendas can be purchased for \$8 on School Cash Online.

Hot Lunches at RPPS:

Our first pizza session will run from Thursday, September 12 until Thursday, October 31. **Please make sure you order using School Cash Online by Monday, September 9th at 12:00 pm. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted.** If you need financial support to access pizza, please reach out to Lindsey Maclean (lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca). Alternatively, if you are able to donate pizza for another child, please also send me an email.

We will also offer **Kid's Kitchen** every Tuesday and **Lunch Lady** on Wednesdays starting next week. Flyers can be found below.

We will once again offer **Boston Pizza** day beginning on Monday, September 30. This year we will offer both pasta and chicken nuggets. Please stay tuned for more information that will come out on School Cash Online. Instructions below:

Rouge Park uses online payments through School Cash ONLINE for all school-related purchases:

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps at [this link](#) to register and get started!

"Meet our Staff" Event at Rouge Park:

On Tuesday, October 1, we will be hosting a "Meet Our RPPS Staff" evening at Rouge Park. Please plan to join us for food and ice cream trucks on the back tarmac followed by presentations in classrooms where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. The gathering on the back tarmac will begin at 5:00 pm followed by classroom presentations from approximately 6:15-6:45 and 6:45-7:15.

Snack Shack:

To those of you who are new to RPPS, our grade 8 students run a Snack Shack every Wednesday at morning

recess. All students are welcome to bring \$2 to purchase a cookie or bag of popcorn. This year we will also offer goldfish crackers for \$1. Our first snack shack will take place on Wednesday, September 11th.

School Council:

The Rouge Park School Council is an advisory group of parents, teachers, and staff that serve a vital role in helping our students reach their potential in all aspects of school life. The School Council promotes student achievement in many ways including; advising on school policies and procedures, assisting with school programs, fundraising etc.

School Council Candidate Nomination Forms are sent electronically with the start up package. If you would like to nominate yourself or another community member, please ensure you fill in a nomination form by the morning of September 10, 2024. The School Council members will be published in the newsletter unless a school council election is required. The first meeting will be held at Rouge Park on **Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30pm.** Child care for school aged children will be available. We hope to see many of you there!

Reporting an Absence:

Our school operates a safe arrival program that requires that we check the whereabouts of all students who are absent each day. It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) let us know if their child is going to be absent. We have a 24 hour absence reporting line. When you call in please clearly state your child's name and state their teacher's name as well. You may leave a message anytime at: (905) 350-0005. You may also report an absence through Edsby.

Important Reminders for Student Safe Arrival Procedures From York Region District School Board:

We would like to remind families to report any student absences, especially during the first week of school. We recognize some families may be on extended vacations, transfer schools or move out of Board and ask that you contact the school to inform office staff during the last week of August or on the first day of school. As per Board Policy and Procedures #665.0, Safe Arrivals and Departures – Elementary and Secondary Students, if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence. We remind parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

EDSBY SIGN UP:

This platform will be required to report absences, book appointments and may be used as a communication tool with your child's teachers. For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby is a secure system that keeps your details and information safe and secure. You will be receiving an invitation to EDSBY if you are new to the school, or you have not yet signed up. Please visit [this link](#) for online resources to help you register and use EDSBY.

Health Forms:

Fillable Health Care forms are now available for families who have children with asthma, seizure disorders, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and/or other prevalent medical conditions. This also applies to children who require the administration of medication at school. These forms can be accessed through the links below and/or a paper copy can also be requested from your child's school office.

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Self Administration of Medication Form](#)

Once you've completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it WITH the appropriate medication to school with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student name marked on the bag and left at the office.

Donations to Rouge Park:

This year many of our students have benefited from the generous donations of others in our community. We have had families donate to pizza day, the snack program, school clothing, our grad trip and more. Oftentimes these donations are life-changing for our students as they allow them to fully participate in everything we have to offer. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our school. If you are able, we are currently asking for donations to support all of the above initiatives. Donations can be made by clicking on the Donate button on School Cash Online or by sending a cheque made out to Rouge Park Public School.

