



2026–27 SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A Strong Year, Built Together

Welcome to the 2026–27 School Year

Dear Ruskin Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Ruskin Elementary.

As we begin 2026–27, our focus is creating a safe, welcoming, and well-connected school where students can learn and thrive. We also want every family to know what to expect, how to stay informed, and the many ways you can participate in the life of our school.

This School Community Plan reflects ideas and feedback shared by families, staff, parent leaders, school leadership, and district partners during the past year. It highlights the areas we will focus on this fall and provides practical information to help families stay connected.

Our goal is simple: to make it easier for every family to understand how Ruskin works, where to go for information or support, and how each of us can contribute to a strong school community.

We look forward to building the year together.

Tina Tong Choy

Principal

Ruskin Elementary School

Our Focus This Year



Learning and Achievement

Students will be challenged and supported through strong instruction, academic growth, and high expectations.



Clear and Open Communication

Families should know where to find information, when to expect updates, and who to contact when they have a question.



Safe and Supported Students

Students should experience a school environment that supports their physical safety, emotional well-being, learning, and sense of belonging.



Connected Families and Community

Families should have meaningful opportunities to participate, build relationships, support school activities, and contribute ideas.



Shared Leadership

School leaders, teachers, staff, district teams, and family organizations will work together, each with a clear role in supporting students and school life.

What Families Can Expect



A Strong Focus on Learning

Ruskin will continue preparing students for success now and in the future through high-quality teaching, academic challenge, and attention to each student's growth.

Families can expect:

- High expectations for learning and achievement
- Support for students' academic, social, and emotional development
- Communication from teachers about student learning and progress
- Opportunities to ask questions and partner with teachers



Regular School Communication

Families can expect communication that is timely, useful, and easy to follow.

Ruskin staff will:

- Use ParentSquare as the primary schoolwide communication platform.
- Send a school newsletter every two weeks on a consistent day.
- Share important information through additional channels when needed, including email, text alerts, eBlasts, translated messages, and printed materials.
- Communicate upcoming events, assemblies, workshops, schedule changes, and family-engagement opportunities.
- Share staffing and school leadership updates.
- Maintain a schoolwide calendar that brings together school events and activities sponsored by parent organizations.

Communication	What to Expect	Where to Find It
School Newsletter	Published every two weeks	Sent through ParentSquare on Friday
Schoolwide Calendar	Current school dates, meetings, and events	Linked in each newsletter
Urgent Messages	Time-sensitive notices and important updates	Sent through ParentSquare, email, or text alert as appropriate

What Families Can Expect



Student Safety and Support

Ruskin will continue strengthening schoolwide systems that support safety, positive behavior, belonging, and student well-being.

Families can expect:

Arrival and Campus Safety

- Clear arrival and dismissal procedures
- Updated traffic and campus maps
- Information about gates, traffic flow, bicycles, and volunteer support

Positive Behavior and Belonging

- Schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, commonly called PBIS
- Clear schoolwide behavior and belonging expectations
- A new district-supported social-emotional learning and bullying-prevention curriculum

Programs and Family Learning

- Information about major student assemblies and programs
- Family learning opportunities related to student safety and support

Reporting a Concern

- Clear instructions for reporting safety or bullying concerns

PBIS Resources

The school's PBIS expectations and behavior matrix will be available in the first newsletter.

A Note About Student Privacy

Student privacy will always be protected. When an individual incident involves more than one student, the school may not be able to share details about another student. Families will still receive appropriate information about the process being followed and the support available to their student.

Ways to Connect



Principal's Coffee

Join the principal for school updates, conversation about upcoming priorities, and time to ask questions or share ideas about the broader school community.

Dates: 8/18/26, 9/15/26, 11/10/26, 1/19/27, 3/16/27, 4/20/27, 5/18/27



School Site Council

Attend public meetings focused on student outcomes, school planning, resources, and improvement priorities.

All families may attend School Site Council meetings. Voting members are elected to serve on the council.

Dates: 4th Tuesday of every month except when affected by a holiday



Parent Teacher Association

Join school staff and other families in supporting schoolwide events, fundraising, traditions, volunteer opportunities, and community-building.

Dates: 1st Tuesday of every month except when affected by a holiday



Berryessa Mandarin Dual Immersion Boosters

Connect with families and staff supporting the Mandarin Dual Immersion program while helping strengthen its connection to the wider Ruskin community.

Dates: 8/27/26, 10/22/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/27, 4/22/27, 6/3/27



Parent Workshops

Ruskin will offer family learning opportunities throughout the year.

Opening workshops are expected to include:

- **ParentSquare Family Support Session:**
August 27, 2026 at 5:30pm
- **PBIS, Social-Emotional Learning, and Bullying Prevention Workshop:** September 15, 2026 at 8:30am
- Additional topics will be identified as the year continues.

District Support for Ruskin



Ruskin will have access to Berryessa Union School District staff, training, and resources throughout the school year.

