



Community Newsletter

Rush-Henrietta Central School District Summer 2007

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Parent University to be Presented November 3

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District presents Parent University from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road. Please join us at this free event and learn more about raising children who are confident, compassionate, and morally courageous.

Parent University is designed to empower parents and families to make educational decisions, build confidence and competency, enhance child-parent relationships, and better understand children's personal, emotional, and academic needs. The information provided at Parent University applies to students from preschool through high school. Parents, grandparents, students, teachers, administrators, child care providers, business leaders, residents, town leaders, and visitors are invited to attend.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Michele Borba, is an expert on character development, child development, and violence prevention. The author of 21 books, Dr. Borba has made hundreds of media appearances and is a familiar face to many. Among her secrets to help parents avoid over-parenting:

- Don't over-schedule. Do you compare your child's schedule with other parents? Is life frantic from trying to keep up? Spend a week evaluating your child's schedule. Consider whether each activity matches your child's interests and strengths.

- Stop rescuing! Are you apologizing, explaining, and rescuing when it comes to your child? Set a rule: "No more excuses. You need to take responsibility." Step back and stop being your child's safety net. If children are too protected, they won't learn to cope with life on their own.

- Teach brainstorming. Next time a problem emerges, ask your child, "What can *you* do to solve it?" Help him or her brainstorm. Every idea counts. Say whatever comes to mind. With practice, children will use this new skill on their own.

In addition to the keynote address, Parent University offers attendees the opportunity to sit on two workshops. Last year, more than 30 workshop options were offered, and they received high marks. Traditional and online registration for Parent University starts October 1, 2007. Please watch for more details in the months to come.

When parents display positive attitudes toward school and their child's education, children experience greater success. Parent University is one of many activities that Rush-Henrietta offers to encourage more family involvement. To support the district's Parent Involvement initiative, a brochure highlighting the importance of participation and describing ways to become involved is available in PDF format at www.rhnet.org/involvement.



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2007-2008 Board of Education Meetings

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., NGA*

* Unless otherwise noted

July 10, 2007	61st Annual Reorganization/ Regular Meeting
July 24, 2007	Workshop Session, 5:30 p.m.
August 14, 2007	Regular Meeting
September 11, 2007	Regular Meeting
September 25, 2007	Regular Meeting
October 9, 2007	Regular Meeting
October 23, 2007	Regular Meeting
November 13, 2007	Regular Meeting
November 27, 2007	Regular Meeting
December 4, 2007	Program & Service Review
December 11, 2007	Regular Meeting
January 8, 2008	Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008	Regular Meeting
February 12, 2008	Regular Meeting
February 26, 2008	Regular Meeting
March 11, 2008	Regular Meeting
March 25, 2008	First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget

April 8, 2008	Board Adoption of the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget (Meeting preceded by the Volunteer Recognition Dinner)
April 22, 2008	Regular Meeting
May 13, 2008	Final Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget
May 20, 2008	Board of Education Election Results, 9 p.m., TOC (Meeting preceded by the Annual Retirement Dinner)
May 27, 2008	Regular Meeting
June 10, 2008	Regular Meeting (preceded by the Board Tenure Recognition Reception)
June 24, 2008	Regular Meeting
Special Dates	
February 13, 2008	Community Forum on the Preliminary Proposed 2008-2009 Budget, 7-9 p.m., TOC
May 5, 2008	DPAC Candidates' Night, 7-9 p.m., TOC
May 20, 2008	Budget Vote & Board of Education Election, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., TOC



Congratulations, Class of 2007!

On June 22, hundreds of young men and women from Rush-Henrietta Senior High School entered Rochester Institute of Technology's Gordon Field House and Activities Center as students and departed as graduates. During their academic careers, they met and exceeded some of the most rigorous state academic standards in recent memory, and enjoyed years of personal growth – both at school and at home – designed to help them be successful in the workplace and society.

Each graduate leaves Rush-Henrietta with a well-rounded education. As a school district, we have offered these students support, guidance, and enthusiasm. Although they

have graduated, we remain committed to their success. Members of the Class of 2007, as well as all Rush-Henrietta graduates, are encouraged to visit the online Alumni Center at www.rhnet.org and provide their alumni information. It's a great way to keep in touch with classmates and rekindle old friendships.

