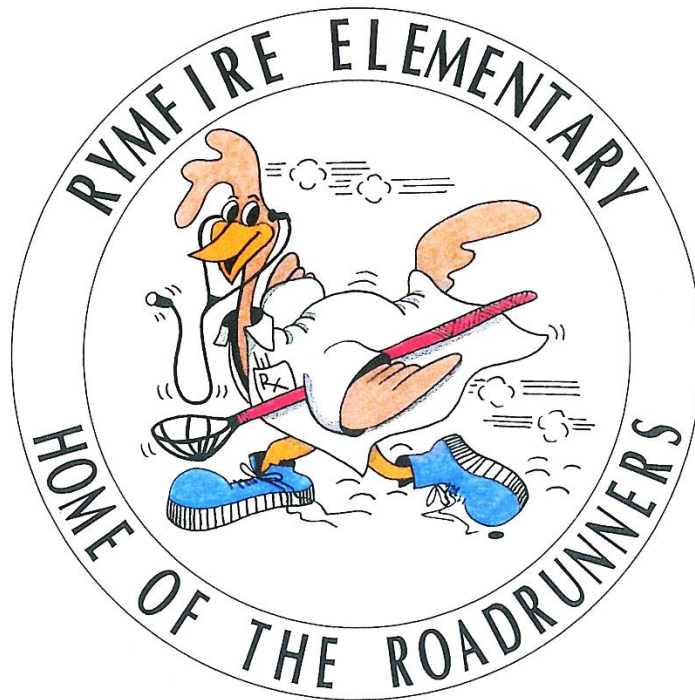


Rymfire Elementary School



"Prescription to a Healthier You!"

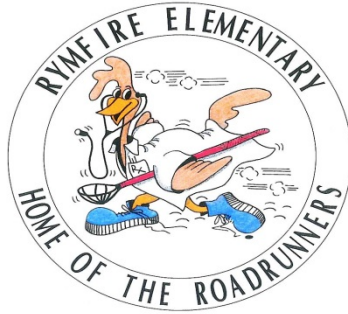
This Student Planner belongs to:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Room: _____



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Roadrunner Parents and Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Rymfire Elementary School. The faculty and staff join me in saying that we hope your year will be a successful and satisfying one.

Parents are our partners, and it is important to join forces as we provide students with positive learning experiences. This planner has been prepared as a reference guide that covers important policies and procedures. Parents and students should review the contents of the planner together. If there are any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher, Guidance Counselor, or School Administrator.

The daily use of the planner will provide a tool for helping students with organizational skills and should be used as an on-going correspondence between home and school. Students should write down homework assignments, unfinished work to be completed, and other important information to be shared with parents.

We welcome your support and participation during the school year, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students with you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sauvelpahkik
Principal

Rymfire Elementary's School-Wide Expectations:

Be Respectful!

Be Responsible!

Be Safe!

Be Engaged!

SCHOOL VISION: The Rymfire Elementary School Vision is to work as a team to develop the whole child through successful school experiences in an environment of mutual respect and personal growth.

FLAGSHIP PROGRAM: Medical Sciences, Health and Fitness

Motto: “Prescription to a Healthier You”

Mission: Our mission is to teach our students the importance of a healthier life style through experiences that focus on exercise and nutrition. We also strive to nurture interest in the Medical Sciences and increase awareness of various health/medical careers.

SCHOOL START TIME:

Student instructional time begins at **9:10AM**. For the safety of your child, please make sure that your child does not arrive at school before **8:55AM** unless he/she is participating in a school sponsored activity. **School doors do not open until 8:55 AM each school day.**

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM:

Parents must complete all information, including emergency dismissal information, on the student information form. This form is to be kept current, as this ensures that parents can be contacted in the event of an emergency. *Contact Trish Burns, Registrar, to update your information if changes occur during the year.

ABSENCE:

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school sick line at **206-4622** to leave a message about the absence. Students who are excessively absent or leave school early may be referred to the Student Success Team for intervention assistance. Students who continue to be excessively absent will be monitored by the District Office and may be referred for additional services or to the State Attorney’s Office (per Student Code of Conduct).

