

Early dismissal at 1:30PM, Tuesday, Dec. 21



THANK YOU . . . to all the volunteers who helped prepare for, and volunteered at the Holiday Shoppe at the elementary schools! The students enjoyed being able to buy special gifts for their family and friends.

THANK YOU . . . to Mark & Ravae Masek for picking up all the cookie dough and transporting it to the schools. Thank you to the volunteers who sorted and distributed the cookie dough and to everyone who participated in this PTO fundraiser! All proceeds support class field trips.

STUDENT DIRECTORY . . . Attached is a copy of the 2021-2022 student directory. If you would like a paper copy, please let the school office know. For Ceresco Elementary, you can email Jean at jdandley@rcentral.org and for Valparaiso Elementary, you can email Kindra at kindra.tvrdy@rcentral.org.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION . . . In the event school is delayed or cancelled, a voice call, email, and text message will be sent district wide through our BrightArrow System. Please contact the district office (402-785-2615) if you would like to be added as a contact in BrightArrow or need to update a new email or phone number. The district will also contact local news stations, such as channel 10/11, 8, 7, 6, and 3, to post on their news station.

HOLIDAY STRESS . . . No matter if the upcoming break and holidays brings wonder or ignites worry, we need to be mindful of the impact it can have on kids. As we know, the holiday season, coupled with winter break, can significantly alter/impact a kid's schedule, including activities, sleep, meals and social time. For many kids, they are going from their predictable and generally consistent daily school schedules to having no set schedule or to a schedule that is more like a roller coaster ride with all the ups and downs, turns and zig-zags brought on by holiday season celebration expectations and demands. Please click on this link for more information and ideas how families can help ease the stress. [Holiday Stress](#)

GYM MORATORIUM . . . will be December 22-26, 2021. The NSAA mandates that all school gyms be closed during this time frame. We appreciate your cooperation.

MASKING PROTOCOL . . . At the elementary schools 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 -** Lancaster County extended their DHM to require face coverings through December 23, which means ALL BUS RIDERS will continue to wear face coverings.

WATER BOTTLES . . . Please help your student remember their water bottle every day. Water faucets are not in use, however, we have bottle fillers available to refill water bottles.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY APPAREL . . . All students and staff are encouraged to wear their festive holiday shirts/sweaters on Tuesday, December 21.

READING CHALLENGE . . . A Reading Challenge to complete over the break will be sent home with students next week. We hope you have fun reading!

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES . . . You can help keep students engaged over the winter break with some fun activities provided by our partner Discovery Education. Go to [Winter Break Activities Calendar](#) to access activities for every grade band.

PTO MEETING . . . The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 7 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 . . .

Dec 21 Wear your festive holiday apparel
Early Dismissal at 1:30PM

Dec 22-Jan 4 No School

Dec 22-26 Gym Moratorium

Jan 5 Students return to school