

EAST Family Newsletter

February 1,2021



We have supports

East has programs and partners here to help in and outside of the classroom. The health center, food pantry, tutoring, and college prep are still available. For more information, visit: https:// sites.google.com/rcsd121.org/ partners/home

Has your contact information changed?

It's more important than ever for us to have your correct phone number and address. If anything's changed, please email:

eastlowerinfo@rcsdk12.org eastupperinfo@rcsdk12.org

Problems with MiFis or Chromebooks?

Chromebooks—email: Andrea.Zurlo@rcsdk12.org. MiFis—contact the number on your MiFi box.



Hybrid Reopening Update

We look forward to welcoming back scholars who opted for the hybrid learning plan beginning Thursday, February 25th. For those who opted to stay remote, there is no major change to your learning schedule.

For those in the hybrid plan, please review the following materials:

- Bell schedule unlike other RCSD schools, East is staying on the same bell schedule we've followed all year. (See a copy of the bell schedule here). Hybrid learning scholars will attend East every Thursday and Friday, starting on Thursday, February 25th.
- Health and safety there are many new safety precautions at school that your scholar should be aware of. Please see the RCSD's Back-to-School Guide for Families and the Quick Guide for Hybrid COVID-19 Policies and Practices for specifics.
- Chromebook transportation scholars should bring their RCSD-issued • Chromebook <u>and</u> their charger to school <u>every</u> Thursday and Friday.
- Cell phone use for now, scholar cell phones will not be collected upon arrival. Scholars are expected not to use their phone during instructional time unless allowed to do so by their teacher.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will get through these changes together. Go East!

Stay in Touch:







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Don't forget Family Group!

Please remind your scholars to attend family group on Wednesdays, from 1:00— 1:40 p.m. Scholars are expected to attend as they would for any other class.

Home-School Assistant

East's Home-School Assistant is always available to answer questions and help you access school resources. Email: Angel.Alicea1@rcsdk12.org

Checking grades and attendance?

Please reach out to us if you have questions about checking your scholar's information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal or Google Classroom. We can help.

Start of Marking Period III — 2/I

The third marking period starts today, Monday, February Ist. Every scholar starts with a fresh start. Let's work together to ensure your scholar stays strong! Please encourage your scholar to attend teacher office hours every Wednesday from 1:45—3:30 p.m. Your scholar can also email their teacher anytime to ask for help beyond office hours. Check your scholar's performance via Google Classroom or the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Future Ready: Youth Workforce Readiness

Every year East hosts a "job fair" to help youth find employment and be more prepared for the working world. This year, we are excited to host the "Future Ready: Youth Workforce Readiness Series." There will be virtual sessions on a workforce readiness topic during every day of the February 15-19th and March 29-April 2nd breaks.

Scholars (and parents/family members) are invited to register for any of the many sessions. You can learn more and register here: <u>https://sites.google.com/</u><u>rcsd121.org/future-ready/home</u>.

School-based Health Center Registration

East has an on-site Health Center staffed by UR Medicine. Scholars can receive treatment for injuries, prescriptions, immunizations, lab services, physicals, and more. <u>Please visit here to register</u>.

East Food Distribution Site Hour Change

Once scholars return to school at the end of February, the community-wide food distribution that takes place at East will end at 1:00 p.m. each day so as to not conflict with scholar dismissal. If you're struggling to find food, call 211, locate other food distribution sites through Foodlink (https://foodlinkny.org/find-food/) or contact Jason.Taylor@rcsdk12.org to access East's food pantry.

Upcoming Dates:

February

- 15-19 February break (schools closed)
- 15-19 Future Ready: Youth Work Series
- 25 FACE Meeting (5:30—6:30)
- 25 Family Learning Activity (6:30—7:30)

March

- 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00— 10:30), (2:00—3:30), (5:00—6:30)
- 18 FACE Meeting (5:30—6:30)
- 18 Family Learning Activity (6:30—7:30)
- 29-2 April break (schools closed)
- 29-2 Future Ready: Youth Work Series