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 Welcome to Kindergarten

HAWKS RISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2025-2026

We are looking forward to an exciting school year and getting to know you and your child! With your help, your child will have a successful and safe learning experience. Listed below are some important reminders you will need to know:

**SUPPLIES**: Please send in the requested school supplies as soon as possible. These supplies from the school supply list do not need to be labeled with your child’s name. In addition to these items, your child will need a backpack (**No Rolling Backpacks)**, and a seasonal change of clothes (in a large Ziploc or other baggie) to remain at school. These items and your child’s lunchbox (if applicable) will need to be **CLEARLY LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.** If you need financial assistance in furnishing school supplies, please let your child’s teacher know.

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL**: Morning supervision begins at 7:45 in the cafeteria. At 8:00, students are walked to the primary playground. ***On cold or rainy days, students will go to the music room until the bell rings at 8:20.*** The first bell rings at 8:20 and children will be escorted to their classrooms and classroom doors will be opened*.* State law and a strict attendance policy for Leon County Schools make it very important that children are here on time each day. A second bell rings at 8:25 and the morning news and Pledge will begin at that time. The tardy bell rings at 8:30 and instruction begins. If your child arrives at school after the tardy bell at 8:30, he/she will not be permitted to enter the classroom without a tardy pass. They must go to the front office to sign in and receive the tardy pass.

**GOING HOME INFORMATION**: If your child will be going home in a way different from his/her usual routine, *please make the necessary changes in Pik-My-Kid* **before 2:00 or call the front office** on the day of the requested change. Otherwise, your child will go home the way indicated in Pik-My-Kid. ***Please do not email or leave voice mail messages regarding transportation changes*.** At times, teachers are unable to check email and/or phone messages during the school day and there may be a substitute teacher that is unable to access email and/or phone messages.

**BIRTHDAYS:** We love celebrating your sweet kiddos on their special days! Please contact your child’s teacher if you want to provide a **small** treat during the school day (mini cupcakes, cookies, etc.). Please do not send in large items (full cakes, etc.).

**MEDICATION:** If your child needs to take any medication at school, it must be administered in the clinic. Please complete a medication form in the front office when you drop off the medication. Do not send medicine in your child’s lunch box or backpack. Teachers **CANNOT** administer any medications.

**SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL** (Field Trips, Scholastic LFO, etc.): We are pleased to be implementing **E-Funds for Schools** this year, a user-friendly program that allows you to make online payments for all of your child’s school fees. Please visit the Hawks Rise website and click **E-Funds** under the **Easy Links** section! **OVER PLEASE**

**BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** This year, breakfast and lunch are free for all students! Our procedures for entering the cafeteria, sitting and eating have been created to keep your child safe and happy while they eat and socialize. More information is coming on whether students will be lining up and typing in their lunch numbers. **\*It is still a good idea to have your child practice typing in his/her lunch number on the provided paper pin pad.\***

**VOLUNTEERS**: Volunteers are permitted on campus and/or in classrooms. Please allow your child’s teacher to communicate how they feel most comfortable having volunteers help (in the classroom, working on items in the media center for the classroom, at-home volunteers). \***You must have an approved volunteer form on file prior to volunteering. A new form MUST be completed each school year. Please visit volunteers.leonschools.net in order to fill one out!**

**WEEKLY FOLDERS**: During the school year your child will be bringing his/her completed work home in a folder on the first day of each week, usually Mondays. Please take time each Monday to review your child’s work with your child and read the important school-wide and/or kindergarten information found in the folder. You will also see evaluative markings on your child’s weekly Behavior and Work/Study Skills areas. Boxes that are initialed by your child’s teacher are areas that are *inconsistent* and may need improvement. Please initial the folder, sign and return any requested papers, **and return the folder to school the next day.** If you are sending money, notes, or anything else your child’s teacher will need to see, this is the best way to send it in. Children often forget to turn things in to the teacher, but we will be checking for folders every Tuesday.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A GREAT BEGINNING!!!

*The Kindergarten Team* 