EARLY DISMISSAL:

If your child needs to leave school early, a parent, guardian, or a designated person over the age of 18 must come into the office and sign him/her out. (This person should be listed on the Student Information Form that is filled out at the beginning of the year.) **Identification MUST be shown before the student will be released to anyone.** The receptionist will contact your child’s teacher and have him/her sent to the office for dismissal. **Students should not be released early unless it is an emergency. Students will not be called to go to the front desk until the parent (or designee) has arrived at school.**

TARDY:

Students arriving at school late (**after 9:10AM**) should report to the front desk for a “late pass” to give to their teacher. Students who are excessively tardy or leave school early may be referred to the Student Success Team for intervention assistance.

WALKERS:

Walkers must follow the designated route to and from school during specific times. Parents should not enter the building with walkers in the morning, nor should they enter the building to pick them up in the afternoon. **Walkers will be dismissed from the building at 3:15PM.**

***While Walkers is always an option, the preferred, safest and most efficient forms of transportation for your child are Car Riders or Buses.**

CAR RIDERS:

Students can be picked up in the Car Riders Area at the front of the school **from 3:20PM to 3:50PM.** Parents may pick up a car rider number at the front office. You will be asked to display this number when picking up your child. Only by displaying this number will your child be released to go home as a car rider. This is designed to help ensure the safety of your children. **To keep the flow of traffic moving we ask that you do NOT park and get out of your car to pick up your children,** and do not vary from the pick-up procedures. The children count on you to set a good example and follow traffic directions and speed limits. Please drive safely on school grounds.

*****PARENTS: IF ANY CHANGES OCCUR AS TO HOW YOUR CHILD WILL BE GOING HOME, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IN WRITING. WITHOUT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION, YOUR CHILD WILL BE SENT HOME THE WAY HE/SHE NORMALLY GOES HOME.**

EXTENDED DAY:

Flagler Technical Center (FTI) provides services before school and after school. For further information contact FTI at 447-4345 ext. 1925.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF VOLUSIA/FLAGLER COUNTY:

After school services are provided through this organization. For further information call Stephanie Ecklin at 386-313-1988.

SCHOOL STORE:

Student classroom supplies may be purchased each morning **between 8:55-9:10AM** from the school supply store. The school store operates on the following schedule: Monday (Kindergarten and 1st grade), Tuesday (2nd grade), Wednesday (3rd grade), Thursday (4th grade) and Friday (5th grade and 6th grade).

PARENT/PUBLIC VISITATION:

We welcome parents to our school. We ask that ALL parents and ALL visitors enter the building only through the front office where they can obtain a dated visitor's pass. This pass is to be worn on the upper left shoulder area while on school grounds. Please be prepared to present you driver's license/photo ID as part of our Raptor sign in procedure. **Parents are not permitted to go to their child's class unannounced during school hours, or walk their child to class after the second week of school. If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please prearrange a meeting with him/her.** This is important so that we can keep the school secure

and reduce disruptions to the instructional program. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide a safe learning environment for the students.

Classroom Visits: Visits must be prearranged with the classroom teacher and should only last 20 minutes.

Lunch Room Visits: Parents may eat lunch with their children but should not remain for recess period.

PLANNERS/iPADS:

Planners are provided for all students in Grades K-3. In addition to being the student's organizational tool, it is the primary means of communication between parents and teachers. Please review your child's planner each night for homework/project information or for teacher notes. Students in Grades 4-6 are issued iPads. Parent contact with the teacher can be through the use of the iPad. ****Please note—for grades 3-6, it is not the teacher's responsibility to write assignments for the students.**

HOMEWORK:

Homework provides an opportunity for remedial drill, developmental practice, enrichment activities, and development of study skills and self-discipline. Homework is given to reinforce skills that have already been taught in class. Reading is recognized as a universal skill that relates to all subjects. Parents, or other adults, should make every effort to read to/with students who cannot read on their own.

In addition to the teacher's assignments, students are expected to:

- 1) Read for pleasure, and
- 2) Study math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Children must know their facts with speed and accuracy.

