


Ramstein Elementary School

[RES Website](#)

 RES Parking Lot SY 25-26

September 5 - September 12

- **Action Item:** Please have students watch the Bus Safety video [HERE](#) by September 12th. Acknowledge completion [HERE](#).
- **Action Item:** Our first faculty meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th at 15:10 the cafeteria. Attendance for teachers is required. Topics include: QAV, AAPS, CSC, Open House
- **Reminder:** Dismissal is at 1440. If you have a parent struggling to make this and you have worked out a plan, please contact an administrator.
- **FCT Thursday, September 11th**
 - Grade Levels will meet in Small Group FCTs
 - Small Group Specialist Locations (click [HERE](#) to view support for TL 1)
 - Large Group Specialists will be meeting with RIS counterpart
 - PreK meet in RM 125
- **RES Quality Assurance Visit (QAV): Friday, September 12th**
 - District ISSs will visit RES to complete Learning Walkthroughs in all learning environments.
 - Please review the learning environment and post work samples clearly connected to standards and DoDEA curriculum.
 - Focus on Learning Walkthrough Indicators 2, 6, 7, 8, & 13 (more info to come!)
- **Building Leadership Team (BLT)**
 - Summary 9/3 Meeting: The team continued working on CSI Day planning, if you are interested in presenting, please reach out to Dr. Howard.
- **CSI Day-** We're hosting a Gallery Walk on CSI Day where YOU get to showcase your best classroom moves. Think of it as "hanging your idea on the branch" so others can grab it and grow from it.
 1. Pick ONE strategy, tool, or practice that's been successful.
 2. Submit it by Sept. 10 using this form [HERE](#).
 3. Bring a simple display (visuals, student samples, quick how-to).
- **PTA Pictures**
 - Proposed locations: 904 C upstairs for K and PreK and the cafeteria stage for 1-2
 - During pictures, please actively monitor students
 - Please put students in alphabetical order
 - Sign up docs to come
- **BoY RPT Window August 18-September 26**
 - [Quick Reference Guide for Administering RPT](#)
 - [DoDEA Independent Reading Levels/Performance and Proficiency Expectations](#)
 - [RPT ASPEN Entry Directions](#)

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- Please reach out to the Reading Team if you have any questions.
- Are you interested in providing feedback to our partners at the **Ramstein School Age Program**? B&A? They are looking for a member to attend their monthly meetings. Please reach out to Mary Hueth at mary.hueth@us.af.mil. They are looking to host their next meeting between 9/16 and 9/26.
- **Deployment Buddy Information:** Deployment Buddies will meet quarterly for SY 25-26. If you have a student who has a parent deployed for 90 days or more, please feel free to send them home with a Deployment Buddy permission form. Here is the [form](#).
- **Message from PTA:** We've grown to 71 teacher and faculty members, up from 47 just two weeks ago — thank you! But we'd still love to see that number grow. 🙌 Join today at: ramsteinelementary.givebacks.com. Every membership helps strengthen our PTA and supports our mission to enhance the RES experience for all.
 - General Membership Meeting Monday, Sept 8th at 1530 in RM 125
 - Yearbook Meeting- September 16th at 1515
- **RES Social Committee Upcoming Events:**
 - September 18th 1730- Dinner at Bremerhof Restaurant in Kaiserslautern
Sign up [here](#).
 - October 2nd 1030-1300- Cozy Fall Favorites Pot Lunch at RES
 - October 23rd 1630- Fall Hike through the woods followed by dinner
- **Coffee Talk** happens every Friday 0715-0745 in the Reading Room 996/202. Bring a cup, stop by for a visit, and meet new people.
- **Last week in the updates: Ramstein Jersey Information:** If you want to order a Jersey, please email field2918@gmail.com with the following information:
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- **RES Book Club:** A big thank you to everyone who joined our recent book club meet-up! We had such a thoughtful discussion around *The Measure*—and the smoothies were a hit too! The group agreed we'd love to keep the book club going. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for a chance to vote on our next read. Stay tuned!
- Are you already planning your **RES Fall Fest** costume? We are too! If you'd like some ideas and would like to join us in the theme of "Heroes and Villains" use this link to explore some ideas! We're excited we can all join in the fun together! Click [HERE](#).
- **YOGA** - Yoga will be offered at RES on Wednesdays this year from 3:30 to 4:30 in the gym. Randee will still be the teacher, here is her [BIO](#). Click [HERE](#) for scheduled dates through

December. Randee teaches this class for donations. All you need to bring to participate is a yoga mat. Reach out to Kirsten Stewart if you have any questions.

