



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

September was a great month. I cannot believe how fast the first few weeks of school went by. October is going to be very exciting! This week we will celebrate Hispanic Heritage month. Students will participate in different activities created by each classroom team. You should also expect classroom teachers to start reaching out for chaperones as they plan upcoming field trips.

As your new Principal, I am looking forward to celebrating Halloween at Rudolph. We will continue to have our trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating contest, and of course costumes! Parents will be invited to our main event on Monday, October 31st. Don't forget to bring your cameras! If you would like your child not to participate in any of the activities, please reach out to the main office at 773-534-4760. The week prior, October 24-28th, will be Wilma Rudolph's first ever Homecoming Spirit Week. Each day will have a different theme. Please reference the Rudolph October calendar for the theme of the day.

Starting in November you will be receiving monthly letters regarding core vocabulary and communication. At Rudolph we believe

the more our students can communicate and be able to express their wants and needs, the more independent they will be. In the monthly newsletter is also a letter introducing Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month.

You should have received an orange letter with information regarding the potential teacher's strike. If the teachers strike, the missed days will be non-attendance days. During that time, no busing services will be provided. Continue to watch the news and social media for the most up-to-date information.

One of my goals as Principal is to relocate Rudolph. Relocation will ensure educational best practices and adherence to legal requirements by providing Rudolph students with access to general education peers, needed facilities and opportunity for school growth/expansion. In addition, it will also have a positive financial impact and increase cost savings for the district, as well as foster parent and community relationships. Your help is needed to make this change. Please support our cause by writing letters to facilitiesplan@cps.edu. I have attached a

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template and our information sheet to assist in your writing process. Please sign-up to attend the next board meeting at www.cpsboe.org or calling (773) 553-1600. Without your support, we cannot make our dream a reality.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve you and the students. Remember, I am here to support you. If you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email. I can be reached at 773-534-7460 or hadacres@cps.edu. With your support and dedication, we can continue to make Rudolph great and make our goal of relocation a reality.

Yours in education,

Principal Dacres

Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month- Introduction



During speech-language therapy and throughout our school day we are focusing on teaching new core vocabulary words. Core words are important because they can be used in any situation, with any topic and any communication partner. These are the words that we use most often when communicating. Core words make up 80% of our vocabulary. Consider how often we use words like *in, go, up, that, where, and mine*. We are focusing on teaching these core words in many different contexts this year. That means your child needs a lot of practice at home! First, we will introduce new vocabulary words in the classroom setting. We will teach the words explicitly with specific activities and provide repeated exposure to the targeted words throughout his/her day and activities.

Starting in November, we will be sending home a monthly **Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month** packet. The Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month packet will provide the core words that we are focusing on for the month along with ways you can encourage communication of the core words. Repeated practice and exposure to the words of the month will encourage your child to utilize the word for a variety of functions and in a variety of contexts. Functions include greeting, requesting, refusing, responding, questioning, choosing, asking, commanding, directing, commenting, gaining attention, etc. When thinking about contexts, we think about meaning of the words in multiple ways. The core word can have multiple meanings such as the word "like". We can state "I like cookies" or "Is it like the book next to us?" Also, one of the most powerful ways you can encourage communication is through natural consequences and reacting to your child.

Please use the core vocabulary words and activities as starting points at home. If you have any questions regarding this information or Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month packets, please reach out to Sarah Dentz, sedentz@cps.edu, or Speech-Language Pathologist, Breanne Bockwoldt at bbockwoldt@cps.edu.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following parents on their new role in our Parent Advisory Council! Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 9:30am. Light refreshments will be provided.

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