At Rush-Henrietta, we are intent on fostering the intellectual and personal development of each student, preparing them for responsible citizenship, gainful employment, and lifelong learning. We thank the community for the important role it has played in the growth and development of each member of the Class of 2007. Congratulations, graduates!





R-H School Bus Drivers Recognized for Excellence

Lesley Michel and Ron Smith, veteran school bus drivers in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, were honored with Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year awards presented by the Rochester Transportation Supervisors' Association.

Michel typically arrives at the Transportation and Operations Center each day at 6:15 a.m. She grabs her clipboard and goes through a checklist to ensure that lights, buzzers, emergency exits, brakes, and more, are in good working order. Buses are checked in a similar manner after each run. Michel repeats this safety routine later in the morning – in preparation for a kindergarten run – and in the afternoon before taking children from school to their homes. Michel, who drives bus 409, spends her time on the east side of town, making runs to Roth Middle School, Winslow Elementary School, Good Shepherd, and Henrietta Christian School. The 10-year veteran enjoys the students. "My own kids are all grown," she says, noting that her four children are Rush-Henrietta graduates.

Smith, who retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1992, has two children who graduated from Rush-Henrietta. A 14-year bus veteran, Smith had a regular route for a decade. Now, his job is more unpredictable. As a full-time stand-by driver, he is always prepared to drive all of the buses in case a driver is absent or unable to continue an assignment. Smith's morning routine includes checking each spare bus to ensure it is ready to roll if needed during the day. "We all take our jobs very seriously," Smith says. "If we make one mistake, it can affect people for the rest of our lives."

Being a school bus driver has many rewards, some of which appear long after students graduate from high school. "It's amazing," Smith says. "Years down the road, kids will see you outside the school environment and say, 'Hello, Ron, remember me? You were my school bus driver.' It's nice to put a smile on some of their faces early in the day just by saying, 'Good morning.'" Both drivers smile when asked what it's like to see the children who ride their bus literally grow up before their eyes. "It blows my mind," Michel says. "I had them in kindergarten and then see them in middle school. Then, when I watch them in high school ... I can't believe it's that little one I used to know."

Rush-Henrietta school bus drivers travel more than 1.5 million miles each year. Debbie McGowan, director of transportation, lauds the drivers for their professionalism and reliability. Michel and Smith appreciate the recognition and accept it on behalf of their colleagues. "All transportation department mem-



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bers make significant contributions to make this a great place to work," Smith says. "Being recognized by our peers for this award creates a good feeling for us, knowing that our contributions are important and memorable. We are very happy to represent our drivers as 'Employees of the Year.'"

Alumni Council to Choose Hall of Fame Honorees

Members of the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council (RHAC) are reviewing applications for membership in its Hall of Fame. Two nominees, a male and a female, will be selected, and the honorees will be introduced September 29, 2007, during the football game at the Senior High School's Elmer Gordon Field. The Hall of Fame is a continuation of the Distinguished Alumni program founded by the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation (RHEF). The names of the two Hall of Fame inductees will be displayed in the Senior High School, along with those already honored as distinguished alumni. The Hall of Fame process is overseen by RHAC and funded by RHEF. All Rush-Henrietta alumni are urged to visit the district's Web site at www.rhnet.org/alumni and register themselves. Other information about alumni activities, including current reunion plans, is available on the site. If you have questions or would like more information, call the Alumni Council hotline at 359-5004. Your message will be returned as soon as possible.



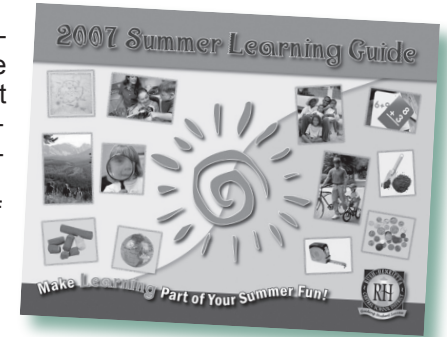
Summer Learning Guide Offers a Boost

While summertime offers great opportunities to get outdoors, play with friends, and travel, being away from formal learning for almost three months can be detrimental to student success. Reading and other academic skills often weaken during the summer. Educators call this the “summer learning slump” and we find that students don’t recover this loss of learning until October or even later in the new school year.