- **Koala Kudos-** Have a shout-out to share? Drop it in a Koala Kudos! Whether it's a thank-you, a high-five, or a 'you're awesome,' it's the perfect way to make someone's day. Use the Koala Kudos form linked [HERE](#).
 - Ms. Jensen - I don't know what I would do without you! You support everything and I truly appreciate all you do!
 - Mr. Wilson - You helped support all of our students by helping make materials for them. Thank you for your extra help!
 - Ms. Boynton - I truly needed extra support this week and you were right there to help! You are always going above and beyond! You are so smart and talented but above that you are so kind!! Thank you for ALL you do!
 - Ms. Jensen - Colson said you are the best and thank you for all of your help!
 - Ms. Spencer - Quanta picked up 4 fruit trays for UPK on her holiday Monday and delivered them to classrooms. We are so appreciative!
 - Ms. Fontaine - Ms. Fontaine is such an incredible teacher! Seeing her reach the needs of all students through movement, voices, modeling social skills or curricular skills while making each student feel seen throughout their learning process is fun to watch. She welcomes me into her classroom, and I love being there!
 - Ms. Heald - No matter the challenge, Mrs. Heald faces it head-on without hesitation. The impact she has made is huge, and she continues to bring her best every day!
 - Ms. Whitely -For helping me with a math game! You are a wealth of mathematical information!!!
 - Ms. Thompson & Ms. Polite- They stepped up and will be amazing grade level chairs for Kinder!
 - Mr. Bham - Thank you for keeping our school running smoothly and making sure we have a safe and DRY place for students to learn! My students and I appreciate you Mr. Bham.
 - PK Teachers - You did an amazing job welcoming our littlest learners! It was great seeing their excited and smiling faces this week!
 - Ms. Garcia - Thank you for all the resources and documents.
 - Mr. Batista - Thank you for resources and helping lead 2.1
 - Ms. L. Mack - Thank you for always sharing resources and striving to improve the delivery of content to the students.
 - Ms. Marksberry - Thank you for the constant communication and support.
 - Ms. Jensen - You're always a bubble of energy and so helpful! Thank you!

August 29 - September 5

- **Action Item:** Please have students watch the Bus Safety video [HERE](#) by September 12th. Acknowledge completion [HERE](#).
- **Action Item:** Review math and literacy pacing documents linked on the RES website. Bookmark [DoDEA K-5 Elementary SharePoint](#) (also available through ClassLinks)
- **Action Item:** SY 25-26 Opening [Glows and Grows](#) (consider adding your thoughts)
- **Action Item:** Emergency Plans- Please make sure that there are emergency plans in the learning environment for classroom teachers, paraeducators and SIS.

- **Action: Safety:** Please ensure that all fans — along with any other unused equipment — are turned off before leaving for the day or weekend. This helps us conserve energy and maintain a safe environment for everyone. RES previously experienced an unattended fan fire, which activated the sprinkler system and caused water damage to multiple classrooms.
- **Recess**
 - If you are supporting during recess, please make sure to actively monitor by walking around the playground to ensure student safety from all angles.
 - **Recess Bathrooms:** Please do not use 904A or 904D for bathrooms during recess due to PK classrooms in this part of the building. Please only use 904 B & C for recess.
- **Welcome** to the Kindergarten Team, Ms. Evans! Due to staffing adjustments, we're excited to welcome Ms. Evans to Team K2. Ms. Evans, we see you and appreciate you!
- **Welcome PreK Students! Tuesday Logistics:**
 - PreK Teachers and Paras, please be inside, ready to greet students as we bring them into the cafeteria/gym. Students will enter at **0750**.
 - A team member will bring the students inside to you. We need your help getting the students to the correct lines.
 - If you do not have morning duty, please help us in front of the school and around the bus lane. Many kindergarten students will forget where to go after the holiday.
 - We are anticipating many visitors will stand near the entrance to PreK. For RES Staff, please do not stand in front of entrances. Spread out along the sidewalk and look for students who appear to be lost.
 - Once on a regular routine, a teacher or para should start walking the students who have arrived to class NLT 0805. One person stays behind to greet later arriving students.
 - If children bring in heavy supplies on Tuesday, leave them in your line up and we will get them to you.
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- **Health Instruction Update:** *The Great Body Shop* materials were part of a previous contract that has now ended and will not be carried forward. Opportunities to support Health Standards through Information Center resources can be found [HERE](#). These DoDEA adopted resources will allow you to attend to grade level Health standards. In addition, if you still have copies of the Great Body Shop materials, you are free to use those, however they will not be replenished. Our district ISS team is working with HQ to also develop a list of natural places within your Literacy, Math, Science and Social Studies materials where you will be able to address health standards through the core four subjects. We will share this as it is developed. If you have any specific questions or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sarah Barenz, ISS.
- **Student Support Team (SST):** New to RES? Would you like to know more about the SST process? Please join Ms. Sullivan in Bldg. 996, Room 120 (her office) Tuesday (9/2) afternoon at 3:00 or Thursday (9/4) afternoon at 3:00 for more information. During this time, you can ask questions and/or learn more about what the SST process looks like here at RES!
- **Late Start Thursday Morning Care Para Schedule:** Please refer to the email Ms. Roybal sent on 8/18. POC: Ms. Buchschacher. [Schedule](#) (also linked on website)

