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Hello Parents/Guardians of the RCK Community,

Our school year has gotten off to a fantastic start. Our students continue to show their great school spirit. We just concluded our spirit week in Ketcham, which we had many of our students and faculty participate in. It culminated in a pep rally Friday afternoon, followed by a parade, and our first bonfire in 10 years. We had over 650 students involved in our bonfire with 100% positive student behavior. On Saturday night, we had our annual Homecoming dance that was, again, well received from our student body, with more than 600 students in attendance.

As you know, safety is our main priority here at Roy C. Ketcham. We have conducted 4 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill so far. Regulations require that we complete a total of 12 drills throughout the school year. Each of the drills has been very successful.

On Thursday, October 6th we will be hosting our annual Open House night. This will give you the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to learn about the different topics they will be covering this year. We have added few new events to this year's Open House. Prior to the start of our program, our Student Assistance Counselor, Mr. Steven Walko will be presenting "Identifying Risk Behaviors" from 6:15 - 7:00 in our school auditorium. Please join Mr. Walko for his presentation, where you will also have an opportunity to ask questions. Also, new at our Open House this year, will be an opportunity to meet your child's Administrator during their lunch or study hall. The administrators will be in the cafeteria ready to chat, answer questions, and listen to any suggestions you may have. In addition, our school counselors will be presenting on "Everything You Need to Know About Your High School Career" in the auditorium, and on "Financial Aid" in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI). I look forward to seeing you all at our Open House.

As your Principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to connect with me and be a partner in the work to make this the best year at RCK!

Yours in Education,

David Seipp

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