Rush-Henrietta’s Summer Learning Guide, which was sent home with students finishing grades K-5 in June, is meant to help parents and families incorporate learning into daily activities so that children avoid such a slump. Within this publication, Rush-Henrietta teachers provide activities that focus on core content areas and state learning standards. This collection of learning activities is designed to help you support and encourage learning through summer break and includes suggestions for exploring new ideas. These include visiting new places, reading, writing, taking hikes, learning new games, and planting a garden. We hope this guide will help you keep learning alive for your family this summer.

The Summer Learning Guide provides suggested daily activities keyed to your child’s grade level and its curriculum.

The grade-level designations in the guide refer to the grade that children have just completed. It is not necessary, nor recommended, that you complete all of these learning activities. Pick and choose those that interest you and your children most and that fit with your schedule and routine.



Students are encouraged to complete the Summer Learning Journal found at the end of the guide. When they return to school in September they’ll be proud to show the journal to their teachers, and teachers will be pleased to see how much valuable learning occurred during the summer.

The 2007 Summer Learning Guide also is available for download in PDF format by visiting www.rhnet.org/summerguide. Thank you for your support to ensure student success. Enjoy the summer. Stay safe and keep learning!

Renovations Underway at Burger, Roth Middle Schools

Renovations that will help Rush-Henrietta maintain its long-term ability to meet student requirements have begun at Roth and Burger middle schools. Voters approved the renovations on December 13, 2005, as part of a \$21.5 million multi-year project.

The work at Burger Middle School includes the creation of a new main entrance and auditorium. It also allows for the construction of a music wing, more physical education space, an expanded library, additional classroom space, and a renovated home and careers area. The plan also addresses important safety issues. This summer, most of the work at Burger is being done outside of the school.

At Roth Middle School, construction is underway to create a new general music room. In addition, significant classroom renovations will allow the school to foster an enhanced team-teaching approach. Plans also call for the elimination of the two-cafeteria system, replacing it with a single

cafeteria. This summer, most of the work at Roth is being done inside the school. Construction at both schools may be completed in less than 18 months and has been scheduled to coincide appropriately with the school year to minimize classroom disruptions.

In 2008, the district will move ahead with the reconfiguration of parking areas and traffic patterns at the Senior High School. The goal is to reduce congestion and improve the safety of students, staff, and community members. The district also will proceed with a voter-approved project for the Parker Administration Building.

Future updates regarding the district’s improvement projects will be provided in this newsletter and on the district Web site at www.rhnet.org. For more information, contact Stanley Polmateer, director of facilities, at 585-359-5385 or spolmateer@rhnet.org.

R-H Information is Only a Click Away!



Visit the district’s redesigned Web site for comprehensive information about Rush-Henrietta schools. Also, consider subscribing to one of the district’s latest services, E-News, which provides brief e-mail notifications, announcements, and reminders about important meetings, activities, and issues. Visit www.rhnet.org today!

Crane Students Get Help Focusing on Reading

While emphasizing strong reading skills, Crane Elementary School hosted Guest Reader Day in March. This special event is held to reinforce to students the importance of being a good, eager reader. Readers included district employees, school board members, Senior High School students, and elected town officials. Each year, Crane holds the Parents as Reading Partners program, which stresses the importance of parents and children reading together. Parents are asked to read with their children at least 15 minutes every day during the three-week program.



Fyle Students, Parents Gather to Celebrate Literacy

Students at Fyle Elementary School took part in Celebrate Literacy Night this past spring. The event, sponsored by the Fyle Parent Group, was held as part of Parents as Reading Partners Week. The children listened to WPXY's Pete Kennedy read the book, "The Night I Followed the Dog," written by Nina Laden. Howard Edmond, a storyteller from Young Audiences of Rochester, also entertained with a telling of Rafe Martin's "Foolish Rabbit's Big Mistake." The children laughed out loud at Howard's dramatization of the rabbits, the bears, the snakes, the elephants, and the lion in the story.