2024-2025 Diamond Days

Oct. 3-4 - Rosh Hashanah *

Oct. 12 - Yom Kippur *

Nov. 1 - Diwali

Dec. 25 - Christmas (Western)

Jan. 7 - Christmas (Eastern)

Jan. 29 - Lunar New Year

Mar. 31 - Eid-ul-Fitr * **

April 13 - Pesach/Passover *

April 14 - Vaisakhi

April 18 - Good Friday (Western)

April 18 - Holy Friday (Eastern)

April 20 - Ridvan

June 6 - Eid-ul-Adha * **

**all Jewish and Islamic Holy Days commence on the preceding evening at sunset*

***Dates are subject to the sighting of the moon and may vary for different members of the Islamic faith*

Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations:

As the new school year is beginning, students will be attending Caring and Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations. These presentations are designed to underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe and inclusive school environment. As families are critical partners, please continue discussions about school safety at home by asking your child what they have learned in the Start-Up Presentation.

Presentation topics include:

- Racism and types of discrimination;
- Bullying;
- Progressive discipline;
- Personal mobile devices such as cell phones, smart watches, and tablets;
- Vaping for grades 7 & 8; and
- Standing up for each other, including methods of reporting incidents of racism, discrimination and bullying.

Inappropriate Behaviour

In the Start-Up Presentation, students are learning about anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination, and bullying. This learning will continue throughout the school year. Instances of anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination and bullying are not acceptable and are addressed through progressive discipline. In some cases of racism and discrimination, York Regional Police may be involved.

Students will also be reminded about safe school behaviours, including what items must never be brought to school, such as peanut products, vape products/drug paraphernalia, weapons/replica weapons and knives/replica knives.

Reporting Behaviour

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult;
- Using the YRDSB's Report It button
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](tel:1-800-668-6868) (1-800-668-6868).

Mental Health

We will stress to students the importance of connection as we return to school. Students are learning about who they can talk to if they need support. In addition, positive mental health is closely tied to each individual's sense of identity and safety. As such, mental health initiatives are aligned with equity and safety in mind, which includes culturally specific supports. YRDSB student mental health services are delivered by Board social work and psychology staff. These services are accessible through the school principal. [Mental health resources for families](#) are also available on the Board website.

Student Discipline

We use a progressive discipline approach for inappropriate behaviour on and off school property. This means we consider various options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and the Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy (found on the [Board's Caring and Safe School Page](#)) outline situations where suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. In addition, when inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the student(s) who were harmed and the families of the student(s) who were harmed to the extent that legislation allows.

Online Safety and Appropriate Use of Technology

Students are reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools. This agreement is also included in the start-up package that all families receive at the beginning of the year. Students are reminded that online threats and comments are taken seriously and may have consequences. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board

property, the school board works with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remain our top priority.

For More Information

For more details on these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for more information and to access family resources to continue these conversations at home. Thank you for helping us create a caring, safe, and inclusive school community.

Message from Our Trustee:

September 2024

Welcome to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. We are so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to a new school year.

How Trustees Help

As school board trustees, we have a number of [roles and responsibilities](#), including setting policies and budget and advocating for quality public education. My responsibilities also include communicating with the public. I will continue to keep you informed throughout the school year through these regular newsletters. You can also reach out to me directly. Learn more about [how we can help](#) and [how you can reach me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also stay up-to-date with school board news and events through school communications, social media (X [@YRDSB](#) and [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#)), our [newsroom](#) and Board podcast [TuneIn YRDSB](#).

Our Priorities as a School Board

One of our responsibilities as a Board of Trustees is also setting the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the priorities that will guide our work as a school board for the next several years. We want to thank the many students, family and staff members and community partners who shared feedback in the spring that was used to inform the development of the plan. Some key themes emerged in the feedback that families will see reflected in the plan, including a clear focus on student achievement and well-being. We look forward to sharing more with you very soon.