If your child consistently has no homework, spends an unusual amount of time on homework assignments, or is experiencing difficulty, a conference with his/her teacher should be scheduled.

MAKE UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCE:

A student will have one day for each day of **excused** absence, from the day he/she returns to school, to complete any work missed due to the absence.

SAC:

Our School Advisory Council is made up of parents, teachers, and community members. The function of SAC is to review testing data, approve the School Improvement Plan, discuss school challenges, plan parent/staff approaches to positive change, and develop--with faculty and staff--a plan for distribution of A+ money, when applicable. SAC meets a minimum of four times per year. If necessary, additional meetings may be scheduled. All are invited to attend these meetings. ****The first meeting will be held in August (date to be announced).**

RES-PTO:

A successful school needs the services of an active PTO. The RES – PTO is made up of parents, teachers and interested community members. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings. ****The first meeting will be held in September (date to be announced).**

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

The School Volunteer Program is proud to be able to assist the students and teachers in their classrooms. We also provide volunteers for clerical duties, childcare centers, media centers, book fairs, health screenings, holiday gift shops, etc. We try to place volunteers when and where they are needed. Chaperoning field trips, even as a parent, is also a form of volunteering.

If you are interested in becoming a school volunteer, please visit the Human Resources Department at the government services building on Highway 100 in Bunnell. **Please contact Sabrina Crosby at 386-437-7526 if you have any additional questions regarding the volunteer program.**

PHONE/CELL PHONE POLICY:

Students must have a pass or receive permission from a teacher or an administrator to use the phone. Such calls must be for emergency purposes only. **Although cell phones are permitted, they are not to be visible, on, or in use while on campus. Cell phones will be confiscated and turned in to administration if they are used in violation of this rule.** Cell phones may be used, with permission, in the presence of a school official.

FOOD FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES:

For the safety of your child, and all the children in the school, any food brought into the school for a classroom party must be individually wrapped and in the original packaging (**no home baked goods**). The district's food service department is also willing to provide cupcakes, cakes, etc., for a classroom party. Please contact your child's cafeteria manager for further information and cost.

SAFETY DRILLS:

Throughout the course of the year, Rymfire Elementary School will conduct fire, tornado and color-coded safety drills. These are conducted so that students will know how to respond and be safe in the event of a real emergency. Please be advised that if we have to have a **CODE RED** that is not a practice, parents will be notified via the district website.

DISCIPLINE:

The Code of Student Conduct was developed by Flagler County Schools. This publication, which can be found at www.flaglerschools.com, describes the procedures for parents, students, and school to work cooperatively to foster positive interpersonal relationships and maintain a school environment free of disruptions which interfere with teaching and learning activities.

Our goal is to help children, not to punish them. It is our wish to create an atmosphere that is friendly, cooperative, and conducive to learning. Since certain understandings are necessary to achieve this atmosphere, as well as to protect the health and safety of all students, we have established the following rules:

1. ***Students must follow directions the first time given.*** Cooperation, self-control, and respect for adults and other students are behaviors that are expected from each student.

2. ***Use of profanity, name-calling and bullying are prohibited.***
3. ***There is to be no running in the school building or on the school grounds.*** This pertains to dismissal time as well.
4. ***Hands, feet, and objects are kept to oneself.*** Fighting or play wrestling is not allowed at any time, and may result in suspension.
5. ***A pass from the classroom teacher is required upon leaving the classroom for any reason.***
6. ***Gum, candy, electronic equipment and toys (including fidget spinners)/trading cards (i.e. pokemeon) are not allowed to be brought to school unless it is part of a sanctioned classroom activity.*** Electronic equipment including radios, tape players, lasers, cameras, CD players, tape recorders, and toys (including fidget spinners) will be confiscated and must be picked up from the office by the **parent**.
7. ***Writing on or defacing school property, buildings, walls, desks, books, etc. is not allowed.*** Students who violate this rule will be disciplined
8. ***School grounds and rooms should be kept neat and clean.***
9. ***Students may not wear shoes with wheels in school or on the bus.*** Students who wear these shoes to school will have to remove the wheels before entering the building. If the wheels cannot be removed, parents will be called to bring a change of shoes to school.

