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## Parent Newsletter

### Welcome Back

Hello Patriot Community: Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!

The Rawlinson staff is committed to meeting the needs of our students, and work has already begun as we gear up for Prep Day, Open House and the first week of school.

The *Back-to-School* season is my favorite time of year. Students, teachers, and staff are elated with anticipation of new beginnings and its promise for our future.

My goal as your principal is to build a strong partnership with you, the parents and families of our kids. It will take all of us working together to ensure the academic, social and emotional success of our students. We certainly hope that you will unite with us as we work toward new beginnings and continued success!

Rawlinson is a busy place, so be sure to stay connected; follow us on Twitter, Instagram and our PTA's Facebook page.

Campus info is sent out through a monthly newsletter on the School Messenger app. This will be a **NEW** method of communication and can be accessed simply by downloading the app and signing in.

Outlined below are some key dates and information to help prepare you for the 2019-20 school year.

From the Desk  
of Principal  
Mireles



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Prep Day

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

(This is a “Come & Go” event for all grade levels)

8:30am- 12pm (Last name A-L)  
12pm- 4pm (Last name M-Z)

Last name times are only suggestions created for crowd and traffic purposes.

## Open House (aka Meet the Teacher)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wednesday, Aug. 21

5:00-5:30pm- Parent Meeting  
5:30-7:00pm- Meet the Teacher  
“Come & Go” event at your leisure.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wednesday, Aug. 28

5:30-6:00- Parent Meeting  
6:00-7:00- Meet the Teacher “Come & Go” event at your leisure.

## Prep Day

Prep Day is an opportunity to pick up a copy of your child’s schedule, purchase PE uniforms, spirit shirts, school planners, add money to cafeteria account, join PTA, gather yearbook information, gather info for Learning Tree after school care, and bus transportation. All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

### Q. What if we cannot attend Prep Days?

A. When students arrive at school on Monday, they will wait in their respective hallways or eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Your child’s first period class will be posted in several hallways within the school. Upon the bell for the start of school, all students can refer to this alphabetical listing to find their room number and report to their first period class. Staff members will be in the hallways to help them. In first period, they will be given the OFFICIAL copy of their schedule and begin their day. (Prep day copies should then be thrown away as they will not be accepted by teachers.)

## Prep Day: Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>P.E. Uniforms</b> (Set \$16, Shirt \$7, Shorts \$9)	<b>Add funds \$ to Cafeteria account</b>
<b>RMS Customized Student Planners</b> (Color coded by six weeks created for success!)	<b>Speak to Transportation/ Buses</b>
<b>Patriot POWER Spirit Shirts \$10 &amp; Gear</b> Spirit day Friday’s	<b>Attendance Information</b>
<b>Yearbooks!</b> Early bird pricing before September 6, 2019 is only \$35.00	<b>Complete a Background Check to Volunteer</b>
<b>Join PTA- Membership \$10</b>	<b>Get lockers and student schedules</b>
<b>Sign up for Patriot Games</b>	<b>PTA School Supply Drive</b> Please consider donating any new or unused supplies.



**NEW**

School begins at **8:40 a.m.** and Dismissal is at **3:50 p.m.**

**MORNING PROCEDURES:**

The doors of the campus will open at 7:30 a.m. and our cafeteria will begin serving breakfast at 7:45 a.m. If not eating, at 7:45 a.m. all students will be dismissed to their grade level hallway. Students will remain in their designated area until the first bell rings at 8:30a.m. (On the *first day*, we will have lists posted in the hallway with student’s first period room number in case they were not able to attend open house or receive their schedule at Prep Day.) Schedules will be available for pick-up only if all immunizations are current and on file with the nurse.

Please know there is no supervision for students before 7:30 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. We ask that unless students are at a scheduled school activity, they be picked up prior to 4:00p.m.; loitering is not permitted.

**Important Phone Numbers**

- Main Line:  
397-4900
- Vice and Assistant Principals:  
397-4917
- Academic Dean:  
397-4952
- Attendance:  
397-4911
- Band Hall:  
397-3135
- Boys’ Coaches:  
397-4950
- Cafeteria:  
397-4933
- Campus Officer:  
397-4914
- Choir Room:  
397-3131
- Counselors:  
397-4922
- Girls’ Coaches:  
397-4966
- Library:  
397-4924
- Nurse:  
397-4907
- Orchestra Room:  
397-5755
- Special Education Office:  
397-4929

Voice mail can be left for all teachers by calling the main number and asking to be put through to their voice mail.