A New School Year

The start of a new school year is a time of transition - whether your child is starting elementary or secondary school for the first time, entering a new program, moving to a new school or beginning a new grade. The caring, dedicated and professional staff members who work in our system are here to help support your child through this transition. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers or the school to speak about your child's transition and the supports that are available.

We also recognize that transitions can take place throughout September. Elementary schools may be required to adjust some classes due to enrollment changes and class size restrictions. In secondary school, schools may also see timetable requests and adjustments in the first few weeks. These are occurrences that happen each fall and schools do their best to be responsive and to minimize the effects of any changes on students.

I would also like to take this opportunity at the start of the school year to remind families that we all play an important role in keeping our school zones safe for students. We encourage families to:

- consider active school travel where possible (walking, biking, rolling to school) or even parking a few blocks from the school and walking part of the way

- watch for crossing guards
- respect all road safety laws and watch for students
- follow school procedures for kiss and rides

Partnerships with Families

We value the essential partnership between schools and families and want to ensure that families are aware of the many resources available. Our [family resources page](#), available from the homepage of www.yrdsb.ca, gives you quick access to platforms that we use, tips and information, the [Guide to the School Year](#) and [student learning resources](#). It also includes resources for [newcomers](#), [translation information](#) and much more. We are also working on a dedicated new family portal to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education. To ensure you receive notifications and updates, please make sure the school has your up-to-date email address. If you are not receiving emails, please contact your school to confirm. More information will be shared in the coming months.

I wish you and your family all the very best for a safe, successful and enjoyable 2024-2025 school year, and look forward to communicating with you in the months ahead.

Michael Chen

Trustee, Markham Wards 5 and 7

Please scroll down for flyers and pictures

Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning for students in the elementary level (SK to Grade 8) and at the secondary level (Grades 9 to 12).

Elementary

The elementary courses are extra-curricular language learning available for in-person or online classes. Classes are 2.5 hours and run once a week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM*).

Online registration opens on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**. To attend the full language program in its entirety, be sure to register by **Monday, September 9, 2024**.

* For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Secondary

The secondary courses are credit-bearing, running once a week for 3.7 hours. Fall classes are year-long, running once a week on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Fall registration opens on **Monday, July 22, 2024** and will close by the third week of classes.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Please Note:

- All courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

Languages Offered:

Arabic
Cantonese
Dari
Farsi
Filipino
German
Greek
Gujarati
Hebrew
Hindi
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Macedonian
Mandarin (Both)
Mandarin (Simplified)
Mandarin (Traditional)
Mohawk
Punjabi
Ojibwe
Russian
Sanskrit
Sinhala
Spanish
Tamil
Turkish
Ukrainian
Urdu
Vietnamese
Yoruba

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Wednesday starting Wed Sept 11.
Submit your order by Tuesday 8am for
Wednesday order



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Special Food needs?
Make sure to email us
before you order.



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Bring your own cutlery
from home.



Sick child?
It happens. Email us before 8am
to receive a credit.

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Contact Marlyn

marlyn@thelunchlady.ca / 905-470-2598



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Pancakes Little Lunch

Whole grain bite-sized
pancakes & side syrup.



Spaghetti & Meatballs Little Lunch

Whole wheat pasta and
beef meatballs in homemade sauce.



Chicken Nuggets Little Lunch

Lightly breaded, baked
chicken breast nuggets.



Grilled Cheese Little Lunch

Real cheddar on
whole wheat.



Mac & Cheese Little Lunch

Homemade sauce
with real cheddar.



Assorted Sides Available!

