

Dear Parents,

HAPPY FRIDAY!

Well, the first week of school is now history. It has gone quite smoothly, and what a delight to see everyone's smiling faces – a most sincere and hearty welcome to our new students and a great big welcome back to those who are returning. We are all working hard to make this the most rewarding year of everyone's educational experience yet.

I have a few news items for you today.

Please welcome our new PE Teacher: Mr. Jerry Don Johnson, "Coach Johnson," joined us on the first day of school. We are fortunate to have found him and have him agree to join the RSS family. Coach Johnson has over 15 years of PE experience in various districts around Central Texas, having recently relocated back to Austin from Tennessee with his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild. Among other talents, he is a tennis pro!

Milk service will begin for students Tuesday, September 4th. L&L Catering offers a drink [lemonade] with the hot lunch purchase, but the price of the meal does not include milk. Julie is negotiating with a dairy to begin milk delivery service, which will not be able to begin until after Labor Day. As of this writing, the price per ½ pint of either chocolate or white milk has not been set. Please be aware that the price of milk has sky rocketed recently, and Julie is working to get RSS the best price possible.

FRIDAY Folders are changing to THURSDAY folders. We have heard your input as well as the teachers', and are implementing the change this year. Beginning next week, please look for weekly information to begin coming home on THURSDAY rather than on FRIDAY from now on.

ALT Schedules are being reviewed and tweaked as I write this to you. ALT assignments are going slower this year based on classroom assessments being completed this week in language arts and math. ALTs are spending time in the classrooms getting to know the students as well as instructing them in school procedures.

Outstanding paperwork needs to be returned ASAP to your student's classroom teacher or the Office. Remember that we will be offering hearing, vision, and scoliosis screening here next week, if you have not done that as part of your child's physical.

Have a restful weekend! We look forward to getting back into the groove on Monday.