Leary Staff Members Run Marathon, Stress Fitness

As Leary Elementary School staff members talked about ways to encourage their students to become more physically fit, someone suggested organizing a marathon. In June, 20 staff members ran parts of a marathon to show students they are serious about fitness. The first runners left the school at 2 p.m. and



Creating a Culture

The fruits of collaboration are evident in each R

the last returned between 7 and 8 p.m. A course map was given to students, many of whom stepped outside their home to cheer on the adults as they ran through the neighborhood. It was an amazing effort and there is already talk of making it an annual event!

Sherman Dedicates Bench to Alyssa Bruno

Alyssa Bruno, who died last summer from cancer of the brain stem, was honored in June at Sherman Elementary School. Alyssa, then 6, gained fame during Summer 2006, when she received thousands of birthday cards from around the world after a simple e-mail request from her teacher, Marcy Mooney, spread far and wide. Alyssa's parents were in attendance as Sherman dedicated a bench in the girl's honor. Staff members and students also donated money to the family's newly established charity, Alyssa's Angels.



Winslow Students Learn Value of Education

Students at Winslow Elementary School benefited from the experience and expertise of parents, business owners, and community volunteers during its Career Awareness Week. The Winslow Shared Decision Making Team, a group of parents, staff members, and administrators, arranged the June event. The idea was to share with students about many different careers, and reinforce the importance of learning. Visitors included a





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Rush-Henrietta school. Here are some examples.

real estate agent, a scientist, a radio frequency engineer, a police officer, a writer, a Girl Scout leader, a member of the National Guard, a firefighter, and a hat maker.

Burger Students Honored at 'Breakfast of Champions'

Nearly 50 Burger Middle School students were honored during the school's Breakfast of Champions celebration this past winter. Parents and family members were invited to attend with their child, and many did! It was a true show of support for these students, and a good example of collaboration between the school and the home. Students were recognized for demonstrating one or more of the following qualities: good citizenship, hard work, character and helpfulness, service to school, leadership, and honesty.

Roth Middle School Students Help Others

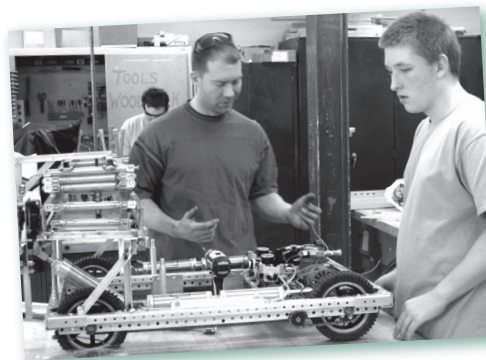
The students and staff members at Roth Middle School work together to help the school's student council live up to its motto, "Help us help others." In March, the Roth Student Council collected \$500 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The school also held its annual "Beads for Good Deeds" event. The goal is to encourage positive behavior and good citizenship. All students received starter necklaces in homeroom. As the week progressed, they were awarded a variety of beads for completing assignments, reacting positively to a tough situation, helping a teacher, or other positive behaviors.

NGA Visual Arts Club Reaps Benefits of Teamwork

This past spring, the Ninth Grade Academy Visual Arts Club (pictured at right) participated in an adventure six months in the making. For the first time, club members attended the Olympics of the Visual Arts in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Students competed in three categories— Fashion Design, Illustration, and Architectural Design. After hours of brainstorming and meeting after school to build, paint, and sew, students made the four-hour trip to the competition. Now, club members have more ambitious ideas and are fund-raising for next year!

Senior High's Robotics Team Perseveres, Learns

The Senior High School's FIRST robotics team competed in the 2007 Finger Lakes Regional Competition in March at Rochester Institute of Technology. With guidance from their coach, teacher Ken Goodsell, Rush-Henrietta students built and programmed a robot.



Students worked as a team to problem-solve, and maintained their commitment and enthusiasm during the season and competition! Thanks to everyone who

was involved for their hard work, including teachers Goodsell and Jeff Paradis, and parents, teachers, and engineers from our community who supported our students!

