

# REUBEN ELEMENTARY

*A Title One School*



## AUGUST NEWSLETTER



It has been a great start to the school year! We have enjoyed seeing all of our Reuben Eagles and welcoming our new students! Let's make this school year one filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories. Make sure you stay informed this school year by keeping an eye on our school's website, newsletters, and by joining our school Facebook page for important updates, announcements, and glimpses into the wonderful moments at our school. Let's continue to work together to make your child's educational experience the absolute best it can be! Here's to a year filled with growth, achievement, and endless possibilities!

## WELCOME TO RES!

We are so excited to have these new staff members join our team!

Melony Fellers - Secretary /  
Bookkeeper / SIS Clerk

Amy Black - Kindergarten

Taylor Gray - Art

Abigail Crosby - Music

Jennifer Satterwhite - Reading  
Intervention

## Important Dates for August

- August 21 - Boy Scouts visit RES
- August 22 - Scout Night at RES @ 6:00pm
- August 24 - PTO Meeting at Res @ 4:00pm



- September 4 - No School
- September 27 - Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins

## Car Rider Tag

### Reminder

We want to emphasize the importance of displaying your assigned car tag when picking up your child from school. This simple measure ensures a smooth and secure dismissal process for everyone involved.



## Attention Bus Riders!

We want to ensure a smooth and timely bus experience for all our students. We kindly request your cooperation in being ready when the bus arrives at your designated stop.

### 🕒 Tips for Being Prepared 🕒

1. Arrival Time: Arrive at your bus stop a few minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. This gives you a buffer in case the bus arrives slightly early.
2. Backpack and Belongings: Have your backpack and any belongings you need for the day ready to go. This helps you quickly board the bus and find a seat.

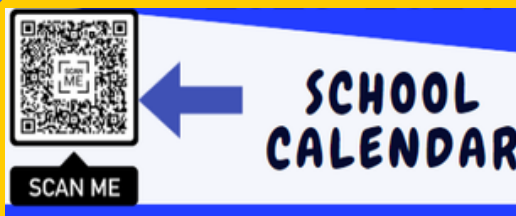
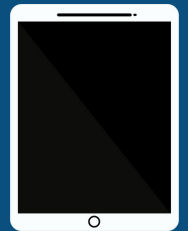


## Technology Insurance Is Due On Or Before Friday, September 1, 2023



The cost is \$25 per student. It is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. For example, if a computer screen breaks, it averages a cost of \$160. However, with tech insurance, the first breakage is covered (provided it was not intentionally damaged). Students are responsible for any damages that occur at home or at school.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 803-321-2664.



**PLEASE SCAN FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**



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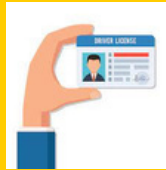
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/1 Linley Brehmer  
8/4 Dominic Moore  
8/7 Sebastian Gutierrez  
8/11 Kamylah Peek  
8/12 Brooklyn Bush  
8/13 Wyatt Campbell  
Luna Molina Pena  
8/14 Taylor Chandler  
Neythan Garcia Luna

8/15 Taylor Radford  
8/20 Journee Shelton  
8/23 Mr. Bell  
8/26 Jamari Eigner  
8/27 Preston Danzy  
8/28 Jada Wadsworth  
8/29 Melanie Diaz Morales

## News from the Office

All visitors to the building  
**MUST** have an ID to visit, sign  
students in/out, volunteer, etc.



### Student Transportation

- Communicate in writing with your child's teacher if there are changes in how the student will travel to and from school each day.
- Permission to go home with another student requires a written note from each student's parent / guardian.
- We cannot change transportation based on the word of the student.
- Phone calls and text messages regarding transportation changes leave room for error. Therefore, your child's teacher/office must be notified in writing if there is a change in his/her transportation. If you forgot to send a note, please email the office at [mfellers@sdnc.org](mailto:mfellers@sdnc.org).
- No students can be signed out after 2:10pm.

In cases of extreme emergency, a parent or guardian may call the office to change transportation. This must be done before 2:00 pm.

## News from Nurse Gena

Just a friendly reminder that if you wish for your child to receive ANY over-the-counter medication (ex. Children's Tylenol, hydrocortisone cream, cough drops, etc.), the nurse will be glad to keep the medication in the health room and administer these medications to your child. A medication permission form must be signed by the parent/legal guardian before the nurse can administer any medication, including over the counter medications. If the dose the student receives is within the manufacturer's guidelines for their age, then only the parent needs to sign the form. If you have an over the counter medication that has a prescription label or if you want your child to receive a dosage higher than the manufacturer's recommendations, then a healthcare provider will need to sign the medication permission form in addition to the parent. The parent, NOT the student, needs to bring the medication with the original label on the bottle, tube, or container, to the health room. The parent may sign the medication permission form at the time they bring the medication to the health room, or they may call the nurse ahead of time and she will send home the form with the student to be signed. The parent can then bring the form into the health room with the medication. Please contact Nurse Gena if you have any questions.



# ATTENDANCE

## Lawful Absences:

The district will consider students lawfully absent under the following circumstances based on Regulation 43-274.

- Absences caused by a student's own illness
- Absences due to an illness or death in the student's immediate family
- Absences due to a recognized religious holiday of the students' faith
- Absences due to activities that are approved in advance by the principal

## Unlawful Absences:

The district will consider students unlawfully absent under the following circumstances based on Regulation 43-274:

- Absences of a student without the knowledge of his or her parents
- Absences of a student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his or her parent

Unlawful (unexcused) absences will be counted following the first day the student is actually enrolled.

If the student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to contact the school and identify the reason for the student's non-attendance. Upon confirmation of the reasons for the student's non-attendance or at the discretion of the principal, the student's absences may be approved as lawful. Only 7 parental excused absences will be accepted.

Absences may be approved as lawful (excused) or disapproved by the principal or his/her designee following a home visit, phone call, or receipt of written confirmation of the reasons for the student's absences from the parents/guardians, doctors, nurse, or mental health professional.

Absences due to suspension (not to exceed 30 days for the year) will be considered lawful.

The principal will promptly approve or disapprove any student absences in excess of 10 days. A conference will be held with the student and his/her parent to develop an intervention plan to improve future attendance. A copy of this plan will be maintained with the student's attendance records.

## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

In accordance with the Office of Civil Rights' guidance, a student is absent if he or she is not physically on school grounds and is not participating in instruction or instruction-related activities at an approved off-grounds location for the school day. Chronically absent students include students who are absent for any reason (e.g., illness, suspension, the need to care for a family member), regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused. Any student who is absent a minimum of 10 percent of the enrollment period - for any reason (e.g. illness, suspension, excused or unexcused) is considered as being chronically absent from school.



## Elementary Tardy Policy

# of Tardies	Consequence
3	Notify Parent(s)/Guardian(s) by Phone
5	Parent Conference
10	Tardy Intervention Plan Developed
15	Referral to Student Services for Tardy Hearing