- On Thursdays, large group specialists do not have morning or afternoon duty.
- **Building Leadership Team (BLT)**
 - Next meeting scheduled for September 3rd at 15:10 in Room 125
 - 8/26 Meeting Summary: Our BLT met this week to review September deadlines, finalize the draft of our upcoming staff survey, and begin planning for our next professional development day. Both projects are moving forward, and we'll share details and next steps with the full staff soon.
 - Agenda for 9/3 - The team will continue working on CSI Day planning and review any upcoming needs for the QAV.
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- **Security:** When the new **automatic exit door near Ms. Sullivan's office** (in bldg 996) is held open for an extended period, it enters a "propped open" mode and will remain open until it is manually closed. For the safety and security of our school, please ensure the door is **closed promptly when it is no longer needed**.
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- **Track your career and personnel files:** The eOPF contains important personnel documents and is a valuable resource for reviewing your employment history and verifying personnel actions. All employees are encouraged to regularly review their eOPF to ensure accuracy and stay informed about their personnel records. Here is a link to the DoDEA [eOPF Employee Reference Guide](#).
- **Big impact, big opportunities!: EDA (Extra Duty Assignment) SY 25-26:** You still have time to apply for an Extra Duty Assignment open for this school year, and we'd love to have YOU on the team! This is a great way to grow as a leader and make an impact on our school community. The **Mentor Leader position** is especially important, as it supports our new staff and is part of a district-wide initiative. If you are interested in applying for an EDA for SY 25-26, please review [available positions](#) and complete an [application form](#). If interested in applying, please submit a completed application to Ms. Roybal by September 5th. Need applications for:
 - Student Clubs

- Mentor Leader (district initiative)
- **Message from PTA:** Join us today at: [RES PTA](#). Paper membership forms are available in the Staff Lounge and can be returned to the PTA Mailbox — lower right-hand corner of the mailboxes annex by the copier. Koala Spirit Gear Reminder: To maintain accurate inventory, all spirit gear must be ordered online. Merch link: [RES PTA Merch](#). We're looking forward to meeting our goal of 97 members and providing donuts to staff!!
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 - Ms. Mack - She is always sharing resources and good ideas to second grade.
 - Ms. Costa - She has jumped into second grade like a pro. Always with a great smile :-)
 - RES Office Staff - Always so helpful and willing to make your day easier.
 - Coach Carpenter - Coach revised the PE lesson "on the fly" to accommodate our SpEd students. That wasn't the easy thing to do! It made our day SO much better. Thank you.
 - Ramstein Staff - Thank you for your awesome smiles and warm welcomes!
 - Ms. Trunick - Thank you for being so generous to happily share teaching resources with your colleagues!!!
 - Ms. Davis - Love seeing how involved Ms. Davis has been in her first year, can't wait to work together more!