Rymfire Elementary School students are expected to show respect for themselves, for other students, and for all adults, so that each classroom has a climate in which optimal learning can take place. We expect students to behave in ways that are acceptable and conducive to learning. Misbehavior on the part of the students can generally be corrected when the home and school work together. When the positive actions taken by parents and teachers have not brought about acceptable behavior, other alternatives, including suspension from school may be utilized as a corrective measure. The following procedures will be followed when the child's conduct interferes with his/her learning or the learning of other students.

Classroom Behavior Tracking Forms – are used to track behavior that does not meet the expectations of the school staff. If a tracking form is completed (Steps 1-4) within a 30-day period, it will result in an office referral.

Referrals – are given for more serious offenses and continuous failure to follow school rules. Referrals are turned over to administrative staff for a determination of consequences.

CONSEQUENCES:

The district has developed a matrix of consequences that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Lunch detention
2. Loss of recess
3. Denial of privileges: movies, assemblies, field trips, etc.
4. Alternative classroom assignment
5. In-school detention
6. After school detention
7. Out-of-school suspension
8. Expulsion

9. Any combination of the above

The administration uses professional judgment to determine the severity of each incident and follows guidelines set forth by a representative school discipline committee and the Student Code of Conduct for imposing consequences.

DRESS CODE:

The principal and other staff members will enforce the dress code. The administration/designee will be the final judge about whether a student's clothing is appropriate for school. We rely on the good taste and judgment of the students and the responsibility of the parents to advise their children of the appropriate dress in accordance with the Flagler Public School Dress Code Policy. The following general rules apply to dress code:

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1. Shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers are acceptable if they are within 4" above the knees.
Sweatpants and athletic shorts are not allowed.
2. Hats, headgear, or any head covering (bandanas, sweatbands, and du-rags) will not be allowed.
School appropriate hats are allowed outside the building.
3. No undergarments are to be seen at any time.
4. Wearing apparel that tends to identify association with secret societies or gangs as prohibited in Florida Statutes is not allowed.
5. No sunglasses can be worn inside buildings.
6. All chains and jewelry that hang outside clothing are not allowed.
7. Any jewelry or accessory that presents a safety or health hazard or causes a major disruption to the educational process is not allowed.
8. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed. (i. e. footwear with wheels, including but not limited to Heely's.) K-6 grade students must wear enclosed shoes or athletic shoes;
9. All clothing must be the appropriate size for the student; it may not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at waist level and not below the waist.
10. Tattoos deemed inappropriate by staff must be covered.
11. Contact lenses that alter the appearance of the eye (other than to another naturally occurring color) are not allowed.
12. No trench coats.
13. No sheer or lace fabrics may be used in top or bottom attire.
14. No clothing, insignia or logos related to drugs, alcohol, violence, gangs or other topics deemed inappropriate by Administration are allowed.

The School Board has the right to establish an atmosphere at the schools that will provide the best environment for educational and learning purposes. Students who are considered to be dressed inappropriately, or who violate above guidelines, will be sent to the office. The administration/designee shall determine whether a mode of dress is in violation of the district Dress Code Policy. In cases where a student is inappropriately dressed, arrangements will be made with the parents for an appropriate change of clothing. Students who are sent to the office more than one time for Dress Code violations will be subject to disciplinary measures.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Don't forget there is a mandatory School Uniform Policy in place for the 2017/2018 School Year, as follows:

SHIRTS: Standard short or long sleeve polo or oxford style or button up dress shirt with a collar. School colors are **navy blue** and **burgundy**. District colors are **white**, **black**, and **grey**. Shirts must be solid color and fabric. No lace or sheer materials, including "cut outs." A small trademark logo is acceptable. **On designated School Spirit Days or special events, students may wear their school logo t-shirt, team jersey or club shirt but these items must represent the school the student attends.**

PANTS/BOTTOMS: Must be **khaki (tan)**, **grey**, **white**, **navy blue** or **black** slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers or plain blue or black denim jeans, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers. A small trademark logo is acceptable. Bottom attire must be plain without any holes, tears, or unfinished hems, and must be worn securely at the waist. If bottom attire has visible belt loops, a belt must be used (except in K-3). Sweatpants and shorts are not allowed.