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Lunch service begins on Tuesday, September 17th



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VEGETARIAN,
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ALLERGY OPTIONS

SAMPLE MENU

Entrees

Macaroni & Cheese
Beef Soft Taco
Bean Soft Taco
Pancakes with Turkey
Sausage
Pasta with Meat
Sauce (GF)
Pasta with Tomato
Sauce (GF)
Tuna Salad Sandwich
on a Kaiser
Chicken Fingers with
Rice (GF)
Beef Burger (H)
Chicken Burger (H)
Veggie Burger

Side Items

Chicken Fingers
(2 pcs) (GF)
Baked Potato with
Sour Cream
Garden Salad with
Ranch Dressing
Steamed Veggies
Edamame (shelled)
Cucumber Slices
Veggies & Dip
Perogies (4 pcs)
Garlic Bread
2% or Chocolate Milk
Various Fruit Juices
(100% juice)

Snacks & Desserts

Fresh Apple
Fresh Pear
Fresh Orange Wedges
Diced Fruit
Yogurt Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Kettle Popcorn
Fresh Fruit of the Season
Fudgy Brownie
Banana or Carrot Muffin

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available

(H) Halal also available

Not all options are available in all
locations. Please check online to see
the options at your school.

DELIVERING GOOD, REAL FOOD TO KIDS AT SCHOOL

Our commitment is to
provide nutritious, delicious,
"home-cooked" meals with
simple ingredients that you'd
find in your own kitchen.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

No problem! We're here for
you. Speak with us on how
we can accommodate your
child.

ORDER ONLINE

Visit www.kidskitchen.ca to
see your school's menu,
specials and for fast,
secure, online ordering.



SEE YOUR SCHOOL'S
MENU ONLINE

Need Help with your order?

905-944-0210 (M to F 8:30am-2pm) or email us:
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Proud to be serving lunch at
ROUGE PARK P.S.
Service Day: Tuesday

YOUR SCHOOL MENU INCLUDES FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Entrees

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| Beef burger | \$6.25 |
| Buttery Pasta | \$6.75 |
| Chicken Burger (H) | \$6.75 |
| Chicken Fingers with rice pilaf (GF) (H) | \$8.00 |
| Chicken Vegetable Stir-fry with steamed basmati rice (H) | \$8.25 |
| Grilled Cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread | \$6.50 |
| Grilled Cheese & Turkey sandwich | \$7.50 |
| Macaroni & Cheese | \$7.25 |
| Meatballs with mashed potatoes, gravy & corn (H) | \$8.25 |
| Pancakes (2pcs) with Turkey sausage (2pcs) & syrup | \$8.25 |
| Pasta with meat sauce (GF) | \$7.75 |
| Pasta with tomato sauce (GF) | \$6.75 |
| Turkey Burger on a whole wheat bun | \$6.75 |
| Veggie (w/ tofu) Stir-fry with steamed basmati rice | \$7.75 |
| Veggie balls with mashed potatoes, gravy & corn | \$8.25 |
| Veggie burger | \$6.75 |

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Complete Meals

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| BLT (turkey bacon, lettuce & tomato) with Fruit | \$8.25 |
| Chicken caesar wrap with Fruit (H) | \$8.25 |
| Tuna salad sandwich with Fruit | \$8.25 |
| Chicken fried rice with Fruit (H) | \$7.00 |
| Tofu fried rice with Fruit | \$7.00 |

NEW

Snacks & Desserts

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| Banana muffin (SFTE) | \$1.95 |
| Carrot muffin (gluten-friendly) (SFTE) | \$1.95 |
| Chocolate chip cookie (SFTE) | \$1.50 |
| Diced fruit | \$2.50 |
| Fruit of the day | \$1.75 |
| Fudgy Brownie (SFTE) | \$1.75 |
| Popcorn | \$2.15 |
| Yogurt cup | \$1.75 |

Side Items

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| Baked potato with sour cream | \$2.50 |
| Chicken fingers only (2pcs) (GF) (H) | \$5.00 |
| Corn niblets | \$1.85 |
| Cucumber slices | \$1.75 |
| Edamame (cold, shelled) | \$2.35 |
| Garden salad with italian dressing | \$3.35 |
| Garlic bread | \$1.85 |
| Pancakes (2pcs) with syrup | \$4.85 |
| Perogies (4pcs) with sour cream | \$4.55 |
| Steamed Rice | \$2.50 |
| Veggies & dip (ranch) | \$2.75 |

