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Dear Riker Hill Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to see all of you at this year's Back to School Night! It has been wonderful working with your children over the past few weeks. I have enjoyed getting to know each of them, both as people and learners. It is already clear to me that all of you, their first teachers, have placed tremendous value on your children's education. They are lucky to have you as role models and parents/guardians. Without your investment in your children's educational journeys, we would not be able to do what we do for them each day. It takes a true home-school partnership for us to, collectively, be able to fully support and nurture every child, from the moment they wake up until they fall asleep each night.

The Riker Hill Elementary School teachers and I look forward to spending time with you, Wednesday evening (9/25), for the next important event in your children's 2019-2020 school year experience!

Best Regards,

Justin Toomey

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:00pm - SEPAC Meet & Greet - Media Center

7:00pm - Meet the Teacher - Grades 3-5 Classrooms

7:30pm - Parent/Guardian Ramily Gathering with Mr. Toomey - Main Gym

8:00pm - Meet the Teacher - Grades K-2 Classrooms

8:30pm - Event Ends

*Please note: "Meet the Teacher" sessions are intended for you to get to know the teacher and find out more about your children's learning environment. Fall conferences will take place November 4-6, 2019.

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ADDITIONAL INFO

- Please do not park in the areas coned off for teachers. Back parking lot will be open. Be sure to observe all street signs and parking rules.
- Apparel Sale begins!
- Riker Hill items and trinkets will be available for purchase for your children. In consideration of those children whose parents/guardians are unable to attend and purchase items, we ask that you please give these items to them at home, not leaving them in the classrooms.
- Words of Kindness: We are asking all parents/guardians to write a post-it note about kindness to leave on their desk. Any children whose parents/guardians are unable to attend, teachers will provide them with a note.
- This will kick off our *2019 Week of Respect*, which is officially October 7-11. Teachers will provide you with more information about our kindness initiative in their classrooms.
- We ask that you please think of what to write, ahead of time, so you are ready for Wednesday. Sentence starters to consider include:
 - Kindness is ...
 - When you are kind to someone, you ...
 - Being kind is something ...
 - When others are kind to me, it makes me feel ...
 - We can be kind to others by ...
- Thanks to our HSA leadership and HSA for their continued efforts in all they do to support many wonderful Riker Hill initiatives and programs, as well as students, families, and teachers!



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