



August 10, 2023

Ridgewood Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year. Since June, the RPS team has been preparing for an exciting opening of school in September. Our faculty members are participating in robust summer professional development programs, our maintenance and custodial teams are scrubbing, polishing, and updating our learning spaces, and our administrative staff is improving our systems and processes to ensure that RPS functions smoothly and effectively for the benefit of everyone. I look forward to seeing you in our schools soon.

As you also prepare for the upcoming school year, please take note of the following important reminders and updates.

**Opening Day for Students**

Opening day for students is Tuesday, September 5, 2023. As a reminder, students will follow the minimum day schedule. The **[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)** is posted on the District website and acts as a quick reference for all school closings, breaks, and minimum days.

**The Mandatory Annual Student Information Update will open on Saturday, August 12.**

This week, a postcard will arrive in the mail, reminding you about this important process. It is critical that you complete the included permission forms, notifications, and information updates as soon as possible. Parents and students will not have access to the district's network, resources, Chromebooks, and schedules until this is done. We ask that you complete all steps in **[Skyward Family Access](#)** by August 25, 2023.

**Please add your child's Back to School Night event to your calendar.**

In the coming weeks, principals will be sharing more details regarding your child's back to school night. I look forward to seeing you there!

- Wednesday, September 6, 2023: Travell Elementary & Ridge Elementary
- Thursday, September 7, 2023: Somerville Elementary & Willard Elementary
- Tuesday, September 12, 2023: Glen School
- Wednesday, September 13, 2023: Hawes Elementary & Orchard Elementary
- Thursday, September 14, 2023: Benjamin Franklin MS & George Washington MS
- Thursday, September 21, 2023: Ridgewood High School

**Please participate in the monthly Superintendent Coffee.**

The Coffee provides a forum for parents and community members to engage in direct conversation with the district administrative team on matters pertaining to our schools. There are no time limits or restrictions on topics to be discussed. Even if you choose not to participate, by listening to the meetings, you will receive regular updates regarding important district activities and efforts. You will also hear about current topics of concern as we discuss them with our participants. If you missed [July's Superintendent Coffee](#), please take a moment to view the recording. Each month's coffee can be found on the district website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information and for completing the Mandatory Student Information Update in a timely manner. I look forward to seeing you soon.

In the meantime, have a wonderful August and celebratory Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,  
Mark Schwarz