

# RCS Newsletter

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## Principal's Message



Roscoe Central  
School

The start of the school year is always filled with high energy and enthusiasm for learning. Now that October has arrived, let's keep our goal for student success in focus and continue to move forward. As a district our goal is to foster an increase in student achievement through the identification of essential standards and the use of student assessment information to plan instruction. The collaboration of community members, parents, students, staff and administration is invaluable to the process of increasing student academic growth and success.

I want to thank all the community members and parents that attended and/or contributed to our annual Welcome Back Block Party/Open House. We had a fantastic turn out this year and it was exciting to reaffirm our belief that Roscoe is a wonderful place to live and learn. The positive and collaborative conversations about education and academic success demonstrated that here at RCS and in our community we are determined to work together to ensure that each child is able to reach his/her potential.

Please take some time to enjoy the great autumn weather here in the Catskills and plan some outdoor family fun. Family fun activities such as hiking, raking leaves, and discovering nature are the best ways to explore new concepts and build essential communication skills.

*Janice Phillips*  
Principal

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## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

**This announcement contains important information about the 2018-2019 Go Home Drill .**

**Date: Thursday October 4, 2018**

**Time: 2:35 pm Go Home Drill**

- **The Roscoe Central School will be practicing an "Evacuation with Transportation" Drill .**
- **Faculty, Staff and Students will dismiss from the Evacuation site.**
- **Walkers and student pick-up will be at the Community Center.**
- **All students will follow their regular dismissal routine.**
- **The building will remain open for the day.**

John Evans  
Superintendent

Dear Parents,



I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.



All around Roscoe Central School students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,  
Catherine Griebel  
STEAM TEAMS Coach

## RCS End of the Day Pick Up



Thank you for your patience in allowing us to work out the kinks in our new process, which we modeled from other schools in the county. Dismissal is at 2:35pm and we now have the pick up process finished within 10 minutes of dismissal!

We have added more staff to help make the process run as smoothly as possible. If you are picking up a child, you can also help the process move along smoothly and efficiently. Here are some ways to help:

- Vehicles that are waiting to pick up students should pull to the left on Academy Street. This is the street the pick up line occurs on.
- Vehicles should not pass other vehicles in the pick up line. Wait for the vehicles in front of you to load and leave, and then follow behind.
- So that we can load two vehicles at a time, the first vehicle in a pairing should pull up to the red fire hydrant to leave room for the second vehicle behind you in the vehicle loading area.
- Staying in your vehicle in the line helps the entire process move more quickly. Please do not get out of your vehicle if you are in the vehicle line. (If your child can get into the car independently, please let them do so, without getting out of your vehicle. We realize this might not always be possible, but it is the goal we will work toward as students become more independent.)
- If your child needs to get to the right side of the vehicle, remind your child to walk in front of your vehicle and not behind, so that you can see him/her crossing.
- For families who live close to the school and are walkers, please use the sidewalks.
- Please do not park your vehicle down the road or in a parking lot and then come to the building as if you are a walker, pick up your child, and walk back to your car. This delays the entire process for everyone.
- If you happen to be in line and your child is not yet inside waiting, we will send you to loop around to get back in the pick up line to give us time to locate your child. We realize this may be a bit of an inconvenience for you but it should be a very rare occurrence and will permit the entire process to continue while we locate your child.

Again, thank you for your patience and support with this new procedure. Without your support, we would not have been able to make this process a success!

**Board of Education News**

The RCS Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. The public is encouraged to attend. Please visit the RCS website: <http://www.roscoe.k12.ny.us>. There you will be able to view and print the newsletter, monthly calendar, menu, Board of Education meeting minutes, etc. Please call Marlyn Peters at 498-4126 if you would like to receive a copy of the monthly meeting minutes.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018	5:30pm
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	5:30pm
Tuesday, January 29, 2019	5:30pm
Tuesday, February 26, 2019	5:30pm
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	5:30pm
Thursday, April 11, 2019	5:30pm
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (Annual Budget Hearing )	7:00pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2019( Budget Vote/Regular Meeting)	7:00pm
Tuesday, June 25, 2019	5:30pm



**A Note from the RCS Student Government**




**Meet our 2018-2019 Student Government Officers!**

School is back in session here at Roscoe Central School! We hope everyone had a great summer and had lots of fun. The teachers and students are ready to get back to work, and the Student Government would like to welcome everyone back. There will be a number of different sales run by the Student Government throughout the school year. The first sale of the year will be the Spirit Jacket sale in November. If you would like to purchase a Spirit Jacket contact a student government officer or get in touch with Mrs. Carpenter or Mrs. Hyzer. There will also be an additional sale in December. The Student Government would like feedback about what you would be interested in purchasing. If anyone has any suggestions please contact an officer, representative, or Mrs. Hyzer or Mrs. Carpenter. We will certainly take your ideas into consideration. The Block Party occurred September 20 and it was a great turnout. There was lots of unique tables at the event. The kids were having fun, eating hot dogs and drinking lemonade, checking out all the different tables and it was a very good time. Thank you to the school for hosting the block party and we hope it all comes back next year! If there are any questions or concerns about the sales or about our school we would love to hear from you! We hope everyone has a great school year!

