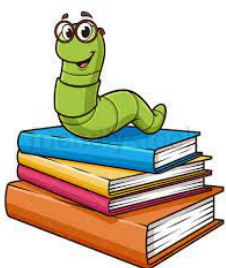


FYI.....February 4, 2022

2 HOUR LATE START WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9



VALENTINE'S DAY . . . classroom parties will be Friday, February 11, starting about 2PM. Teachers will contact headroom parents as needed with more details and/or for assistance. If students choose to bring valentines for classmates, please only have the student sign his/her name rather than addressing each card to each individual student. Be sure to include enough valentines for all students in the class; teachers will be sending home class counts. Valentines may be sent to school starting on Wednesday, February 9. To meet the Wellness Policy guidelines for celebrations, if you choose to send a treat, non food items are preferred. We encourage stickers, pencils, "tattoos" and other small items that are safe and healthy alternatives to candy. If you choose to send a food item, these treats will be sent home for students to eat at home as your family chooses.



BOOKFLIX . . . You can access free online books geared toward elementary students through the Raymond Central Bookflix account by clicking the [Bookflix link](#). You can also access Bookflix by going to the RC website: www.rccentral.org, click the Media Center tab, then the Media Center Links tab, and then click on Bookflix. On Bookflix your student will surely find something they would enjoy reading alone or having read to them. From ABC's and 123's, rhyming and colorful picture books, to learning about historical figures, places, animals, and nature, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Sign in using your school username and password:
Valparaiso - Username: valrcp Password: bookflix
Ceresco - Username: ceresco Password: bookflix

READING . . . 20 minutes a day can reduce stress. Studies show that reading every day can reduce the level of stress that your body may experience. When you spend at least 20 minutes reading, you ultimately reduce your stress, anxiety, and the chances of suffering from insomnia. It has been proven that only 6 minutes of reading can reduce stress by 68%. Imagine what you can achieve in 20 minutes! Go to [Reading 20 Minutes a Day](#) to find out more.

SOCK DRIVE . . . Every year, the Community Relations Committee in Lincoln coordinates a sock drive to benefit the People's City Mission and provide those in need with warm socks. In 2021, the goal was 20,201 pairs of socks and they didn't just meet that goal...they exceeded it! This year the goal is to collect 22,000 pairs of socks. Will you donate one pair of new socks to help others' feet stay warm? Thank you to all those who help reach the goal! Thank you also to Mrs. Traci Hummel and the student council at Ceresco for organizing the Sock Drive at RC!



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH . . . if you have not already, and think you may qualify for free and reduced lunch, we encourage you to fill out a free and reduced lunch application and return it to your school office. While breakfast and lunch are free for all students again this school year, the free and reduced lunch application is important for other funding that is important to our school. Our funding for several federal funding programs such as Title I reading and our ability to apply for grants are two examples of district benefits. In the past year we have dropped over 6% in participation and that does have a negative fiscal impact. You can find the application on our website by following this link: [Application](#) or if you would like a paper copy please contact your school office.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK . . . is February 7-11, 2022. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Thank you to our RC counselors, Mrs. Traci Hummel (Ceresco), Mrs. Tasha Osten (HS), and Mrs. Kristine White (Valparaiso). Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities and win prizes throughout the week!

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK . . . is January 30 - February 5, 2022. Thank you to our RC school board members: Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitreutz, Cathy Burklund, Harriet Gould, Bill Lange, and Derek Matulka. There are over 1,700 locally elected volunteers who make up each local board of education for Nebraska's public schools and ESUs. Through their leadership, innovation, vision, and engagement, they make Nebraska schools great!

PARENTS OF 2022-2023 KINDERGARTENERS . . . We strongly request that 2022-2023 kindergarten parents contact the superintendent's office by Friday, February 18, 2022, if your student will be attending Raymond Central Public Schools next school year. This will assist in the planning for adequate materials for the parents only meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7PM at Raymond Central High School. Kindergarten students are eligible if they are five (5) years of age by July 31, 2022. Final elementary attendance site placement will be determined at a later date. Please call the district office at 402-785-2615 and then choose option 5 or call the extension number 1101, or email crieck@rcentral.org to register your student(s).

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND ROUND-UP . . . Raymond Central Public Schools is pleased to offer both a 4 year old program and a 3 year old program. Transportation is available to eligible 3 and 4 year old students (eligible meaning a qualifying disability). Transportation MAY be provided to 4 year olds from identified pickup points IF SPACE ON THE BUS ALLOWS. We may not know our capacity situation until late summer and it can change during the school year so parents/guardians need to plan accordingly as transportation for non eligible participants could change.

Preschool classes meet two days a week, either M/W or T/Th. More specific information will be provided at the Round-Up on March 4. Please see below for details.

PTO MEETING . . . The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00PM in Valparaiso. We hope to see you there!

FOLLOW PTO . . . on Facebook for updates. Just click "like" so news and reminders will be sent to you. A strong and active PTO is a key contributing factor to the success of our students.

Upcoming Dates . . .

February 8 - PTO Meeting @ Valparaiso at 7:00PM

February 9 - Late Start at 10:15AM

February 11 - Valentine's Day Celebration

February 14 - No School

February 21 - President's Day

February 22 - George Washington's Birthday

RAYMOND CENTRAL PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP



- Who:** Preschool Students
-Must be at least 3 years old on or before July 31, 2022
-May not turn 5 years old on or before July 31, 2022
- What:** Raymond Central is hosting a Preschool Round-up for 2022-2023 preschoolers. Come and see the classroom, meet the teachers, read a story, play with toys, and more!
- When:** Friday, March 4, 2022
***Sessions offered:** 9:00-9:30; 10:00-10:30; 11:00-11:30; 12:00-12:30; and 2:00-2:30. Sessions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.*
- Where:** Raymond Central Preschool Classroom
1800 W. Agnew Rd., Raymond, NE 68428



Call 402-665-3651 option 3 to reserve your spot for Round-Up on March 4!

Preschool application forms are available on the website under "For Parents" section. Go to "Forms & Documents" to download. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

RAYMOND CENTRAL PARENTS OF 2022-23 KINDERGARTENERS



Parents of 2022-23 Kindergarteners are requested to contact the Superintendent's Office prior to Friday, February 18, 2022, if your child will be attending Raymond Central.

This will assist in planning for adequate materials for the PARENTS ONLY MEETING to be held on March 28th.

Kindergarten students are eligible if they are five (5) years of age by July 31, 2022.

FINAL ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE SITE PLACEMENT WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.

Superintendent's Office – 402-785-2615