

August 1, 2025



Dear Y5 AND Kindergarten Parents,

The adventure begins! What an exciting time for your family. 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.

By now, you should have received an invitation to our **Y5/Kindergarten Jumpstart on Tuesday, August 12th, anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at Rose Pioneer**. The purpose of Jumpstart is to meet our early elementary teachers and have your child engage in brief assessments of their learning and development. Attending this event helps us get to know your child and to establish classroom placements ensuring the best learning environment for our students.

Each year, parents must complete the Skyward Online Verification process. This very important step-by-step online verification process will allow you to receive building communications, verify student emergency contact information, access and review the school handbook, create food service applications, and review other important back to school information. To complete Skyward verification, go to the HAS District web page at <http://www.hask12.org>. Simply click on the "Community/Parents" tab on the screen, and then click the "Skyward Family Access" link to get started. If you do not have your Skyward account login information, you can request it by sending an email to: family.access@hask12.org, or by contacting the office @ 248.328.3800. This process must be completed for each child. Computers will be available at our Open House event for parents who would like assistance.

Our **Meet the Teacher Open House** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** After completing the *Skyward Online Verification process highlighted above*, each family will receive their child's classroom teacher placement in Skyward on Tuesday, August 19th. The Open House is an informal drop-in event where parents and children can meet classroom teachers, see the school and have a popsicle on the playground with me. Come anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 that is convenient and we look forward to meeting you!

For the first day of school, **Monday, August 25th**, we have designed Kindergarten and Young Five parent/child visitation sessions. In order to give everyone ample time we ask that those with the last names that begin with **A-M** meet from **9:00-10:00**. Those with last names beginning with **N-Z** meet from **10:15-11:15**. This is an opportunity for you and your child to formally meet with your teacher, tour the school, and spend an hour getting to know the daily routines and ease those first day jitters. Due to space constraints in classrooms, we ask that only parents accompany their children on this visitation day.

When you arrive with your child for Visitation Day on August 25th, you will park in our front parking lot adjacent to Milford Rd. Please enter through the front main entrance door of the building and sign in. There will be staff members and signs to direct you. We ask that you bring only your Y5/Kindergarten child to the visitation. If you have children in other grades, they will have a normal half day of school from 8:35 am -12:00 pm.

We will continue to communicate school events and newsletters through Skyward, Facebook, Twitter, the Rose Pioneer Webpage, our school sign, and the parent phone and email addresses listed in Skyward. Look for upcoming information on our Pioneer Parents PTO organization. It's a great way to get involved in your child's education!

On behalf of our entire professional learning community, I welcome you to Rose Pioneer. We are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and dynamic learning environment for your children. Our office hours prior to the start of school are from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Once school begins, the office will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Please do not hesitate to call 248-328-3800 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Carrie Keech, Principal



Visitation Day

For parents and Y5/Kindergarten children.

Meet your teacher, tour the building and learn about lunch, STEM, art, music, technology, library and physical education.

Monday, August 25, 2025

Last Names A-M from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Last names beginning with N-Z from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Normal Y5 & Kindergarten Schedule Begins

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 8:35 a.m. - 3:51 p.m.