- Ms. Norris - You are the best! Love being your friend and colleague, appreciate all you do for us, the school, and the kids! I'm always learning from you.
- Ms. Bozydaj - Thank you for always sharing ideas and bringing a positive smile!
- Mr. Norris - Mr. Norris is a great neighbor. I enjoy our scholarly discussions and he is a constant reminder that we are all so fortunate to be educators. We are "living the dream!"
- Ms. Tinti - I am thankful to be able to have Ms. Tinti as my teammate. She is kind and we always find a way to laugh!
- Ms. Colson - Thank you for being an incredible teammate! You have shared EVERYTHING
- Ms. Thompson - You are great for keeping us organized and on task in kindergarten!
- Ms. Norris - You are handling all challenges with grace and kindness! You are doing a great job!
- Ms. Ward - You are fantastic at advocating for your students! They are lucky to have you!
- FCT 2.1 - Everyone has been a joy to work with and very productive!
- Ms. Rajovacz - Jenny has already been a tremendous asset to the 2nd grade team! Way to jump in and hit the ground running!

August 22 - August 29

- **Action Item:** Complete RES Staff Locator for upcoming Labor Day Holiday: [RES Staff Locator](#)
- **Action Item:** Please view and bookmark the [RES Staff Website](#).
- **Action Item:** Complete [Self Certifying Presentation SY 25-26](#) (past due 8/17/25)
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- **Action Item:** Please make sure your room has a designated area for a literacy specialist to work in your classroom.
- **Action Item:** Review updated [Specials Schedule](#) starting MONDAY
- **[Whole Group FCT Presentation- August 21st](#)**
- **Late Start Thursday Morning Care Para Schedule:** Please refer to the email Ms. Roybal sent on 8/18. POC: Ms. Buchschacher. [Schedule](#) (also linked on website)
- **FCT:** We look forward to coming together with the whole group next Thursday, August 28th at 0800 for FCT.
- **BLT Meeting – Building Leadership Team (BLT)** meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 1510 in Room 125. During this meeting, we'll complete a self-assessment of our MTSS practices and begin planning for our upcoming CSI Day. All are welcome to attend. A meeting invite was sent to people who have participated in the past - please feel free to forward as necessary for whole-school representation.
- OUR first **FIRE/evacuation drill** will be Tuesday at 0855. Please review your emergency procedures package and your meeting points. Please prepare students.


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- **Co-teachers:** If you need to be added as a co-teacher for any digital platforms, please reach out to Sarah Barenz with a cc: to the classroom teacher and your supervisor. Sarah will work with HQ and Aspen ISS to support.
- **Door Buzzers:** The only door our front office staff can open remotely is the main entrance of Building 996. Buzzers at other buildings on campus are not connected to the office, so they cannot be opened from there. We appreciate your patience as we explore possible solutions.
- **Afternoon Dismissal-** Please continue to encourage students to use the restroom before getting on the bus.
- **Scheduling:** Please do not schedule your counseling or library time during your intervention.
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- **Message from PTA:** Your membership, your time, your voice — it *all* matters. Whether you're volunteering, attending meetings to share your ideas, or simply spreading the word through classroom communications, you're help to make a real difference for our school community. **Reminder:** One of the requirements for requesting PTA funds is active membership — so be sure you're signed up! Also, get excited! New Merch is on the way! Paper pre-order forms for are now in the lounge and for teachers and staff use ONLY. Orders will be filled once our fresh inventory arrives.
 - Membership: <https://ramsteinelementary.givebacks.com/shop?category=30245>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RamsteinelementaryschoolPTA>

- Social Committee - If you would like to join the Social Committee please fill out this [form](#).
- **Coffee Talk** happens every Friday 0715-0745 in the Reading Room 996/202. Bring a cup, stop by for a visit, and meet new people.
- After all of the summer classroom moves, some rooms ended up short of basic items like garbage cans. Sven has a collection of waste receptacles and other items. If you are missing anything, please let supply know and we will find a solution.
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- **Curriculum Reminder**
 - **DoDEA approved curriculum:** Reveal, Benchmark Advance, TCI, FOSS, & The Great Body Shop.
 - If you have curricular materials in your classroom that are **NOT** on the approved list, it must be removed. This summer, we began DRMOing any non-approved curriculum items that were visible in classrooms. Please ensure any remaining outdated or unapproved curriculum is removed by EOD August 22. This was also on the end of year checkout sheet for SY 24-25.
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 - Ms. Elrod - Piper has come to RES with kindness, patience and genuine joy. Our community is fortunate to have her here!
 - Ms. Dwaine - Rachel has a can do attitude and embraces the challenge! We are happy that you are here, Ms. Dwaine!
 - Our Admin Team - Each of you brings a gift to our school and you work as a team to make RES shine. Thank you for being problem solvers and leaders that we can respect and trust. The first day welcome was heartwarming and short! Thank you for understanding teachers! We appreciate it!

