



PUMA TRACKS

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Parents: Back to School Night, PTA meeting Sept. 4

Meet your child's teacher at Back to School Night, a parents-only event on Sept. 4. Teachers in kindergarten through grade 2 will be available from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and teachers in grades 3-5 will be available from 6:45 to 7:15.

From 6:30 to 6:45 p.m., the Rolling Hills PTA Association will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room to approve the 2008-09 budget and hear about the PTA's goals for the coming year, among other things. All members of the Rolling Hills community are invited to attend the Association meeting and join the PTA.

Next week: Sept. 1-5

Monday: Labor Day (school closed)

Tuesday: PTA board meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Conference Room 1)

Thursday: Back to School Night, grades K-2 from 6-6:30 p.m., and grades 3-5 from 6:45-7:15 p.m.; PTA Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. (MPR)

Important future dates

Wednesday, Sept. 17: PTA fundraiser -- Dining Out night, Islands

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Foundation board meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26: PTA fundraiser – Gift wrap sale begins

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Welcome back!

Dear Friends and Families of Rolling Hills,

This is such an amazing community! Given the ongoing construction, traffic congestion, limited parking, rearranging of classrooms and offices, the dust, and noise – we came together for our children and had an amazingly smooth opening week of school. My heartfelt thanks go to the RH staff and everyone else who did their part to keep school life calm and safe for the kids.

As you can see every time you step on the campus, things are changing daily around the school. We love our modernized classrooms in rooms 1 through 8. ESS, Head Start, and the EB classes have all had improvements completed as well. In addition, the new lunch shelter is spacious and shaded. The new tables will arrive next week and finish work is being completed on the new kitchen and in the multi-purpose room.

The administration offices, new adult restrooms, and the staff lunch and staff work rooms should be ready for occupancy on August 27. The construction crews will begin interior demolition on the LRC building in the center of the quad next week. This means that Phase 3 is starting on schedule. The District and construction supervisors are working with me to monitor the dust and dirt in order to keep it controlled and as minimal as possible.

No doubt you have noticed that we are missing a number of trees. While it has saddened me to watch our beautiful shade bearing trees disappear, they had to go because many were creating a safety concern because they were too large for their original space. We will be able to keep our big tree in the front walkway of the school and the cottonwood trees in the planters located in the quad area. There will be new landscaping for the school as part of the modernization project, and if you are interested in joining our committee please call the school office so we can let you know when we will be meeting to review two proposed plans.

Phase 3 is scheduled for completion in mid- to late-November. When the LRC building is ready for occupants, then rooms 9 – 16 will move to the temporary classrooms while Phase 4 is in process. The entire school is scheduled for completion in mid-February, but that date will change based on the completion of Phase 3. If you have any construction-related questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office and let us know so we can address them.

Sincerely, Kathleen Marshack

Extra! Extra! Puma Tracks available at speed of light

Welcome to *Puma Tracks*, which is published every other week by the PTA as your source for information about Rolling Hills.

Beginning with the next issue, *Puma Tracks* will be published only as an electronic newsletter. This format will give the PTA flexibility in the amount of text we may publish in any given issue, enable us to have a much higher quality of images and save a lot of paper. It will enable you to get each newsletter as soon as it becomes available – at the speed of light – rather than waiting for it to come home in your child's backpack.

Please use the multipurpose form attached to your PTA registration envelope to register your email address **now**, so the PTA may send you an email when a new edition is available.

You may always find the newsletter on the school and PTA websites; limited quantities of paper copies will be available in the school office and at ESS.



Volunteering: greatest gift you can give to your kids

On behalf of the Rolling Hills PTA, I would like to welcome you to the 2008/09 school year! With today's tight budgets, our schools need our help more today than ever before. Volunteering is the greatest gift you can give your children's school and your children. It not only helps our school, but it also makes you feel good and sets a good example for your children. I strongly urge you to volunteer at Rolling Hills, either in the classroom, for the PTA or the Foundation, or wherever help is needed.

You also help support our school by joining the PTA and supporting its fundraisers and functions, which benefit all of our children. Together, we can make our children's grade-school years something special to remember so that they can look back on them fondly when they are adults and sending their own children off to school.

Cindy Krask, PTA President

Help Foundation support music, art, PE at school

Welcome, Rolling Hills family! This year Rolling Hills celebrates 30 years of educating children. The Rolling Hills Foundation is proud to be a part of that fine education by continuing to provide support for the music program, Mrs. Quackenbush; the art program, Arts Attack; and the physical education program, Sparks Program.

We invite all of you to join us in this support by attending Foundation functions, volunteering to help with the programs or becoming a Board member!

Our children are our future, so let's give them a place where they can learn well, grow healthy and be creative!

Kim Stadler, Foundation President

Rolling Hills calendar -- September

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 Labor Day – School holiday	2 PTA Board meeting, Conference Room 1 (6:30 p.m.)	3	4 Back to School Night • 6-6:30 p.m.: Grades K-2 • 6:45-7:15 p.m.: Grades 3-5 • 6:30-6:45 p.m.: PTA Association meeting (MPR)	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16 Foundation Board meeting (7 p.m.)	17 Dining Out Night – Islands (5-9 p.m.)	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 PTA Gift Wrap/Holiday sale begins
29 Professional Growth Day – no school for students	30			