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Dear Rolling Acres Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another fantastic year at Rolling Acres Middle School. I am excited about the year ahead and hope you are as well. Rolling Acres has a long-standing tradition of maintaining academic excellence. Our number one focus is student achievement. The faculty and staff have been working hard throughout the summer developing teaching strategies and skills in an effort to continue to meet the needs of all our students. Everyone is energized and excited about the upcoming school year. Our expectations and goals for all students are high, and together as a team we will work to help all students achieve their goals. We are dedicated to providing every student with a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that students have regular attendance at school. If your child is sick and must be absent from school, please call the school office by 7:45 a.m. If you do not call, you will receive a recorded phone message informing you that your child is absent, and your student will be marked as unexcused. If your child has an appointment, or you have not called, please send a note when your child returns to school. There is a 2-day window (starting the day the student returns to school from an absence) to correct any problems with attendance by phone or by sending a note with your child upon their return. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our records accurate.

STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY AT ROLLING ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHIRTS

Color choices for shirts are red, white or navy blue. Shirts must have a collar (polo or oxford type). Shirts must be free of logos, stripes, emblems, and other decorations. Rolling Acres spirit wear shirts may be worn in place of a collared shirt. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times. Oversized shirts as well as tight fitting shirts will not be allowed. Students are permitted to wear turtleneck shirts in red, white, or navy blue. **NOTE: Light blue is no longer a uniform school color.**

SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS/JACKETS

Sweaters can be worn over a uniform shirt. The color choices are red, white, or navy blue. Sweaters must be free of logos, stripes, emblems, and other decorations.

Rolling Acres spirit wear sweatshirts, purchased through the PTO, and crewneck sweatshirts that are red, white or navy may be worn. Crewneck sweatshirts must be free of logos, stripes, emblems, and other decorations.

No hooded sweatshirts will be allowed, even if they have a Rolling Acres logo on them.

Jackets of any kind may not be worn during the school day.

SLACKS/SHORTS/SKIRTS

Color choices are navy, khaki (light tan), or black. These items of clothing must be free of stripes, other decorations, and embroidery. Slacks should be purchased in the correct size to avoid "sagging" or to prevent clothes from being too form fitting. Sweat pants and low-riders are not allowed. Girls may wear capri/cropped length pants. Rolling Acres spirit wear sweatpants, purchased through the PTO, may be worn.

Specialty Attire for Girls: Girls may wear jumpers or skirts in navy, black, or tan. Length regulation for skirts and shorts is below the fingertips when arms are held at the sides. Please note – denim pants of any color, stretch pants, yoga pants, sweatpants, and nylon warm-up pants are not acceptable.

SHOES

Students can wear any type of shoes as long as the shoes do not pose a safety hazard. Due to safety issues, all shoes must have a back strap and flip-flops cannot be worn by students.

FIRST DAY COMPLIANCE

The Board of Education requires health documentation compliance by the first day of school. Students not in compliance for physical exam and immunizations by the first day of school (August 14, 2019), will not be allowed to start the school year until all health documentation requirements are met. Families are strongly encouraged to schedule health appointments now, so that documentation can be prepared and turned in to the office, avoiding first day compliance issues. For middle school, 6th graders will need the following:

- Physical exam – “Dated within one year of the first day of school”
 - Health history (completed and signed by parent/guardian)
 - Diabetes Screening Assessment (practitioner report)
- Proof of 1 Meningococcal shot (MCV4) – given at age 10 years or later.
- Proof of 1 Tdap (Adult Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) shot – given at age 7 years or later
- Proof of 3 Hepatitis B shots (normally given in infancy – most students are already compliant)
- 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) shots or proof of having had the disease
- Dental Examination – Due May 15th – “Dated within 18 months prior to May 15th”

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Tuesday, August 13th – 5th grade orientation at 5:30 p.m. 5th grade students and their families are invited to Rolling Acres to meet the 5th grade teachers, hear about middle school, and set up lockers.

Tuesday, August 13th – for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the school gym. You will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher(s) and hear about some of the exciting programs and opportunities that are available to our students and families.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 11th – Online registration for returning Rolling Acres students opens. Families should login to Family Access on or after July 11th and complete the registration steps by clicking on the “Online Enrollment Verification” link on the main screen. This link will be available on each student’s screen within the family.

Thursday, July 25th, Wednesday, Aug 7th, and Saturday, Aug 10th – Student registration hubs are open from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Kellar, Harrison, Peoria High and Glen Oak.

Saturday, July 27th – Backpack Peoria @ the Dream Center from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13th – Unpack your backpack from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (all grade levels)

Wednesday, August 14th – First day of school for students

We look forward to continuing to establish positive and productive relationships with all of our students and families to ensure a great school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. I can be reached at 309-689-1100. You can follow us on Twitter @RACougars.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, August 14th, at Rolling Acres...Where it’s always a GREAT day to be a cougar!

Sincerely,

Michael Barber
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