- Mr. Bhame - You do not crack under pressure and you always make me laugh. I am thankful to have a leader like you!
- Ms. Mack - You are funny and sincere and a kind and effective educator! Thank you for being YOU.
- Ms. Buford & Ms. Sullivan - You have made class lists and helped all of us. Thank you for listening to me and being kind to ALL of us!!!
- Ms. Eberhardt & Sven: Assisted with setting up the room and coffee for our Back to School Day 2. Went above and beyond in the heat. Thank you so much!
- Mr. Wilson, Ms. Thompson, & Ms. Guzman: for helping me get the entryway of the kindergarten cleaned up for Meet the Teacher. They put in some sweat and tears to make our building sparkle this morning! :)
- Our counselors: For all that you do and working so hard to get students placed. Y'all are AMAZING!
- Ms. Bracht: Claudia is so helpful and focused no matter what the stress level of others are or how high the temperatures are. Wow, she has superpower!
- Ms. Trunick - A huge Thank You for your big and beautiful and very meaningful surprise. It came at the right time to cheer me up.
- Ms. Roybal - We had a kindergartner that was having a hard morning the first day and Ms. Roybal gave him care and her time. She read books with him and showed so much love! What an inspiration and model of good teaching!
- Ms. Ritter - Dawn deserves kudos for cleaning the refrigerator in the second floor lounge. Her kindness is much appreciated!
- Ms. Ward - The way that Ms. Ward welcomes new students is incredible. She greets the student with a big smile and finds a way to immediately connect with the new student. She truly makes new students feel safe and welcomed!
- Ms. Buford - It is so great to have Ms. Buford here! She is full of wonderful ideas and brings so much joy to our team! She is always willing to help!
- Admin - A huge thank you for helping us problem solve, brainstorm solutions and work through the scheduling challenges we faced the past 2 weeks. Working together to do what is best for students is something that makes RES leadership top notch!
- RES Staff - Thank you to everyone who offered a hug, encouraging words and support as the Class of 2025 Mommas launch our kiddos out of our nests. It is a hard, yet exciting time. Your kindness and support makes it so much easier! Thank you! RES is the best!!
- Everyone who had to make big changes this school year! - I wanted to give a huge shout out all staff members that had to pivot and make big changes this year. Whether you had to move to a new classroom/building or to a completely new position, your flexibility and willingness to do what is best for kids is seen and appreciated!
- Front office staff - Huge shout-out to our front office staff for absolutely rocking the first week of school. Juggling registrations, nonstop phone calls, new enrollments, student transitions, and all the unexpected curveballs with grace and a smile.
- Ms. Stewart -Kudos to Ms. Stewart for stepping in and providing a student with helpful strategies to support their success.
- All kinder paras and teachers - Thank you so much for continuing to pick up your cone and class sign in the am. You have no idea how much that helps. I truly appreciate it!!!