**Middle School Parents get involved!**

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer at Rawlinson. If your schedule allows, we welcome your assistance in making our school as successful as possible. Here are some ways that you can partner with us:

**Rawlinson PTA & Watchdogs Program**

Parent Volunteers: Office, Library, copy room, events, Patriot Games, field trips, Music Lovers and so much more!

PTA: rawlinsonpta@gmail.com

**NISD requires that anyone volunteering on campus complete a background check.** This can be completed on the district website at <http://www.nisd.net/volunteer/partnerships/volunteers-mentors>. For more information, please contact the campus.



**BUSES**

Please check the “Boundaries and Buses” page of the NISD website for more specific information on your child’s transportation to and from Rawlinson for this coming year.

**If there is an issue concerning bus transportation, please contact the transportation office at: (210) 397-0850**

**Club LT**

If you are interested in signing your child up for Club LT, an afterschool enrichment program offered by NISD, please contact (210) 397-8108 or visit the website at <http://nisd.net/learning-tree/>

# Welcome, Patriot VIP's



**Blanca  
Martinez**  
Vice Principal

It was with great pride and excitement that I accepted the position of Vice Principal at Rawlinson Middle School. I am honored to have the opportunity to be part a school with such a rich tradition of educational success. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than 30 years, first as an ELA teacher in middle school and high school, and then as an administrator for the last four years. Through it all, I have been blessed with the love and support of my family, my husband of 27 years, my son, Justin, a sports writer, and my daughter Keila, a sophomore at UT Austin. Now, along with the teachers and staff I will continue the legacy of Rawlinson Middle School.



**Angel  
Mitchell**  
Head Counselor

Hi, I am Angel Mitchell, the new Head Counselor at Rawlinson Middle School! I am beyond thrilled to be a part of Rawlinson, and I am looking forward to working with the students, teachers, parents and community. I have been a school counselor for 7 years, all in NISD, and have been an employee of NISD for the past 10 years. Through those years, I have had wonderful opportunities, some to include the opening of Folks Middle School and most recently as a high school counselor at Brandeis. I have a husband and two daughters who I love spending my time with! My girls keep me on my toes! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with our Rawlinson students.

Can't wait to meet you!

## Cell Phone Usage/BYOD (bring your own device)



All secondary schools in NISD allow students to bring their own personal "Electronic Devices" (Smartphones/laptops/ipads/Tablets) to school for **INSTRUCTIONAL** purposes. Keeping up with these items will be the student's responsibility, and the school will not be responsible for any items that are lost or stolen. **Students also need to follow the school policies regarding devices. When not in use, devices must be put away and on silent mode. If a device is found in use at an unacceptable time or being used inappropriately, it will be confiscated and only returned to a parent during normal business hours.**

On-going violations of this rule may also result in disciplinary consequences to include, detention hall, in school suspension and the loss of the privilege to carry electronics at school. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices. Please support our cell phone policy and refrain from calling or texting your child during the day. **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** The district's AUP policy speaks to the use of electronic devices on campus; how students will be required to use the district's secured wireless network, and give the school access to the device if there is believed to be inappropriate use during the school year. Please read the AUP prior to signing it when it comes home the first day of school. **No students will be permitted to bring their devices on campus without a signed AUP.**

## Shots/Immunizations



Are your child's immunization records up to date? State law now requires that all children have current and accurate shot records to attend school. Please take time to check your child's records and get any required shots before August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For specific information visit: <https://nisd.net/health-services/shots-information>

## Dress Code

The district's dress code is implemented (Section D page 7); therefore, students will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the district. Dress code standards are extended to extra-curricular activities held on the campus.

