



**You've Got Questions . . .  
We've Got Answers!**  
**Hewitt Elementary School**  
**2022-2023**



**Class Placement** Your child's teacher for the 2022/23 school year will be posted on the Rockville Centre School District **PARENT PORTAL** beginning at 3:00 pm on August 24, 2022. (<http://powerschools.rvcschools.org/public>) If you don't remember your **User Name** or **Password**, click the "Forgot My User Name or Password" link and an email will be sent to you so that you may reset this information.

**Arrival and Line Up** For the **first day** of school only, **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will have an **outdoor** line-up. Teachers will be at the designated locations listed below and will be holding a sign with their name and room number listed.

- Kindergarten will line up inside the fenced area at the corner of Hempstead and DeMott.
- Grades 1, 3 and 5 will meet in front of the school on the Hempstead Avenue side of the building.
- Grades 2 and 4 will line up on the south lawn of the building adjacent to DeMott Avenue.

**Starting on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** and for the remainder of the school year, students in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will report to the **main entrance** at 8:50 am and be welcomed to enter. Students in Grades 1, 3 and 5 will enter through the **doors by the auditorium**. All Kindergarten students will be escorted to the gymnasium by school staff and Safety Patrol students to meet their teacher. Students in Grades 1 through 5 will enter the building and line up outside their classroom where they are supervised by our staff.

**School Supplies** The 2022-2023 school supply list is posted on Hewitt's web page <http://www.hewitt.rvcschools.org/>. Please don't bring in all supplies, or the large box, on the first day. Classroom teachers will let you know which day to bring in your school supplies.

**Drop-off and Valet** Every morning beginning at 8:50 am, there is a Valet Drop-Off on the DeMott Avenue side of the building where Hewitt staff, assisted by Safety Patrol, will help children out of the car and direct them into the building. Please do not use the bus cut outs on Hempstead Avenue to drop off your children before 9:00 am. These cut outs must be available for our four morning buses. Please note that drop off in the rear of the building and using the driveway are NOT permitted. We have small school buses dropping children in the rear parking lot.

**Walkers** Please review the importance of crossing DeMott, East Gate, and Hempstead Avenue with your child(ren). Our crossing guard is present to assist at the Hempstead and DeMott Avenue intersection. Crossing in the middle of the street or between stopped cars or school buses is dangerous and **strictly prohibited**.

**Start Their Day in a Timely Way** Lessons begin at 9:00 am. Your child(ren) should arrive at Hewitt between 8:45 and 8:55 am to allow them time to unpack and be ready to learn. Your child(ren) will be marked tardy upon arrival after 9:00 am. Please allow a few extra minutes so that your child(ren) may start the day in a calm and organized manner.

**Dismissal** Kindergarteners are dismissed at 3:20 pm from the Main Entrance. Students in Grades 2 and 4 are also dismissed from the Main Entrance and exit the building after the Kindergarten students at 3:26 pm. Students in Grade 1 are dismissed at 3:20 pm from the doors adjacent to the auditorium. Students in Grades 3 and 5 are also dismissed from the doors by the auditorium and exit the building after the 1<sup>st</sup> graders at 3:26. Please note that the driveway is NOT an acceptable parking or standing area. The students' safety is our main concern. Please actively supervise younger siblings waiting outside. Climbing of trees and rough play is NOT permitted at Hewitt. **No dogs are permitted on school grounds.**

**Afternoon Bus Students** In the afternoon, bus students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade **MUST** be met at their stop by a parent, guardian or other designated adult. If these youngsters are not met at the bus, the bus driver will bring them back to Hewitt and they will need to be picked up at school.

**Parking** Hewitt visitors may park in legal spaces on the street in the surrounding neighborhood. Please observe all street parking signs and restrictions. Please be considerate of our neighbors and do not block driveways and walkways. There is **NO** visitor parking permitted in the rear parking lot.

**Security** All parents picking up students during the school day must enter and leave Hewitt through the Security Vestibule at the front of the school. All adults must show a photo ID and sign in with our Security Guard. The rear parking lot is reserved for Hewitt staff; please do not park or double park in the rear of the building.

**Shoes and Clothing** Appropriate footwear is needed every day at Hewitt. Sneakers or closed-toe shoes are recommended. Please label your children's clothing whenever possible. Every year we donate bags and bags of unclaimed jackets, sweaters, hats and gloves.

**Absences/Early Dismissal** Please be sure to notify **BOTH** the classroom teacher **and** the nurse if your child will be absent or will need to leave school for any reason during the day.

New York State law requires that parents report their child(ren)'s absences. Please call the Absentee Hotline (**516-393-5202**) prior to the start of the school day – day or night. When leaving a message, please include the following information: **Your child's first and last name, classroom teacher's name, and reason for absence.** Please post the **Absence Hotline** number in a place where it is easily accessible and add it to your cell phone contacts. After 9:00 am, please call and ask to speak to the school nurse, Mrs. Ann DeGregoris, or Health Office Aide, Mrs. Beth Wollweber. **Please call EACH DAY that your child is not in school for all or part of the day.** If there are changes to your child(ren)'s normal dismissal, please send a **written** note to the classroom teacher(s). **Please do not email your child's teacher this information.** If there is a substitute that day, they may not receive the message. In the event of an emergency, please call the school as soon as possible.

**Lunch** for all students will be eaten in the Gymnasium. Recess will be held outside every day that the weather allows. Students in Kindergarten and Grades 2 and 4 will have Recess/Lunch from 11:45 – 12:35, and students in Grades 1, 3, 5 and RISE will have Recess/Lunch from 12:25 – 1:15 pm.

**Project Great** Project Great is the before and/or after school program at Hewitt. Parents may register on-line by clicking the **Community Ed** quick link on the RVC District Website [www.rvcschools.org](http://www.rvcschools.org). Scroll down to the **Project Great** section and follow the prompts to register. For additional information, please call the Community Education Office (255-8953). Please note that registration must be complete **before** attending Project Great.

**PTA** The PTA will host a building tour for new parents on **Monday, 9/12/22** at **6:30 pm** followed by the first PTA meeting of the year at **7:00 pm** in the Hewitt Gymnasium. The PTA Co-Presidents this year are Mrs. Ventimiglia and Mrs. Turisi. Please join us!

**School Closings** Please refer to the school district calendar for information regarding holidays, schools closings, and early dismissal days. This year, please note that school will be closed on **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** for Labor Day, and on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** for Rosh Hashanah.

**Important Dates in September:**

- 9/01 Tea and Sympathy for New Parents, Hewitt Library, 9:10 am
- 9/12 Hewitt Newcomers Meet, Greet & Tour, Hewitt Gymnasium, 6:30 pm
- 9/12 PTA Meeting, Hewitt Gymnasium, 7:00 pm
- 9/14 Bicycle Safety: Gr. 3-4 (9:15-11:15 am), Gr. 5 Safety Talk – No bikes needed for 5<sup>th</sup> grade (1:15-2:15)
- 9/21 Hewitt Back to School Night: Kindergarten, Grade 1 and RISE (6:30-7:00 pm), Grades 2-3 (7:10-7:40 pm), Grades 4-5 (7:50-8:20 pm)
- 9/22 Picture Day
- 9/23 Movie Night, 6:45 pm