

# FYI . . . . . August 13, 2021 Welcome Back!!

**WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!** . . . Thank you for your cooperation as we learn procedures and routines for 2021-2022. We appreciate all students, staff, and families working together.

**FORMS . . . PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE. A SEPARATE PAPER CONTACT CARD WAS SENT HOME FOR EACH STUDENT TO HAVE ON FILE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE RETURN THE CARDS ASAP!**

**SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS** . . . will once again be sent via Bright Arrow, the mass email and phone messaging system. Please make sure all information is accurate on your online forms. If you wish to receive a paper copy of school communications, please call the school office: Valparaiso 402-784-3310 ext 3100 OR Ceresco 402-665-3651 ext 2100.

**PLEASE** . . . be sure your student has a water bottle each school 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.

**BUS SAFETY** . . . All students are subject to the following rules when riding on a Raymond Central School's bus:

1. When leaving the bus, students should cross the street from in front of the bus after carefully checking traffic.
2. The bus driver is responsible for controlling the behavior on the bus; students must obey the drivers as they would a teacher or administrator.
3. Students must always be seated and facing forward when the bus is moving. The driver is authorized to assign seats.
4. Students should not put arms, hands, etc. outside of windows. The aisle must be kept clear at all times.
5. Students should assist in keeping the bus clean by using the trash cans available in each of the buses.
6. Students should be courteous and use no profane language.
7. Electronic device use on the bus will be at the discretion of the bus driver. School policy will continue to be followed for appropriate use on the bus.
8. While waiting for the bus at a designated bus stop, all school rules and regulations will apply and appropriate behavior is expected.
9. If your child is not riding the bus home as usual, written notes **MUST** be sent to the school regarding the change. Parents/guardians are asked to inform your bus driver(s) also. Riding a different bus is **NOT** an option. Also, students who are having one guest coming to their house or going to another student's house, must have two (2) notes, one from their parents and one from their guest's parents. If more than one guest is coming to their house, parents need to provide transportation. They will not be allowed to ride without the notes. Last minute phone calls are also discouraged.
10. Riding the bus is a **privilege**. The bus is an extension of the school day. All rules and regulations will apply. If students choose not to follow the rules, appropriate discipline will be administered. If a student violates a rule, the bus driver will file a Discipline Report. The first offense will be a warning. The second offense will be a 2-day bus suspension. The third offense will be a 5-day bus suspension. The fourth offense will be a 20-day bus suspension. The fifth offense will result in bus suspension for the remainder of the school year. If the offense is of a severe nature, bus privileges may be suspended immediately. If this occurs, parents will be contacted to arrange alternate transportation prior to the initiation of the suspension.

**BUS LOADING ZONES** . . . **Valparaiso**-The bus-loading zone is located in the loop on the southeast side of the school facility. Third street is designated as **ONE WAY** access going west during bus loading times, typically during arrival (8:00-8:20 AM) and dismissal (3:00-3:25 PM). Parents are asked to drop off or pick up students along the sidewalk located on the east side of the loop or in the diagonal parking located west of the loop; private vehicles are **NOT** to be in the loop during bus loading and unloading times. If parents need to visit with school staff or escort their students, they should park the vehicle in one of the designated areas. For safety, students should exit vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicle. Buses are **NOT** to be passed when dropping off or loading students. This is against the law and charges may be filed.

**SPECIALS CALENDAR** . . . Just a reminder for parents. The specials listed on the ABCD Day calendar are for which specialists are in the building. It does not necessarily mean your student has that special on that day, but some class in the building does. Classroom teachers will be sending home the classroom schedules so you will know which special your student has that day. Students do have PEH each day that it is listed; please be sure that students wear tennis shoes for PEH days. Thank you.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** . . . Students will be provided breakfast and lunch at no cost again this year. **If your child only takes milk and not the full meal, your account will be charged.**

**BREAKFAST TIME** . . . Just a reminder to parents, we are serving breakfast at school, but breakfast is Grab and Go. Students that choose to have breakfast are given a sack with breakfast in it and are handed a milk of their choice.

**WELCOME TO NEW STAFF** . . . Kindra Tvrdy, Secretary; Amanda Coufal, Director of Special Education; Nicole Kliment, Resource; Aliya Spale, Music; Caitlin Roussan, School Psychologist; Rachel Beck, Speech; Sandy Novotny, cook; Domanique Harris, para-professional.