District support will include:

Learning, Behavior, and Student Support

Traffic and Campus Safety

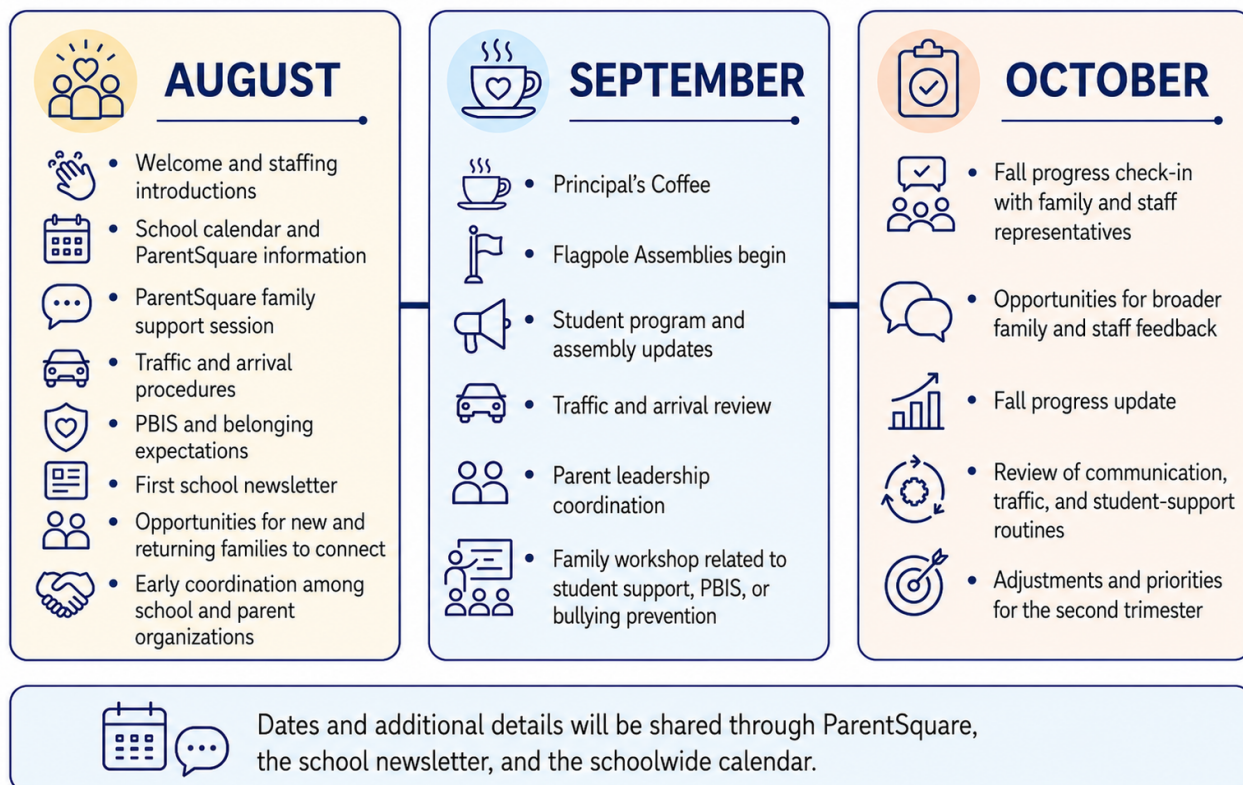
Communication and School Operations

Ruskin's principal and school team will remain the primary leaders at the school. District teams will provide additional training, expertise, coordination, and support throughout the year.

Where to Go for Help or Information

Question or Need	Where to Find It
Academic, social, or emotional learning of your student	Your student's teacher
Attendance, records, or general procedures	School secretary or school clerks
Student behavior, safety, or bullying	Teacher, assistant principal, or principal
Schoolwide communication or operations	Principal or school office
Events or fundraising	PTA, BMDIB, or school office
Volunteering or school-spirit activities	School office
School planning and governance	School Site Council
Mandarin Dual Immersion support	BMDIB or your student's teacher
District policy or a formal district process	Principal or assistant principal

What to Expect This Fall



How We'll Check In and Improve

At the end of each trimester, school leadership and community partners will review what has been completed, what is still underway, and what needs to be adjusted. When a commitment or timeline changes, the school will explain the next step and what families can expect.

Looking Ahead

I am excited about what we can build together this year at Ruskin.

As Principal, I want every family to **feel connected** to our school, **confident in the support** their student receives, and **welcomed** into the life of the community. I will work closely with our teachers, staff, parent leaders, and district partners to keep our students at the center and create a school year filled with learning, belonging, and opportunities to participate.

Please know that **my door is open**. I look forward to getting to know your family, hearing your ideas, celebrating our students, and working alongside you throughout the year.

Together, we can make Ruskin a place where every student and family feels proud to belong.