OUTER OR COOL WEATHER ATTIRE: Zip, button-up or "over the head" sweatshirts or sweaters are acceptable as long as required dress attire is worn beneath. These must be solid in color.

*****For a complete outline of the District Uniform Policy please refer to the Flagler County School District website at www.flaglerschools.com.**

COMMON DISCIPLINE CONSEQUENCES FOR "NOT IN UNIFORM" DRESS CODE:

In all cases, the student would not be allowed to attend class out of dress code. The student would either have to change or parents would have to bring proper attire. The consequences for noncompliance of dress code are progressive. The consequences below apply to students in grades K-6.

Initial Correction –Verbal warning with dress code letter sent home.

1st Offense—Verbal Warning; Parent contact/call

2nd Offense—Referral; 1 period of in-school suspension. (1period = 45 mins)

3rd Offense—Referral; 3 periods of in-school suspension.

4th Offense (and up)—Referral; 1 day of in-school suspension.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT / TOYS:

Electronic equipment and toys (including fidget spinners)/trading cards (i.e. pokemon cards etc.) are not allowed at school. These items will be confiscated and parents will be notified that the item is available for pickup from an administrator at the school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIORIAL INTERVENTION and SUPPORT:

This is a program used in Flagler County Schools. Its purpose is to implement strategies that will assist schools in increasing academic performance and safety while decreasing problem behavior as well as establishing a positive school culture. It is based on a problem-solving model and aims to prevent inappropriate behavior through teaching and reinforcing appropriate behaviors.

CHARACTER EDUCATION:

This is a program of monthly activities that challenge students' minds, empower their well-being, and teach values and beliefs essential to becoming good citizens. Words of the month are: Responsibility (Sept.), Patriotism (Oct.), Self-Control (Nov.), Citizenship (Dec.), Kindness (Jan.), Tolerance (Feb.), Honesty (March), Respect (April), and Cooperation (May).

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Student recognition programs have been designed to promote academic achievement and social development, create a positive school climate, and involve the support of the local community.

TERRIFIC KIDS:

This program is a collaborative effort between the school and the Kiwanis Club of Flagler County. The purpose of this program is to create a climate that teaches, models, and promotes the traits outlined in Character Education. **Terrific Kids Awards will be presented four times during the year (dates to be announced).**

HONOR ROLL:

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must earn A's & B's in the core subject areas. In order to be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, a student must earn all A's in the core subject areas. If a student qualifies for the Honor Roll for all four grading periods, he/she will be placed on the Yearly Honor Roll. If a student qualifies for the Principal's Honor Roll for all four grading periods, he/she will be placed on the Yearly Principal's Honor Roll.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Awards will be given to students who are marked present for each school day for the entire year.

BRINGING UP GRADES (BUGS):

This program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Flagler County. Each quarter, students who have brought their grades up from the previous quarter receive a certificate for their progress. In order to receive a BUGS certificate, the student must have raised the equivalent of one letter grade in one area, or in all areas, but not have gone down in any area.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Registration—When registering your child in Flagler County Public Schools, please bring the following documents:

- ✓ Original Birth Certificate of Child
- ✓ Immunization Record
- ✓ Physical Record
- ✓ Child's Social Security Card (optional)
- ✓ Guardian's Photo ID
- ✓ Guardianship Documentation (If Applicable)
- ✓ Student's Last Report Card
- ✓ Documentation of the Student's Educational Plan (e.g. IEP, 504, etc.)
- ✓ Proof of Flagler County Residency--utility bill or homeowner's insurance, copy of a lease or rental agreement, bill of sale or property deed – not a driver's license. Documents should clearly indicate parent/guardians' name(s)

Immunizations – Please refer to the Flagler County Schools website at www.flaglerschools.com for information about immunizations.

Physical Examination – All students entering Flagler County Schools from outside Flagler County must have a physical within one year of the first day they enter Flagler Schools. The student's personal physician must certify this examination.

