

August 18, 2025

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

Happy (it's still) Summer!!!

The PTO is excited to welcome the new Kindergarten class to Radcliffe Elementary School! The Kindergarten Meet & Greet/Ice Cream Social on August 27, 2025, from 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM, is the first of many events sponsored by the Radcliffe School PTO throughout the year. The PTO Co-Presidents, Samantha Perro and Jennifer Snyder, will be at the Meet & Greet to welcome you to our Radcliffe family and answer any questions you may have.

Agenda:

1:30 PM - Parents and students will enter through the main entrance; PTO will provide a craft for the children

1:40 PM - Mr. Kearney and staff will give the children a building tour

1:42 PM - Radcliffe's students will give a building tour to parents/guests

2:00 PM - Ice cream party for all guests in the gymnasium

Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to become PTO members at the Kindergarten Meet & Greet, or you can sign up directly on the PTO website at <https://radcliffepto.membershiptoolkit.com/>.

With your membership and support, the PTO is able to provide your children with many benefits throughout the year, including:

- Folders – provided to every student
- Agendas – provided to students in grades 4-6
- Pumpkin Patch – each child receives a pumpkin
- Holiday Boutique – the gym is transformed into a shopping village
- Assemblies – fun, educational programs held periodically throughout the school year
- Book Fair – each child receives a voucher for a free book
- Plant Sale – each child receives a free plant
- Ice Cream Truck – each child receives a free ice cream
- Junior Olympics – each child receives a T-shirt in grades 4-6
- and so much more!

We look forward to getting to know you and your children!

***In the event that you cannot make our ice cream party, the following information will be helpful for the first day of school:

The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, September 3rd. It is a single-session day

of school. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM; the lunch hour will not take place. Aftercare will continue to run from 12:30-6:00 PM. Be mindful that September 4th is also a single session day, and dismissal will be at 12:30 PM; again, the lunch hour will not take place.

When approaching the building, please enter the back of the school via High Five Hill, Chestnut Street, or the alleyway on Bloomfield Avenue. **Always stay on the sidewalk.** Do NOT walk down the Bloomfield Avenue driveway; there is a blind spot, and we do not want anyone to get hurt.

If you are crossing the street, please make sure you are crossing at a crosswalk.

Students will assemble in the back playground between 8:20-8:30 AM; please do NOT drive in the back parking lot.

- Kindergarten parents should look towards the right corner of the playground (aim for the blue doors near the basketball hoop). A student will be holding a sign that will start with the letter K; that is where the students will enter the building.
- All other grade levels will line up towards the left side of the blacktop and will start with a number, followed by the first initial of the homeroom teacher's last name.
- If you do not know your child's teacher, staff holding "**Here to Help**" signs will have homeroom rosters. Please feel free to ask them.

Kindergarten parents should plan on staying until about 8:40 AM on the first day of school. If it does not rain, the teachers will be reading a book to their students before they enter the building. Upon completion of the book, the students will say goodbye before they enter the building. **Once your child says goodbye, please head directly out of the playground area.** As you can imagine, the first day is hard for some students, and staying in the playground area will only make it more difficult. If it rains, the students will enter the building between 8:20-8:30 AM. Parents will not escort students into the building.

At 8:35 AM, parents of an additional program will have driving access to the parking lot.

The general school day runs from 8:30 AM to 3:20 PM. Lunch is served from 11:25 AM to 12:25 PM. Students are permitted to go home for lunch, only after the general release form is completed, or with a parent or guardian signing them out of school from the main office. If you are picking your child up for lunch, after completing the general release form, please pick him/her up from the rear parking lot, at the gated entrance. Please do not drive in the rear parking lot. You will drop him/her off afterward in the same location. Students who stay for lunch can pack their own lunch or purchase lunch.

Students will be dismissed from the same doors that they entered the building through at 3:20 PM.

If you have not already done so, please log into the parent portal. Homeroom assignments will be available in the parent portal on or before August 30th. Here is the link:
<https://www.fridayparentportal.com/portal/security/login.cfm>.

Classroom supply lists can be found on our school's website at
<https://www.nutleyschools.org/schools/radcliffe>.

Please feel free to utilize our Welcome document. which may provide more information to some frequently asked questions. It can be found [here](#).

Looking forward to a great school year!

Michael Kearney, Principal