

## **Holly Area Schools**

## Excellence in Action!

August 1, 2025

## **Welcome Back Rose Pioneer Families!**

I am thrilled to share that I have the privilege of serving as the new principal of Rose Pioneer Elementary! Stepping into this role is truly an honor, and I'm filled with excitement to begin this journey with such a dedicated team of educators, supportive families, and outstanding students. I started my teaching career in 2002 with Lake Orion Community Schools. In 2017, I returned to my hometown to teach at Patterson Elementary before transitioning into a K–5 Instructional Coach role in 2021. Through these experiences, I've developed a strong foundation in curriculum and instruction, assessment and intervention, and strategies that foster connected, responsive learning environments built on strong relationships. Outside of school, I'm a proud wife and mom to five amazing daughters who attend Holly Area Schools, and our family wouldn't be complete without our two lovable Newfoundlands. I love learning, building relationships, spending time with my family, and all things outdoors. I feel incredibly grateful to bring both my professional passion and personal joy to this wonderful community.

Once again, each family will use the Skyward Online Verification process to complete all necessary back to school tasks online. The step-by-step online verification process allows you to view welcome back letters and classroom placement, verify student information and emergency contacts, review the student handbook, and several other important details. Please complete this process at your earliest convenience by visiting: https://www.hask12.org/community/skyward-online-verification/

Beginning Tuesday, August 19th, classroom teacher placements will be available in Skyward under the "schedule" tab on the left side of the screen when you log in. Please complete the Skyward Online Verification process highlighted above to see your child's classroom placement on August 20th.

On Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Rose Pioneer will host our annual Meet the Teacher Open House. Families are invited to Rose Pioneer to visit their child's classroom, tour the school, pay a visit to teachers from last year, and enjoy a popsicle on the playground with me. Students who purchased a yearbook last year can also pick it up in the main office during the Open House, along with other important information. Families are also encouraged to bring medical forms and medications to the office during the Open House so we are fully prepared on the first day of school. If you have questions about medication administration at school or the necessary forms, please contact the main office Monday – Friday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm prior to the start of school.

Transportation will mail out bus stop informational postcards to elementary parents and caregivers the week before school begins. These postcards should arrive in the mail during this week. Parents of students with specialized transportation needs will be contacted directly by the transportation office staff. Please contact the transportation department at 248.328.3090 with any questions.

**School begins with a half-day on Monday, August 25th.** Cars and buses drop off students at 8:35 am and the school day ends at 12:00 noon on all half-days. Our regular schedule of 8:35 am – 3:51 pm will begin on Tuesday, August 26th. Parents who need an earlier drop off time or later pick up can pick up Latchkey information in the main office, or call Early Childhood Secretary, Kathy Lamphere, at 248.328.3021 for more information.

**Picture Day at Rose Pioneer is Tuesday, September 23, 2025.** We will publish more details in upcoming Pioneering Adventures newsletters.

**Recommended School Supplies list.** This can download a copy of our <u>school supply list</u> or access on our website at: <a href="https://www.hask12.org/schools/rose-pioneer-elementary/">https://www.hask12.org/schools/rose-pioneer-elementary/</a> under the "Family Quick Links" tab in the bottom right corner.

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Enjoy the remaining days of summer and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Sincerely,

Carrie Keech, Principal