**ASTHMA/ALLERGY/HEALTH PLANS** . . . It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to submit a medical statement each school year. An Emergency Care Plan, Asthma Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan or Diabetes Medical Management Plan must be completed and on file for students known to have one of the previously stated conditions. It is required that parents submit a medical statement each year. Parent's notes or telephone calls are not adequate documentation. Only licensed health care providers may sign the medical statement forms (in most cases, a short note from a physician on a prescription pad does not contain the required information), and these must be kept on file for all students who require individualized medical treatment(s) or diet modifications. Please see your medical provider for the forms.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES** . . . Students are not permitted to use personal electronic devices, including cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. during school hours. Personal electronic device use must be approved by teachers or administration (Policy 5101). The school is not responsible for loss or stolen personal items. Personal electronic devices may be given to teachers to store and lock up during the school day.

**SMILE** . . . Elementary school pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 24th in both elementary schools. More information will be coming home with students.

**FOOD BANK BACKPACK PROGRAM** . . . Any family whose student attends Raymond Central Schools is eligible to apply. The application form is attached with this FYI. First priority will be given to student families who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Thank you to all the volunteers who pack the bags each week, and to all who donate to the fund each year.

**SPIRIT SHIRT ORDERS** . . . are due August 25th, This is the same shirt that was ordered last Spring, and will be the last chance to order spirit shirts for the year.

**SPIRIT SHIRT DAY** . . . Most spirit shirt days will be the last Friday of each month. Your student may wear spirit shirts from previous years. There are some exceptions with days that we have a party day or no school. Thank you PTO for designing the shirt and making them available at a reasonable price. Keep checking the FYI for the specific dates; students may wear their spirit shirt whenever they like. The first spirit shirt day will be Friday, August 27.

**PTO VOLUNTEER FORM** . . . can be found on the email of the FYI. When completed, you may return it to either elementary office, or click on the link [PTO Volunteer Form](#)

**THANK YOU PTO** . . .for providing water and a snack for us on the first day of school. What a great way to start a new school year!

**PTO MEETING** . . . The PTO will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 17, at 6 PM at the Hot Spot located next to Raymono's near Raymond. All elementary parents/guardians are encouraged to be active in the PTO. A zoom meeting link will be available as well.

**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.

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER** . . @ RC\_Elementary

**Upcoming Dates . . .**

Aug 17 PTO Organizational Meeting  
Aug 25 PTO Fundraiser kickoff  
Aug 24 Picture Day  
Aug 27 Spirit T-Shirt Day

# Raymond Central Elementary School Spirit Shirt Order Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2021-22: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle  
VAL / CERESCO / HS

**Short sleeve vintage navy extra soft Tshirt with white/gold/navy design.**

<b>STUDENT ONLY</b> Shirts:	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> Shirts: (NON-Student)	<b>TOTALS</b>
Quantity	Quantity	
Youth Small _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Youth Small _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Youth Medium _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Youth Medium _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Youth Large _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Youth Large _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult Small _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Adult Small _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult Medium _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Adult Medium _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult Large _____ @ \$9.00 ea.	Adult Large _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult XL _____ @ \$12.00 ea.	Adult XL _____ @ \$15.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult XXL _____ @ \$15.00 ea.	Adult XXL _____ @ \$18.00 ea.	\$ _____
Adult XXXL _____ @ \$17.50 ea.	Adult XXXL _____ @ \$20.50 ea.	\$ _____

Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional shirt styles & sizes are available to purchase online.

<https://rcmustangspiritwear2021.itemorder.com/sale>

**Checks payable to RC PTO**

**\*\*\*SEE BACK FOR CLOSE UP OF SHIRT DESIGN\*\*\***



PLEASE NOTE: This is optional. You are not required to purchase a new School Spirit Shirt; last year's School Spirit Shirt may be worn on Spirit Day. If you are unable to purchase a shirt and do not have one from last year, you can apply for a scholarship to have a shirt purchased for your student.

