



LATE START  
WEDNESDAY

## 10:15AM LATE START WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH BUSSES RUN ACCORDINGLY

**NO SCHOOL.** . . The Raymond Central School Board has voted to extend the Thanksgiving break. There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, November 22nd or Tuesday, November 23rd, which means no school all week November 22-26.

**VETERANS DAY.** . . The Valparaiso and Ceresco Elementary Schools observed Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11th with a special presentation led by their local American Legion Posts. We extend a big thank you to the Legion members who joined us on Veterans Day, and also to all who have served and continue to serve our country.



Ceresco Legion Members & Guests



Valparaiso Legion Members

**FOOD DRIVE.** . . Ceresco Elementary and Valparaiso Elementary will be hosting a Food Drive from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 19th. We will be taking donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items (including paper products) and bottled water. Donations may be dropped off at either elementary building during school hours. Donations will be given to the Saunders County Food Pantry as well as local families through the Food Bank Backpack program.

**MASKING PROTOCOL.** . . There will be changes to our masking protocols effective on **Monday, November 29, 2021**, after the Thanksgiving break. Up until that time, there are no changes. Starting on Monday, November 29, 2021, the following protocols will be applied at Ceresco and Valparaiso. The new masking protocol would also apply to the PK and 6-12 grade if the Lancaster County DHM is allowed to expire.

- For staff and students who are fully vaccinated, face coverings are **OPTIONAL**.
- For staff and students who are not fully vaccinated, face coverings are **RECOMMENDED** but not required.

**\*\*BUS RIDERS** - If any building within the district has an active DHM that requires face coverings, then ALL BUS RIDERS will be required to wear appropriate face coverings.

**FLU SHOTS & BOOSTER SHOTS** . . . Community vaccine clinics have been scheduled at Raymond Central Jr/Sr High in the commons area. **The first clinic will be on Wednesday, November 17th, from 3:15-5:15PM. This clinic is for flu shots for all ages, and COVID vaccines for ages 12 and older.** For Flu shots, please bring your insurance card, otherwise they will be \$30. For COVID booster shots, please bring your vaccine card. All vaccine brands will be available.

**An additional COVID shot clinic has been added for November 23rd, 2021 from 3:15-5:30PM for ages 5-11.**

**WORLD KINDNESS DAY** . . . World Kindness Day is a holiday celebrated internationally that promotes the importance of being kind to one another, to yourself, and to the world. Being kind doesn't need to look or be extravagant; it's the little things that count and make a difference. Easy ways to be kind include:

The world  
is full of  
kind people.  
If you can't  
find one,  
be one.

- Smile when you walk by others and/or say, "Good morning/afternoon."
- Write positive messages on post-it notes and leave them for people to find
- Call a friend or relative you haven't spoken to in a while
- Clean up around your house without being asked
- Pick up trash you see laying on the ground and throw it in a garbage can
- Hold the door open for someone
- Say, "Please..." and "Thank you..."
- Compliment someone or do something nice for them

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.** . . Please make sure your student(s) is dressed appropriately for the weather. As a general practice, students go outside for recess unless the temperature/wind chill is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Please be sure to **label** student attire such as jackets, hats, gloves, etc. so these items do not get lost. Also remind your student to check lost and found if an item is missing. Students may wish to keep an extra jacket in their locker or backpack for when the weather does change and/or dress in layers. Also, your student should be able to button, zip, snap, or tie independently so recess time can be spent outdoors playing, NOT getting dressed.

**COLD MORNINGS.** . . If the temperature, windchill (below 15 degrees Fahrenheit), or precipitation is too inclement for students to stand outside in the morning, students may enter the building when they arrive between 8:00-8:10AM. Grades K, 3, 4, and 5 should enter the south doors, door #8 into the gym. Grades 1 & 2 may enter the west entrance, door #2, closest to their classrooms. Supervision at school begins at 8AM.

**PLEASE . . . BE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS A MASK AND WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY.** Water faucets are not in use, however, we have bottle fillers available to refill bottles. Keeping a water bottle at school to refill each day is an easy way to ensure students are hydrated. We have masks available at school for students who need one. Masks should be multi-layered. If a student uses a "gator" it needs to be multi-layered or doubled to create layers. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ARRIVAL TIMES** . . . Students should not be at school until 8AM. Supervision is not provided until 8AM except for bus transportation students. If families need child care prior to 8AM, you may contact the Before and After School Program Director, Kara Nelson, [kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org](mailto:kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org) Other local child care options are also available. Please contact the school if you need assistance.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT.** . . The RC High School Dance Team is offering a fun night for students while parents get a break or tackle some holiday shopping. Students in grades K-5 are invited to attend on Saturday, December 18th from 4:00-8:00PM. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional sibling. See attached flyer for more information and to sign up! If you need a printed copy of the sign up form, please see Miss Jean in the office.

**DANCE CAMP.** . . The RC Dance team is hosting their annual Little Fillies Dance Camp on Saturday, January 8th from 9-11AM. The cost is \$15 and includes a camp t-shirt. See attached flyer for details and to sign up! Registration is due Friday, December 3rd. If you need a printed copy of the sign up form, please see Miss Jean in the office.

**PTO COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER.** . . will begin on November 15 and end on November 29. Order forms are being sent home with students on Friday, November 12. Please see the handout for details.

**PTO MEETING** . . . There is not a PTO meeting for the month of December; the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00PM in Ceresco. 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 . . .**

**Nov 13 World Kindness Day**

**Nov 15 PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins**

**Nov 16 Health Screenings at Ceresco**

**Nov 17 Late Start - 10:15AM**

**Nov 17 Flu and COVID booster shot clinic at RC High School - 3:15-5:15PM**

**Nov 19 Health Screenings at Val (notice change in date)**

**Nov 23 COVID shot clinic at RC High School for ages 5-11 - 3:15-5:30PM**

**Nov 22-26 No School (notice added dates)**

**Nov 29 PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser order forms due**

**Dec 7 Winter Vocal Concert K-2; 5-6 Grade Band at HS - 6:30PM**

## **Raymond Central Before and After School Program**

### ***Before and After School Program Survey:***

In an effort to build the Raymond Central Before and After School Program, Civic Nebraska, Raymond Central Education Foundation and Raymond Central Schools would like your input. Please take 3-4 minutes to complete the survey.

[Survey Link](#)

### **CLUBS:**

#### ***Future Scientist Club***

Do you have a young scientist at your house? Join us for Science Club where students will have the opportunity to learn about the scientific method and participate in hands-on science activities and experiments. Sharpie science, water works and clouds in a jar are just a few of things we will discover!

[Science Club Link](#)

#### ***The Raymond Central Before and After Program***

Raymond Central Before and After School Program by Civic Nebraska is an expanded learning opportunity that delivers new experiences, academic support and civic leadership to students in a safe and fun environment. We collaborate with teachers, administrators and school staff to bridge the school day to the before and after school environment. Students receive academic support, engage in enrichment activities, and have opportunities to grow as civic leaders in their communities.

[21/22 Enrollment Link](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[Civic Nebraska YCL Video featuring Raymond Central](#)

#### ***Payment Structure***

Civic Nebraska's Community Learning Center (CLC) billing is based on the number of days per month that your child attends. A minimum billing of two weeks per month will be charged per registered student regardless of actual attendance. We encourage your children to attend every day so that they receive the most from our programs. The cost is \$75/week. We also have scholarships available.

Ten or fewer days attended = 2 weeks (\$150)

11 to 16 days attended = 3 weeks (\$225)

17 to 22 days attended = 4 weeks (\$300)

If you have any questions contact Kara Nelson at [kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org](mailto:kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org)