Transfers and Withdrawals – Parents should notify the school at least 24 hours in advance of withdrawal, in order to receive correct transfer papers and report cards. Students under age 16 cannot be withdrawn until we receive a records request from the new school or program.

Guidance Services – The counseling programs in our schools are available to help students, parents, and teachers develop positive learning experiences. The programs consist of a variety of services and activities, including individual and group counseling, parent and teacher consultation, group guidance, information services, referral assistance to other programs and services in the community, and student testing.

MEDICATION PROCEDURES:

Health Services – All schools have a nurse/SHA assigned to the campus. In case of a child's injury or illness at school, the parents will be notified. **Please be sure to keep your child's emergency information sheet updated and notify the school of any changes immediately.** Also in case of an emergency, the child's doctor's name and phone number should be on file and current. Minor abrasions, etc., can be handled in the school clinic. Students with a fever of 100 degrees or above will be sent home from school and must remain at home for 24 hours before returning to school. Schools must follow laws which govern the dispensation of medications. Nurses are fully trained in this regard.

No district personnel shall assist or permit the administration of any medication unless each of the following has been complied with:

a) The Flagler County Authorization to Administer Prescription Medication to students by School Personnel form must be completed and signed by the doctor before the medication can be administered.

b) The above policy also applies to the administration of medication when the student is away from school property on official school business and only if Permission and Medical Authorization while at School and on Field Trips are signed by parent.

c) The parent or guardian of the student has personally delivered the medication to the appropriate school office in its original container with the complete labeling by the pharmacist. Labeling instructions must be followed unless the physician presents written documentation. Additionally, if the dosage and/or times of administration changes, within three (3) days a newly labeled prescription container must be brought into the school clinic.

d) If the dosage and/or times of administration are changed, the nurse must verify by telephone to the prescribing physician and complete a Verification of Physician Telephone Order Form. The form must be signed by the physician and returned to the clinic within seven (7) days.

e) Upon receipt of any medication by school personnel, the Prescription Medication Record Sheet shall be made showing the time, date, amount of medication actually received and the name and initials of the person receiving the medication.

f) All medications shall be stored in the original container in a location designated by each school principal and in a secure fashion under lock and key. Only the school nurse or designee shall have access to the key to the medication storage area. A list of the trained school personnel who administer medication shall be posted on the outside of each secured medication storage area.

g. When a student is away from school on official school business, only a Flagler County staff member and or parent may carry and administer the prescription medication. The prescription medication should be contained in the labeled prescription bottle.

Current and up-to-date information on your child's Medication Authorization and/or Emergency Information Sheet is vital. Please notify your school immediately of any changes in address, telephone numbers or persons authorized to check your child out of school.

****Please Note: Any medication taken from a student will be disposed of and cannot be returned**

OFFICE STAFF HOURS:

Rymfire Elementary School's office hours are from **8:10AM to 4:40PM.**

STAFF:

Principal	Barbara Sauvelpahkick
Assistant Principal (K-4)	Travis Lee
Assistant Principal (5-6)	Abude Koushakjy
Dean/Transportation Issues	Barry McDonald
Behavior Intervention/Walkers	Chris Wisniewski
Principal's Secretary	Beth Blumengarten
AP Secretary (K-4)	Danielle Sweeney
AP Secretary (5-6)	Margarita Orozco
Guidance Counselor (K-2)	Lauryn Stark
Guidance Counselor (3-4)	Nitza Roman
Guidance Counselor (5-6)	Amy Gambone
Guidance Secretary	Lauren Walsh-Rami
Bookkeeper	Christine Connors
Registrar	Patricia Burns
Nurse	Monica Bosco
Nurse Assistant	Connie Crain
Attendance Clerk	Jennifer Gimbel
Technology Specialist	Vincent Checci

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Main School Line	206-4600
Student Sick Line	206-4622
Boys and Girls Club	313-1988 (Stephanie Ecklin)
Cafeteria	206-4624
Extended Day	206-4623
FAX	586-2305
Transportation	586-2145
School Board	437-7526

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Contact: Nitza Roman at 206-4600 (Ext. 4710) or Barry McDonald at 206-4600 (Ext.4826)