Dear Rees Parents,

Welcome to another great year at Rees Elementary! I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I really am excited for school to begin again. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Rees thus far and look forward to another awesome year.

Registration for all Rees students, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at the school from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If you are not planning on attending Rees Elementary next year, please contact us before registration (801-798-4055) or email secretary at cameo.johnson@nebo.edu. If you have new neighbors, please tell them about registration on August 1.

We are asking everyone to register on this day. Registration will be done online again this year. If you take the time to go online and edit information BEFORE July 30, it will make registration faster and easier for you.

To do this - go to this site: [http://www.nebo.edu/parents/sis](http://www.nebo.edu/parents/sis). You can find necessary information and help videos to get you started at this web address. If you registered online last year there is a link to “Update Student Contact Information.” Log in and then update any information. If you didn’t register online last year then click on “Create a Parent Account.” There are video tutorials with both of these options.

When you come to registration please make sure that you have your emergency, medical, dental, and employment numbers. We also need you to bring documents that show that you live in Rees boundaries (recent gas bill, driver’s license, check, etc.) or have been accepted through early open enrollment (please bring acceptance letter). Having this information will help you speed up the process.

1. Except for kindergarten, information will be available for your child to find out their teacher. Many hours have been spent in placing students in classes. It becomes difficult to create balanced classes with the varied personalities and abilities of the many students. Last minute changes are very difficult in maintaining classroom balance. I don’t perceive changes being made.

2. We are asking for a one time twenty dollar donation for each child in school for field trips, technology (iPads, Chromebooks, software) and supplies. We thank you for your financial support of Rees Elementary.

3. If you want your child considered for all-day Kindergarten please make sure to bring your child with you if possible. We will conduct a brief assessment during registration.

4. At registration you will be able to sign up for SEP Parent Conferences which are held three times a year. We will again be holding SEP conferences mid-term rather than end of term with the first conference on September 25.

5. At registration, the PTA will be here to encourage membership, room mother signups, and to order school T-shirts.
6. Rees’s “Open House” will take place on Wednesday, August 21 from 2:00-3:30. This allows students to come and briefly meet the teacher (teachers will still be getting ready) and to help reduce any anxiety.

7. School begins Thursday, August 22 for 1st through 6th grades. Kindergarten starts on August 29th.

8. We had great success last year with our Back to School Walk-a-thon celebration in September. We will be doing this again this year. The event has been planned for September 16. More information to follow soon.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION:

If you have already enrolled your child for kindergarten please come in and get a parent packet, sign up for SEP conferences, and if you choose, pay the $20 donation. If you already registered and don’t want them considered for all day kindergarten you don’t have to bring them. If you do want them considered please bring them.

1. For kindergarten students who have not registered yet, you will need to bring a birth certificate, proof of residence in Rees boundaries, and an updated copy of your child’s immunization record. Utah State Law requires kindergarten students to be current on all immunizations or they will not be allowed to start school. Please be sure to get your child’s immunizations up to date before Kindergarten starts.

2. Kindergarten will be involved in testing the first week of school (Aug. 22-29). Kindergarten teachers will be contacting you to schedule assessment times for your child.

We hope this will give you a simple overview of what to plan for on registration day as well as give you some important dates that are coming up. I am truly excited to be at Rees and continuing its tradition of excellent education. We have a strong group of teachers who are both remaining at Rees as well as those who are newly joining us. I feel very lucky to have such a solid group of teachers. Thank you for all you do to make Rees successful.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pitcher
Rees Elementary Principal