Drinks

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| 2% Milk | \$1.75 |
| Chocolate Milk | \$2.00 |
| Various fruit juices (100% juice) | \$1.75 |

Apple juice; Apple grape; Fruit punch; Strawberry banana orange

Condiments

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| Butter | \$0.50 |
| Cheddar Cheese slice | \$1.00 |
| Extra Syrup | \$0.35 |
| Mayonnaise | \$0.55 |
| Parmesan cheese | \$0.55 |
| Pickles | \$0.50 |
| Plum sauce | \$0.50 |
| Ketchup, Relish, Mustard | Comp. |

Rice pilaf = with peas & carrots

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available. See prices online.

(H) Halal options also available. See prices online.

(SFTE) Sweets from the Earth Premium Baked Good.

Prepared in our inspected, commercial nut-free facility. We follow all Public Health Guidelines & Safety Protocols.

We specialize in individually packaged Grab'n'Go service.

Please contact us directly regarding any allergy questions or concerns.

Due to challenges with food supply, substitutions may be made at our discretion.

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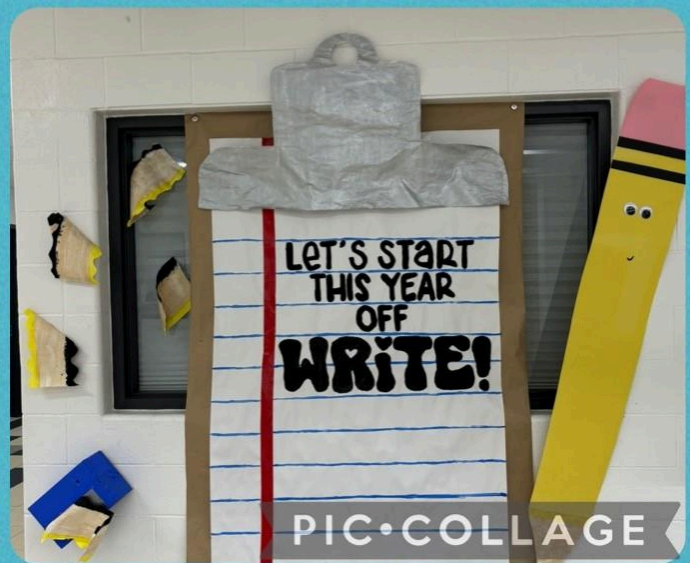
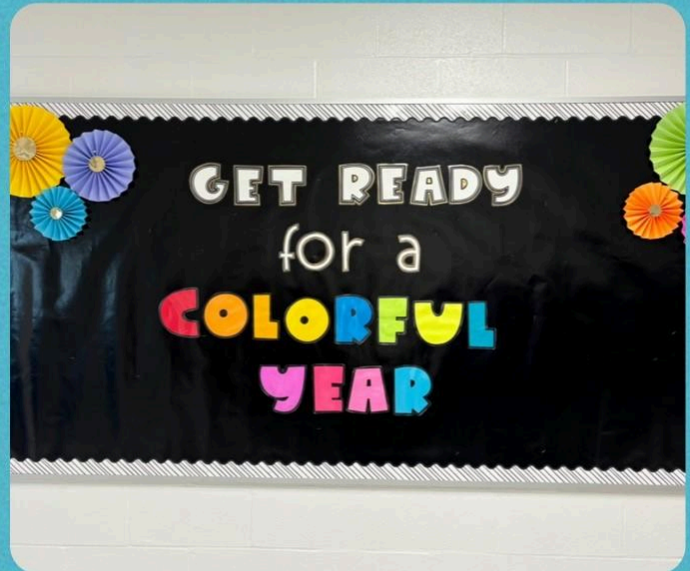
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2024-2025

Bulletin Boards Around the School



First Day of School!