August 15 - 22

- **Action Item:** Please view and bookmark the [RES Staff Website](#). All schedules, to include instructional schedule, specials, AM and PM duties, lunch, recess, SY 25-26 calendar, faculty meeting dates, first two week dismissal assistance, etc can be found on this website. Directions for filling out a leave slip can also be found on our website.
- **Action Item:** [Self Certifying Presentation SY 25-26](#) (complete by 8/17/25)
- **Action Item:** [PM Dismissal Pick Up Locations](#) (complete by 8/15/25)
- **Action Item:** Review [Schedule for Student Cafeteria Orientation](#) in preparation for Monday and Tuesday. Any concerns? Please let admin know as soon as possible.
- **We need all hands on deck every morning next week as we get kids to their proper location.** If you do not have a homeroom class or assigned morning duty, please plan to assist Monday-Friday next week starting at 0750. For Day 1, **please wear green or a school shirt!**
 - A military partner will be holding your class sign starting at 0740. Please meet them at 0750.
 - Kindergarten students will line up in the teacher parking lot (please park in the back on Monday)
 - Facing the building, first grade will be lined up alphabetically by class to the left of the front of the main entrance. **Cheeseman** closer to the exit and **Von Eicken** closer to the main entrance.
 - Facing the building, second grade will be lined up alphabetically by class under/in front of the awning. **Batista** will be near Von Eicken (end of 1st grade teachers) and **Thompson, A.** will be closer to the gym/cafeteria entrance.
- **All Teachers** - FCT Kickoff Thursday, August 21st @ 0800 in cafeteria
- **Hand to Hand transitions** - Please view the [KMC Supervision Matrix](#) if parents have questions.
- **Dismissal for B&A** (Before and After Care through the Child Development Center): Please escort B&A students to the cafeteria as close to 1440 as possible, not before. They should be some of the first students dropped off and this should be hand to hand. This will allow B&A to take attendance and depart on time.
- [Welcome to SY 25-26 Slides](#) from 8/11/25
- **Door Decorations Reminder-** For safety and compliance with fire code regulations, bulletin board paper or other coverings are not permitted on classroom doors. Please take a moment to ensure that any paper currently on your door is removed. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and consistent for everyone.
- **EDA (Extra Duty Assignment) SY 25-26:** If you are interested in applying for an EDA for SY 25-26, please review [available positions](#) and complete an [application form](#). If interested in applying, please submit a completed application to Ms. Roybal by September 5th.
- **Extra trash can?** Do you have an extra trash can in your room? We have lots of rooms missing theirs...please send Rick a quick note telling him you have an extra one to give to someone in need.

- **Communication Plan:** Please make sure to view the communication plan that was in the self-certifying presentation. Commit to a communication plan and explain how and when you will be communicating with parents throughout the year.
- Please review the memo sent out by the region.  Children in the Workplace.pdf
- **Pacing guide to be linked here and on the website**
- **Message from PTA:** Your membership, your time, your voice — it *all* matters. Whether you're volunteering, attending meetings to share your ideas, or simply spreading the word through classroom communications, you're help to make a real difference for our school community.
Reminder: One of the requirements for requesting PTA funds is active membership — so be sure you're signed up! Also, get excited! New Merch is on the way! Paper pre-order forms for are now in the lounge and for teachers and staff use ONLY. Orders will be filled once our fresh inventory arrives.
 - Membership: <https://ramsteinelementary.givebacks.com/shop?category=30245>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RamsteinelementaryschoolPTA>
- Social Committee - If you would like to join the Social Committee please fill out this [form](#).
- **COW Distribution:** Here are the locations COWs will be distributed soon. Bldg. 996 – 2nd floor Yellow hallway – 2 COWS Red and blue hallway – 1 COW each; Bldg. 996 1st floor Yellow, blue and red hallway – 1 COW each; Bldg. 995 2 COWS; Bldg. 904 1 COW – Kindergarten Classrooms; Bldg. 996T 1 COW; Bldg. 995T1 1 COW
- **Please No Staff Lounge Drop-Offs:** As you set up your classroom, please do **not** leave unwanted items in the staff lounge for others to take. If you have items to give away, kindly offer them directly to a colleague who can use them. Otherwise, dispose of them. Thank you for helping keep our shared spaces clean and clutter-free.
- **Summer Book Club Meet Up:** Did you read, or are you almost finished reading The Measure by Nikki Erlich? Please complete this [form](#) and let us know your preference for dates to meet up!
- **BLT Meeting – Building Leadership Team (BLT)** meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 1510 in Room 125. During this meeting, we'll complete a self-assessment of our MTSS practices and begin planning for our upcoming CSI Day. All are welcome to attend. A meeting invite was sent to people who have participated in the past - please feel free to forward as necessary for whole-school representation.
- **Curriculum Reminder**
 - **DoDEA approved curriculum:** Reveal, Benchmark Advance, FOSS, & The Great Body Shop.
 - If you have curricular materials in your classroom that are **NOT** on the approved list, it must be removed. This summer, we began DRMOing any non-approved curriculum items that were visible in classrooms. Please ensure any remaining outdated or unapproved curriculum is removed by EOD August 22. This was also on the end of year checkout sheet for SY 24-25.
- **Koala Kudos-** Have a shout-out to share? Drop it in a Koala Kudos! Whether it's a thank-you, a high-five, or a 'you're awesome,' it's the perfect way to make someone's day. Use the Koala Kudos form linked [HERE](#).

