

## COMMUNICATION

### Webpage and Facebook

Visit our school webpage <https://ric.gwd50.org/> and Facebook page for updated information regarding important dates and activities happening at school. You will also find important links for parents as well as students.

### Registration

All returning GWD 50 students need to register this school year. Please visit GWD50.org and go under the "For Parents" tab to find directions for completing Final Forms.

### Phone Messenger

On occasion, we will send a phone message to all parents at Rice to inform or remind you of upcoming school events. The system automatically calls the primary phone number we have on file for your child. If you realize you do not receive one of the messages, please check with the front office to be sure we have your most current number.

### Blue Wednesday Folder

All Rice students will receive a Blue folder. Blue folders will go home every Wednesday and need to be returned the following day. These folders will contain graded papers, notes from your child's teacher, and other important information.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, July 23**  
*Student Orientation*  
8:30am- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Upper EI Montessori  
10:00am- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/Lower EI Montessori  
11:30am- K4 and K5/ Primary Montessori
- **Wednesday, July 24**  
*First Day of School!*
- **Thursday, August 1**  
*Birthday Lunch*  
*July Birthdays*
- **Wednesday, August 7**  
*Boy Scouts Meeting*  
6:00 PM
- **Friday, August 16**  
*Teacher Inservice Day*  
*No School for students*
- **Tuesday, August 20**  
*Kona Ice Day*
- **Tuesday, August 27**  
*Fall Pictures/Yearbook Pictures*  
*Family Fitness Night/PTO*
- **Thursday, August 29**  
*Birthday Lunch*  
*August Birthdays*
- **Monday, September 2**  
*Labor Day- NO SCHOOL*
- **Grandparents Week**  
*More Information to come*



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back! My name is Anna Haynes and I am the Principal at Eleanor S. Rice Elementary. This is always an exciting time as we prepare for the beginning of a new school year! Over the summer break our dedicated faculty and staff have been working hard to ensure a successful start to school on **Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**.

We would like to welcome all students to a drop-in orientation on **Tuesday, July 23<sup>th</sup>** prior to our first day of school. You will first report to the cafeteria to gather orientation information from the school. Then you will walk to your child's classroom and are then welcome to take self-guided tours of the school.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Upper EI Montessori- 8:30am**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/Lower EI Montessori- 10:00am**  
**K4 and K5/ Primary Montessori- 11:30am**

During this time, you may visit classrooms, meet teachers, join PTO, and get your car rider, bus, or walker tag. If there is any specific information you need to share with your child's teacher, I encourage you to put it in writing.

If your child is returning to Rice and your home address has changed since last year, please bring a new "Proof of Residence" by the front office. We want to be sure your address is the one that we have in our computer system. A "Proof of Residence" can be a power bill, cable bill, or lease, and must have the parent's name listed on the bill.

Rice is a Title I school. At our Orientation, we will be conducting a Title I orientation meeting to provide you information about programs included through this funding source. Detailed materials are available on the district website. Paper copies will also be available at orientation. Agenda items will include: District Parent Involvement policy, input into the school compact, Review of the FY25 Title I plan, and an opportunity for input.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mrs. Anna Haynes  
Principal

## Bus Transportation Procedures

**All K4, K5, 1<sup>st</sup> graders and any new student needing bus transportation must **complete a bus transportation form and return to the school prior to July 18.**** Return bus forms to the main office Monday-Thursday 8:00 am- 4:00pm or place in our drop box by the front door at your convenience.

Parents of **K4, K5 & 1<sup>st</sup> grade students** who ride a school bus to and/or from school will be given **2** Authorized Escort Cards during orientation. The cards must be obtained prior to the first day of school. Parents must present the card at the bus stop in order to receive their child. Parents are responsible for giving the cards to other adults who he/she authorizes to pick up their child. The child will be returned to his/her school if the card is not presented.

All K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who ride a school bus to and/or from school are required to have a bus rider tag attached to his/her book bag for safety reasons. Please ensure your child brings the same book bag to school each day with the bus rider tag attached.

If you move prior to the start of school, please go to your child's school and complete a bus transportation form. If the form is not received prior to the first day of school, July 26, 2023, there may be a delay in riding the bus the first few days of school.

As we get ready for a new and exciting year of school, parents please remember that the first couple of days of school loading the bus will run slightly slower as our team is meeting new students and their parents/guardians. Bus route times may slightly differ during the first few weeks as everyone, including your student, learns their new bus routine

### **School Start Time**

School starts each day at 7:50. If your child arrives after 7:50, an adult will need to escort the child into the building to sign them in. Also, note that breakfast in the cafeteria will cut off at 7:40. This will ensure students have time to eat breakfast and report to class in a timely manner and not miss instruction.



## **Dismissal- ALL changes must be in writing**

School dismisses at 2:40. Any changes in transportation will need to be in writing. **NO CHANGES** will be taken over the phone. Parents or guardians need to provide a written statement of any changes in regards to how their student(s) will get home.

No early dismissals after 2:00. Please plan accordingly to dismiss students prior to 2:00 for appointments.

## **Carlines**

We ask that all parents go through the carline in the morning and afternoon. Please stay in line and do not pull around a car. For safety of all students and staff, students will not be allowed to cross carlines and load cars in the parking lot.



## DISMISSAL PROGRAM

In our ongoing efforts to enhance your children's safety, we will use the PikMyKid Dismissal Application. This system has been proven to simplify dismissal, reduce traffic congestion, and most importantly, improve overall safety.

The unique features of PikMyKid allow you, as parents, to easily change pick up modes, quickly delegate to an alternate individual for pickup, and even schedule future pickup modes. This app allows you to be in full control of your child's dismissal and it gives us, the school, complete information regarding dismissal (who picked your child up) and the ability to acknowledge every change and to instantly check your child's dismissal status should you have a question.

During orientation you will receive information about downloading the app to your phone and how to register your child. A green car tag will also be given to each car rider and or family.