**Roscoe Central School  
SCHOOL TAX  
INFORMATION**

Your school taxes may be paid in person at the Roscoe Branch of Wayne Bank. Payments will be accepted in the lobby only. No Drive-thru. You may make payments Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*Dignity for All  
Students Act  
(DASA)  
Coordinator,  
Dawn Dorcas*

School will be closed **Friday, Oct. 5th** due to a Conference day   
**Monday, Oct. 8th** due to Columbus Day.

**Wear Pink on Thursdays in October to Support Breast Cancer Awareness**





# Congratulations!



The RCS Music Department is happy to announce that Kia Haering and Alisha Trautschold have been accepted to the NYSSMA Zone 8 Area All State Music Festival! This is similar to All County, however, much more competitive as it encompasses 5 counties of students auditioning. Kia will be singing alto and Alisha will be playing euphonium. The festival will take place on Friday and Saturday November 16 and 17. If you see Kia and/or Alisha please congratulate them on this fantastic accomplishment.

## Kelly Bullis and Rachel Kleinman

Welcome back to school. Here are some ways you can help your child with Spanish!

Study Tips for Learning a new Language:

1. Find a partner (Having someone to practice with helps significantly!)



2. Be creative (Singing songs, drawing, using mnemonics, and rhymes will all help you remember!)
3. Talk to yourself (Use vocabulary words, conversational vocabulary, and proper pronunciation when you practice!)
4. Repetition is key (The more you hear, read, write, and see Spanish the more you will learn!)
5. Look and listen for cognates (Cognates are words you recognize from your native language that mean the same thing in another language.)
6. Use context clues (Just like English, using sentence context should help you when reading for comprehension.)
7. Don't be afraid to make mistakes!
8. Use online resources:

- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- <https://roscoecsd.schoolology.com/home#>
- <https://kahoot.it/>
- [www.quizizz.com](http://www.quizizz.com)
- [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)
- [www.conjuquemos.com](http://www.conjuquemos.com)
- [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)
- <http://www.conjugation.org/>
- YouTube!



# PTA

## PTA NEWS

Next Meeting October 11th

College Boxes due by October 19th

Adult Paint and Sip November 16th (Details Coming Soon)

Sign Up for Talent Show TODAY!!!

# NEWS

### Fly, Fly Away!

Mrs. Robinson's First Grade Class learned about the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly. They enjoyed observing metamorphosis as a tiny little egg turned into a beautiful butterfly. It was quite exciting observing this change.



Mrs. Robinson and the first graders hope their



butterflies have a safe journey south.

### **Nurse Notes**

#### **Keep Kids E-Cigarette Free**

Have you seen your child's USB flash drive lately? It could actually be an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) containing nicotine. E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. middle and high school students and USB-shaped e-cigarettes are increasing in popularity. As parents, please take time to learn more about the dangers of e-cigarettes for young people.

#### **What Are They?**

E-cigarettes are electronic devices that produce an aerosol by heating a liquid. They come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid. Some e-cigarettes are made to look like regular cigarettes, while some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items. Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called "vaping" or "JUULing". Flavored e-cigarettes are very popular, especially among young people. They can be flavored to taste like menthol, alcohol, candy, fruit, chocolate, or other sweets.

#### **What Are The Dangers/Risks?**

Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine - the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products. Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control. Each time a new memory is created or a new skill is learned, stronger connections - or synapses - are built between brain cells. Young people's brains build synapses faster than adult brains, however, nicotine changes the way these synapses are formed. Using nicotine in adolescence may also increase risk for future addiction to other drugs. Scientists are still learning about the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes. Some of the ingredients in these could also be harmful to the lungs in the long-term. For example, some e-cigarette flavorings may be safe to eat but not to inhale because the gut can process more substances than the lungs. Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions, some of which have resulted in serious injuries. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes. The cloud that users exhale from e-cigarettes can expose others to chemicals that are not safe to breathe.

#### **For More Information...**

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has a tip sheet for parents and suggestions for starting a conversation with your child; along with other free resources to explore.

Please encourage your child that if he or she sees something, they should say something! (This is our OLWEUS slogan for this academic year).

Should you have any additional questions/concerns, don't hesitate to contact school.

FYI: Per NYS law, free feminine hygiene products are now available in all restroom areas at RCS that serve the middle and high school girls. These supplies will also, as usual, be available to the students in the health office. Please encourage to come to the health office for any additional support.

If your child has not yet had their required physical exam, the school doctors will be here mid-October and these will be completed at that time.

Thank you.

Patti Casey, RN