Science Curriculum Makes Learning More Relevant

Rush-Henrietta is leading the way again! A recent *Democrat and Chronicle* story tells how the district is incorporating more reading, writing, and English language arts into its science curriculum. "Four years ago, Rush-Henrietta created a science pilot program that incorporated more reading and writing and saw elementary science scores soar," the story says. "Students achieving the top mastery level on the state exam increased from 32.6 percent in 2004 to 53.9 percent in 2006. In addition, more than 92 percent of students were at or above grade level last year, compared with 84 percent three years ago."





Rush-Henrietta Honors Retirees

In May, the Rush-Henrietta Central School District celebrated the collective legacy left by 26 employees who retired during the 2006-2007 school year. They devoted more than 500 combined years of service to the district, displaying a genuine passion and energy for children and education. Whether in a high-profile position or as more of a behind-the-scenes leader, they are known for doing whatever it takes to help a child.

During their time at Rush-Henrietta, these retirees have earned the respect of our community, going above and beyond to foster student success. As they close their long and distinguished careers, the district again thanks them for their service. They are:

- Susan Benchik, 21 years
- Barbara Blaisdell, 28 years
- Ellen Buffan, 18 years
- Cynthia Burkhardt, 10 years
- Beverly Burrell-Moore, 34 years
- Rhonda Callard, 20 years
- Sandra Citarella, 12 years
- Fay Corr, 15 years
- Marie DeHond, 36 years
- Andrea Everitt, 10 years
- Barbara Hopper, 19 years
- Susan Itkin, 19 years
- Kathryn Keller, 30 years
- Richard Kolady, 11 years
- Marie Leo, 28 years
- Francis Martin, 28 years
- Susan McVay, 23 years
- Sue Mills, 13 years
- Barb Mitchell, 25 years
- Tess Richard, 18 years
- Julie Schroder, 11 years
- Ruth Teitel, 19 years
- Carolyn Towers, 20 years
- Joan Weicht, 27 years
- Fred Weingarten, 20 years
- Carol Wolitzky, 27 years

Each retiree received a crystal apple as a reminder of their service to children. We wish each of these longtime employees success in the next chapter of their lives!

Nadine Dykes Named 2007 Volunteer of the Year

Nadine Dykes is Rush-Henrietta's 2007 Volunteer of the Year. A resident of Henrietta, she has been a volunteer for 11 years.

Dykes has been president of the Winslow PTO for the past four years. She also is a longtime member of the Winslow Shared Decision Making Team and Literacy Team, and has overseen production of the school's yearbook. She is a familiar face at the district's annual August Leadership Workshop and supports the district's mission and vision of excellence through her selflessness. In recounting her volunteer efforts, we're just scratching the surface of her activities.

Dykes received her award at the annual Volunteer of the Year dinner, which was held April 24, 2007, at the Senior High School. "Our Volunteer of the Year is a humble and hard-working individual who will not feel deserving of this recognition," says Superintendent Dr. Ken Graham. "However, her generous nature and positive contributions on behalf of Rush-Henrietta children is greatly appreciated and truly warrants this award."

Dykes and her husband, Greg, have four children, Patrick, Gretchen, Meaghan, and Alexander. Congratulations, Nadine, and thank you!



Nadine Dykes, 2007 Volunteer of the Year, has given of her time and talents at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Wetlands Education Program a Community Effort

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District recently celebrated the opening of the Rush-Henrietta Cooperative Wetlands Education Program, which is located near the district's Transportation and Operations Center, 1133 Lehigh Station Road.



Students from Sharyl Paladino's class at Sherman Elementary School cut the ribbon at the wetlands trail opening.

A 56-acre parcel surrounds the Transportation and Operations Center, 36 acres of which are designated as wetlands. Some of this area was disturbed during construction of the building. Our wetlands partnership aimed to reclaim eight to 10 acres of wetlands. To do this, the district joined with community participants to establish the wetlands education program. Together, we established a trail for safe access to the wetlands by students and community members. Educational signs and instructional programming were created to inform students and community members about the features and value of this wetlands environment. A topographical study was performed to determine where to establish a walking trail within the wetlands space, and a six-foot wide clearing was created through the wetlands to create the walking trail. The community is invited to use the area. Please be careful of the poison ivy, which thrives in portions of the wetlands.