In an effort to promote a safe and positive school environment conducive to learning, the following will be enforced:

- Trench-style coats are not permitted.
- Undergarments are not to be worn as outer garments, including pajama tops or bottoms. All undershirts must be tucked inside trousers.
- Pants and skirts must be worn at the waist - no loose waistbands or oversized pants are permitted.
- Pants hems should be worn at or below the ankles and not drag the ground.
- No clothing with inappropriate holes, rips, tears or frayed will be allowed. **Tears, rips or frays in jeans must be at the knee level or below.** No oversized clothing, sagging, baggy, and/or dragging pants.
- Capri/ Cargo pants should be no less than one inch below the kneecap for both boys and girls.
- No sunglasses, or non-prescription glasses, will be allowed while in school building. No colored contacts other than normal eye color.
- **No Yoga pants or Leggings**
- Skirts cannot be shorter than 4 inches above the knee (the slit must meet the same requirement)
- Wallet chains, dog chains, dog collars, spike and leash type jewelry is prohibited.
- Inappropriate, indecent, suggestive, low cut, excessively tight, or distracting clothing (some examples: sexual slogans, gangs, tobacco, alcohol products drugs or violence) will not be allowed. This includes patches, drawings, or writing on clothing.
- All Shirts/Tops must be worn appropriately. No exposed midriffs, backs, or underpants. No tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, tube top, camisole type, see through are not allowed. **(No off the shoulder tops are allowed)**
- No Flip-Flops, or house shoes are permitted.
- Body piercing other than ears is not permitted. Earrings, like all jewelry must be school appropriate, and earlobe spikes and/or spacers are prohibited. No other body piercing jewelry is allowed.
- Tattoos should be covered at all times.
- Body art in any form to include writing on skin, distracting or inappropriate stickers, and glitter is prohibited.
- Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional colored, multi-colored or spiked, Mohawk or Fohawk hairstyles are not permitted. Hair must not cover the eyes. Insignias or initials, lines, designs etched in the eyebrows, hair or any part of the scalp are not permitted. Because fads in dress and grooming are subject to sudden and sometimes radical change, a basic rule to remember is that student dress and grooming should not be suggestive, indecent or unusual as to detract from the classroom environment. Changes in dress code, deemed appropriate and necessary by the school principal, may be announced, implemented and enforced during the course of the academic school year. Students not complying with the dress code may be removed from the regular school setting until the parent is able to provide appropriate attire. We acknowledge that students form close association/friendships. When those associations/friendships are expressed outwardly by the wearing of specific colors or displaying of jewelry items that stand out from the general student body disciplinary action may ensue. Final determination of acceptable dress code and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee.

**“Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee and cannot be appealed.” We understand there are some discrepancies in how these rules are followed from campus to campus in NISD, but at Rawlinson we will follow them closely. We will contact you if we feel your student’s clothing is inappropriate and try to come to an easy solution to best resolve the issue.**

## DELIVERING ITEMS TO STUDENTS

In an effort to minimize interruptions and maximize instructional time, we do not deliver items directly to students. However, we also recognize that students will sometimes forget an item at home. **We will deliver glasses and house keys.** For all other items, the student is expected to come by the office BETWEEN classes to retrieve their belongings. This procedure helps the school maintain an academic environment and is effective in helping students practice personal responsibility. Flowers, balloons, birthday presents etc., will be held in the office until the end of the day when students can pick them up to be taken home.

**Lunch Delivery:** Food items may be dropped off by parents **for their child (only)** to eat in the cafeteria during lunch. Food items may not be shared with others. Food items will not be delivered. We will have “blackout” dates where food delivery will not be permitted due to campus activities.

**P.E.**

\*P.E. Uniforms will be for sale at Prep Day and through P.E. classes.

\*Each student will need a **combination lock** for their P.E. locker.

\*Students should always wear proper tennis shoes in order to fully participate in all physical activities.

**Athletics**

**Mandatory Parent Meetings**

**Volleyball:** Tuesday, September 3rd @ 5:30



**Football:** Wednesday, September 4th @ 5:45



**Volleyball Tryouts:** Wed-Fri, Aug. 28-30  
**Football Practice begins:** Monday, Aug. 26

## August 2019

AUGUST 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BAND CAMP: M-TR 8am-4pm						
11	12	13 Choir Camp	14 PREP DAY	15	16 Choir Camp	17
18	19	20	21 6 <sup>th</sup> Open	22	23	24
25	26 School Starts	27	28 7/8 <sup>th</sup> Open House	29	30	31

## September 2019

SEPTEMBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Holiday	3 Volleyball Parent Mtg	4 Football Parent Mtg	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Football Scrimmage	12 Volleyball Scrimmage	13	14
15	16	17	18 Football vs Garcia	19 Volleyball vs Garcia	20	21
22	23	24 Picture Day	25 Football vs Zachry	26 Volleyball vs Zachry	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5