- Front Office Staff - Wow!!! We can tell you all worked hard over the summer! Thank you!
- Mr. Bhome - Rick has been great with helping us newbies get the resources we need to set up our classrooms (even after spending the whole summer taming the chaos of construction, renovation, and delayed deliveries). Thanks a ton!
- Ms. Norris - Thank you for being one of the best colleagues and teachers out there!
- Admin Team - Thank you for managing this challenging start to the year with grace, vulnerability, and kindness! Let's GO! We got this!

August 8 - August 15

- 🎉 **Celebration** 🎉: We're excited to share the news that our very own Jackie Lindquist has received a promotion and will be serving as the secretary for RMS! We're grateful for the time we had her kind spirit and positive energy filling our front office. We will miss her!
- **Action Item:** Please view and bookmark the [RES Staff Website](#). All schedules, to include instructional schedule, specials, AM and PM duties, lunch, recess, SY 25-26 calendar, faculty meeting dates, first two week dismissal assistance, etc can be found on this website. Directions for filling out a leave slip can also be found on our website.
- **Action Item:** [PM Dismissal Pick up Locations](#) (due by Thursday, August 14th)
- **Action Item:** Help us out, make sure your colleagues (teachers, paras, and subs) have been added to the RES distro list! If not, send admin an email of people to add.
- **Action Item:** If you anticipate being late or missing school (to include any part of CCR trainings) please submit a leave slip prior to the date.
- [Schedule August 11 - 15](#) Please move cars to the back of the school on Friday. The same is true for the first day of school, Monday, August 18th.
- **Volunteers:** Our base partners will be in the school helping classroom moves/setup on Monday & Thursday from 0830-1500. Sven and Rick will be supporting coordination.
- [SY 25-26 FCTs](#)
- [Paraprofessional Assignments](#)
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- Details for Tuesday and Wednesday CCR Training
 - See calendar invite sent by Sarah Barenz and/or Lorrel Chalas
 - Tuesday = Asynchronous
 - Wednesday
 - Cafeteria (K, 1, 2) at 0900
 - RM 125 for PreK at 1300
 - RMS Information Center at 0900 for art, music, and PE
 - Don't know what to do for CCR training? GO HERE [Arc of Learning](#) Read and know the expectations for your content area for Back to School (BTS) sessions prior to Tuesday.

- Our goal is to email out classroom assignments and specific meet the teacher times on Thursday, August 14th.
- **Friday August 15th Meet the Teacher Event**
 - Families will meet in the cafe and then teachers will walk them to their classroom
 - Pass out **Bag Tags** and stress their importance
 - Solidify a Transportation Plan for **every child and make sure parents know where to pick up their child** ([PM pick up location doc](#))
 - Review Communication Plan with parents
 - Collect parent information card and confirm/ask about allergies
 - Have parents complete a volunteer form (file class set in front office)
 - Please share that due to warmer temperatures, we recommend that students wear cool, breathable clothing to school as well as bring a water bottle each day to stay hydrated.

<p><i>0900-1100 Grade K: Meet the Teacher</i></p> <p>0900 Kinder FCT 1 1000 Kinder FCT 2</p>	<p><i>1230-1510 Grades 1-2 Meet the Teacher</i></p> <p>1230 1st Grade FCT 1 1310 1st Grade FCT 2 1350 2nd Grade FCT 1 1430 2nd Grade FCT 2</p>
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- **Typical meeting rotation:** Faculty meetings first Tuesday of each month, grade level meeting second Tuesday of each month, logistics meeting (grade level chairs) 3rd Tuesday each month, BLT meetings - scheduled. *During holiday weeks meetings shift. Please plan accordingly.
- **Koala Coaching Corner** - Hello everyone! My name is Sarah Barenz and I am excited to be the supporting Instructional System Support Specialist this year for Team RES Grades K-2. I am looking forward to the opportunity to see you next week during our faculty times and our learning on Wednesday. If you need anything ahead, please reach out to me via TEAMS or email.
 - **Weekly HQIP Spotlight** - [DoDEA Elementary SharePoint Site](#): Streamlined materials for each grade level including updated curricular maps, assessment guidance, links to content resources and much more. Click on Grade Levels to navigate to your specific grade. *You must be logged in with your DoDEA account.*
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