The Rush-Henrietta Cooperative Wetlands Trail System was developed with the help of Broccolo Tree & Lawn Care, Corneles Engineering, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lewis Tree Service, Monroe Tractor, Rochester Institute of Technology, The Henrietta Foundation, Tinker Nature Park and Hansen Nature Center, and the Rush-Henrietta Rotary Foundation. Each is a member of the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce.

With the assistance of Tinker Nature Park and Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rush-Henrietta is using the wetlands to create experiment-based curriculum. For example:

- Students in grades 6-7 will learn about features of the wetlands and the human impact on the

environment. Emphasis is on studying biotic and abiotic features of the wetlands, environmental change, and environmental planning.

- Students in grades 8-9 will examine challenges of wetlands, including causes of deterioration and options for restoration planning.
- Senior High School biology students will analyze data and samples of the original and restored wetlands to identify ways to reduce deterioration and suggest restoration.
- Senior High School environmental science students will plan and implement a restoration effort for the ongoing survival and preservation of the wetlands area.

The Rush-Henrietta Cooperative Wetlands Education Program is a testament to strong partnerships between the school district and many local businesses and organizations. We thank each partner for their role in the creation of the wetlands trail, and we look forward to fostering further partnerships that help guide student success ... one student at a time.



Community Partners Honored at Employer Appreciation Event

The Employer Appreciation Breakfast, hosted in June by the Rush-Henrietta Central School District and the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce, was a big success. The event recognizes local businesses that participate in the Cooperative Education Program, the Internship Program, and the Teenage Employment Partnership. Each program provides students with unique opportunities to determine whether the profession they want to pursue is right for them.

The Teenage Employment Partnership, established seven years ago, seeks to create a balance between a student's school and work experience. Working with the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce, the school district asks employers to promote the importance of education to teens, reminding them that school is their primary responsibility. These employers consistently model the positive traits and values we seek to instill in students.

During the Employer Appreciation Breakfast, Domenico's Ristorante was named the Teenage Employment Partnership's 2007 Employer of the Year; Lisa Gianvecchio received the award on the restaurant's behalf. On behalf of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, we thank Domenico's Ristorante for participating in our program and for emphasizing to students that, even while pursuing part-time work, school comes first.

In Rush-Henrietta, the school district and business community work together to offer programs that give students realistic workplace experiences. The Employer Appreciation Breakfast, which featured a keynote address by Laurie Broccolo, of Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care, is a way to thank those who make a difference for our students. Thank you to our business and community partners for your continued support and commitment.

High School Internship Partners

BizNetix Inc.
Bradley Kaufman, D.D.S., P.C.
Callan Harris Physical Therapy
Dorschel Lexus
Henrietta Animal Hospital
Highland Hospital
Monroe Community Hospital
Monroe County District Attorney's Office
Personal Health Approach
Rochester Childfirst Network
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rush-Henrietta Senior High School
Strong Memorial Hospital
University of Rochester Medical Center
WXXI

High School Co-op Partners

Auntie Annie's
Buffalo Wild Wings
Champs Sports
Delta Sonic
DiBella's
Factory Card and Party Outlet
Footlocker
Hollister Co.
Limited Too
Mark's Pizzeria
Party City
Patrick Property Service
Patrick Pontiac
Red Lobster
Schoen Place Restaurant
Scottsville Spirits and Lottery
Telecomp
Tops Friendly Market
Wild Noodles

Teenage Employment Partners

1st Priority Federal Credit Union
Alphagraphics
Altier's
AnC Enterprises
Arby's, Marketplace Mall
Balloon HQ.com
Barbeque & Pizza Too
Bi-rite Market
Bill Gray's Restaurant
Boston Market
Brad's Cookie Nook
Brentland Woods Assisted Living
Brighton Campus Chiropractors
Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care Inc.
Burger King
Centre Ice Restaurant at ESL Sports Center
Chuck E. Cheese
Companion Animal Hospital
Computer Renaissance
CVS Pharmacy
David's Bridal Services
Diamonds Limousines
Domenico's Ristorante
Don's Original
Dorschel Automotive Group
Eckerd Drugs, East Henrietta Road
Fairfield Farms
Fast Signs
FDR's
First Rochester Community Credit Union
Fox Landscaping Service
Friendly's
Gardners Greenhouse
Henrietta Public Library
Icuiti
Klee's Mobil
Michelina's Italian Eatery

