



LESTER C. NOECKER SCHOOL
100 Passaic Ave.
Roseland, NJ 07068

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September 2010

Important Back to School Information

Greetings from Mr. King, Mrs. Schwarz and the entire staff at Lester C. Noecker School. We hope you are enjoying your summer and looking forward to an exciting opening of school. This year we welcome our new pre-school families to the Noecker family. The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**. Children in grades kindergarten through sixth should report to school between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. Students in **Kindergarten** will assemble in the new gym, **first and second grade** are to assemble in the lower grade play area. **Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students** are to assemble on the back playground. Therefore, we ask that all students stay off the playscape until they have a refresher course on safety and playground rules in their physical education class. **Preschool students and parents** will meet with Mrs. Hardenberg for an hour of orientation. The morning class will meet from 10:00 – 11:00 am and the afternoon class will meet from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Wednesday, September 8, 2010 the preschool regular school hours will begin.

School hours for grades one through six are from 8:45 to 3:20 p.m. Kindergarten hours are from 8:45 to 1:05 p.m. In January, the Kindergarten day will be extended to 3:20 p.m. Pre-school hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For your child's safety, no child should be dropped off at school before 8:30 a.m. The school district **cannot** provide supervision before 8:30 a.m. unless you participate in the Early Morning Care Program.

The extended day program "Kiddie Care" will be offered from September through December. A flyer regarding this program was distributed to each kindergarten parent during the kindergarten testing in June. The Y will continue to provide the regular Extended Day Program (K-6) from 3:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fees will be established by the West Essex Y. If you have any questions, please contact the West Essex Y at (973) 992-7500.

The Lester C. Noecker School Handbook will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. Please read the handbook carefully. It contains policies, regulations and procedures affecting the school community. There will be several forms for you to read and complete as well.

The Roseland Board of Education will continue the Early Morning Care Program between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. Children will be supervised by Mrs. Barbara Sax in Room 407 until 8:30 a.m. Please see Mrs. Sax or call the school office at (973) 226-7644, Ext. 347 to register your child. There is a fee of \$60.00/month, payable in advance, to the **ROSELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**. If you have a second child, the fee is \$35.00 for that child (a total of \$95.00 for both). Children are permitted to attend on a day-to-day basis at a cost of \$5.00 per day. No registration is necessary. At 8:30 a.m., weather permitting, children will go outside until school begins. There will be supervision, as usual. If the weather is inclement, students will remain inside and report directly to their respective homerooms.

If your child is an incoming sixth grade student, please be reminded that the State has mandated the following required immunizations for your child: Meningococcal Vaccine and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine). Physician documentation of these vaccines is due by the first day of school, September 7, 2010. The State may call for students to be excluded from school who do not comply with this new health requirement.

With a major increase in the number of students with severe allergies to all types of nuts, the Roseland Board of Education determined Lester C. Noecker School is a nut-free school. This became effective on September 4, 2008. Please refer to Policy No. 5141.1, Peanut and Tree Nut Free Environment, which is posted on the school's website. Also, please be aware there are many students who have food allergies in our school. Each homeroom will be receiving pertinent information concerning the extent of the allergies in their particular rooms. It is mandatory that these rules are followed and enforced. Any unauthorized food will be removed from class and will be held in the office for pick up.

The cafeteria will be in operation with a hot lunch program. Hot lunch will cost \$2.00 (includes milk) and a la carte milk will cost \$.50. Other a la carte items will be \$1.00. Applications for free or reduced lunch will be distributed to students during the first week of school. A menu will be sent home and also posted on our website.

Classroom visits or meetings with teachers are to be arranged only through the school office. For security purposes, parents and other visitors must report to the office and sign in.

Wednesday is set aside for all written communications to go home. Notices from the Board of Education, Superintendent, Principal, faculty and staff will be forwarded at this time. Outside agencies, in particular the Borough, all use this day to provide you with information of upcoming events. Please look for your WEDNESDAY PACKET if your child does not provide it for you. (Progress reports on individual students from teachers are sent on a continuous basis.) We anticipate moving to an electronic backpack by October 2010. More information will follow.

Transportation has been scheduled. Designated bus routes are enclosed. Students should be at their bus stop ten minutes before the estimated pick up time. If uncertain about assigned stops, please call my office. Students are not allowed to change buses without the permission from school administration.

If you choose to drive your child to school, we ask that you drop him/her off in the designated drop off zone. The drop off procedure for cars is to pull up to the curb in-between the cones, (from the area of the kindergarten wing to the first door) quickly discharge the children from the passenger side only and pull out when clear (no buses or cars passing). Due to safety concerns, we do not want any doors on the driver's side of the car to be opened. If you need to get something from your trunk, please pull into one of the spaces across from the drop off zone and then make sure you cross your child safely. There is no cross walk. Please do NOT double park, be patient and as cars pull out after discharging their passengers, you can pull up behind where the other cars were. It is our intent to keep the traffic flowing and the children safe. Cars are NOT permitted to park in the fire zone at any time either at drop off or during the day. Buses will be lined up and discharging the children from the flag pole courtyard area to the new gym entrance in the area in front of the school. **Do not drop off your child where the buses unload the children.**

All children (drop off and bus arrivals) will walk down the front of the school toward the lower grade playground. Upper grade children will enter the building at the new gym entrance and the lower grade children will go directly to the playground. If your child is being dropped off late, after 8:50 a.m., you are

asked to park your car and walk your child into school through the main entrance and sign him/her in. Please do **not** drop your child off before 8:30 a.m., as there will be **no** supervision.

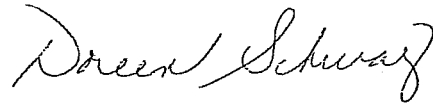
If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please be sure you provide a note to the homeroom teacher. The main office should only be called, at Ext. 310, **before 2:45 p.m.** in an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that arose after your child left for school and you were unable to provide a note. Your child will be waiting in the hallway to the right of the multi-purpose room. Please note that all children will be placed on their bus unless we have been notified differently.

Thank you for your continued support in providing an educational community which is built upon mutual respect and cooperation. The parent-school partnership is an essential ingredient for academic, social and emotional growth. We look forward to another great year at Lester C. Noecker School.

Very truly yours,



William N. King
Interim Superintendent



Doreen Schwarz
Principal