Monroe County Fair & Recreation Association
Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.
Nu-Look Collision Service
Old Navy
Outback Steak House
Panera Bread Company
Papa John's Pizza
Peppermint's Family Restaurant
Petco
Pitstop Convenience Store
Pizza Corner
Pizza Hut (three locations)
Regal Henrietta Cinema 18
RIT Inn and Conference Center
Rochester Brooks Gun Club
Romano's Macaroni Grill
Rush-Henrietta Central School District
Sharel Ventures: McDonalds (three locations)
St. Clair Photo-Imaging
Suburban Animal Hospital
Subway - Jefferson Plaza, Marketplace, Wal-Mart
Sunoco - Gladstone Service
Tanning Bed, E. Henrietta
The Nichols Team
Tim Horton's - Jefferson and West Henrietta roads
Tony Pepperoni's
Tooley's Oak & Amish Furniture
Town of Henrietta
Vallence Septic Service
VP Supply Inc.
Wal-Mart
Wegmans - both Henrietta locations
Wendy's
Woodcrest Commons
Xpress Marketing



Register New R-H Students for School

It's time to ensure that all school-age children living in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District are registered and ready to attend school in September.

Students wishing to enter kindergarten in September 2007 must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2007. More information about kindergarten preparation is found at www.rhnet.org/kindergarten. Students new to the district, those who have moved or left the district and wish to return, and those who have attended a private school, including kindergarten, must also register.

It is important for us to know how many students are attending classes on the first day of school. We must be fully prepared, have ordered appropriate supplies and textbooks, and created equitable classroom assignments and bus schedules.

Please register as early as possible. If the grade at your child's home school is at capacity at the time of registration, your child will be assigned to another elementary school for the school year. Students may be registered only if the appropriate documentation is provided. At the time of registration, please bring the following documents:

- Original birth certificate, passport, or immigration papers
- Recent immunization records from a doctor's office or former school. It is the parents' responsibility to have an English translation, if necessary.
- Proof of residency, defined as a rental or mortgage agreement, school or county tax bill, or monthly mortgage statement. These are the only items acceptable. If the parents don't own or lease, they must complete a residency affidavit with Mrs. Pat Cahill, the district registrar.
- Prior school records, if available. If the student is in special education, it would be helpful to provide an Individual Education Plan at registration.
- If the student is being placed in a group home or foster care, a letter from the placement agency is necessary.
- If the person registering a student is not the parent, the adult must complete required district paperwork and have it approved before registration can occur.

To start the registration process, please contact Mrs. Pat Cahill, district registrar, for an appointment at 359-7957 or pcahill@rhnet.org. Summer hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2007-2008 School Calendar

The district looks forward to welcoming students back to school on September 5! The annual school district calendar will be mailed in August to homes of all parents who have children attending R-H schools. It is a general guide to events. School-specific information also can be obtained from each of the district's nine schools, or from the district's Web site at www.rhnet.org.

September

- 4 Superintendent's Conference Day (Teachers & paras report)
- 5 Schools Open - First Day of Classes

October

- 8 Columbus Day (Schools closed)

November

- 5-6 Superintendent's Conference Days (No school K-12)
- 12 Veterans Day Observance (Schools closed)
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools closed)

December

- 24-31 Winter Recess (Schools closed)

January

- 1 Winter Recess (Schools closed)
- 2 Schools Reopen
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance (Schools closed)
- 22-25 Regents & Midterm Exams (High School students attend school by exam schedule only)
- 25 Grading Day (No school K-8)
- 25 First Semester Ends
- 28 Second Semester Begins

February

- 18-22 February Recess (Schools closed)

March

- 21 Good Friday (Schools closed)

April

- 14-18 Spring Recess (Schools closed)

May

- 23-26 Memorial Day Recess (Schools closed)

June

- 16 Last Day of Classes (9-12)
- 17-26 Regents & Final Exams (High School students attend school by exam schedule only)
- 20 Last Day of Classes (6-8)
- 23-25 Middle School Exams (Middle School students attend school by exam schedule only)
- 24 Last Day of Classes (K-5)
- 26 Regents Examination Rating Day
- 26 Last Teacher Work Day
- 27 Graduation

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