**••All orders will all be delivered around September 30••**

To apply for a scholarship, please complete the form and check here:

\*To donate for a scholarship for a student, please fill out the Scholarship Donation line above.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**••Please return this form to your office by August 25, 2021. Thank you!••**

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER - SHIRTS ARE BEING SOLD AT OR BELOW COST

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a critical activity that the PTO facilitates in order to raise money to supplement the activities and programs paid for outside of the school's budget. We do one major fundraiser in the fall to support the general activities of the PTO and to provide funds for teacher requests, etc. Other fundraisers may be used throughout the year to raise money for specific initiatives such as field trips for the students.

The money we raise from our fundraisers throughout the year allows us to continue supporting field trips, family events, clubs, after school activities, special requests from teachers, and in-class activities and events.

## 2021-22 OFFICERS

Please contact members of the 2021-22 executive board if you have any PTO-related questions, concerns, or comments. We look forward to your involvement!

**Candace Jindra, President**  
candacejindra@gmail.com  
402-560-5327

**TBD, Vice President**

**Jeni Vech, Secretary**  
jvech@gmail.com  
402-430-2235

**Marcene Sklenar, Treasurer**  
msklenar@beneshvac.com  
402-610-0780

# Raymond Central Elementary PTO



**RAYMOND CENTRAL**  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

### Mission of PTO

Our purpose is to make a great school even better by promoting a positive relationship between home and school so that parents, teachers and administration may cooperate in the education of students to create the best environment available, enhance their education and promote positive lasting relationships.

### Meetings

Join us the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings alternate between the Ceresco Elementary building, the Valparaiso Elementary building and the Hot Spot near Raymond.

### How to Find Us

Website: <http://www.rcentral.org/for-parents/pto/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RaymondCentralPTO>

Email: [RaymondCentralPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RaymondCentralPTO@gmail.com)

## WHAT DOES THE PTO DO?

See the list below for some examples of programs and opportunities provided to Raymond Central elementary students by the PTO.

Back-to-School Swim Party  
Welcome Back Treats  
Fall Meet-and-Greet  
School Spirit T-shirts  
DARE Graduation  
Grandparents/Special Friend Day  
Holiday Shoppe  
BEYOND After School Activities  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
6th grade to Symphony  
School Field Trips  
Learning Materials  
Annual Carnival  
Fall Fundraiser  
Cookie Dough Fundraiser (for field trips)  
Piano Tuning  
PTO Directory  
Fluency Program  
Milk/Snack Program  
Mustang Night Out Restaurant Nights  
Book Fair Staffing  
Assignment Books  
100th Day of School

Family Game Nights  
Nebraska Teacher Appreciation Day  
Quarterly Family Fun Nights  
Girls on the Run  
Donations from Schoola, Scrip.com and Shutterfly  
Kindness Retreat  
Title I Reading Books  
Memorial Fund  
Back to School Lunch for Teachers  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Gifts  
Jump Start to Kindergarten  
Lexia Program  
Parent/Teacher Conference Meals  
CPR Training  
Leadership Conference for Student Council members  
Multicultural Night  
KFOR Punch Cards  
End-of-testing Treats  
Guest Speakers/Presentations  
Sign Language Interpretations

# Raymond Central PTO

The Raymond Central Parent Teacher Organization relies on parent volunteers to put on a variety of programs and fundraisers to provide opportunities for our students that wouldn't otherwise be possible. We encourage parents to not only join the organization, but to get involved as well! Every parent/guardian of an Raymond Central elementary student is a member of the Raymond Central PTO. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of our children. Every positive imprint we make on our children can go a long, long way.

The Raymond Central PTO organizes events to promote a sense of community and to supplement opportunities for students through a variety of enrichment activities and programs. Volunteering helps make these activities and programs happen and provides a great way to meet other families in the Raymond Central community.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to contribute to the activities and programs that the PTO supports. These opportunities include:

- ✓ Carnival
- ✓ Fall Fundraiser
- ✓ Holiday Shoppe
- ✓ Multicultural Night
- ✓ BEYOND After School Enrichment Program
- ✓ Grandparents/Special Friend Day
- ✓ Mustang Night Out Restaurant Nights
- ✓ Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences Meals
- ✓ Teacher Appreciation Week

Volunteer commitments can range from providing treats for a classroom party to leading the annual carnival event.



**Volunteer Opportunities 2021-22**  
**RETURN BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021**

The Raymond Central Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to welcome all new and returning families to the 2021-22 school year! The Raymond Central PTO organizes events to promote a sense of community and to supplement students through a variety of enrichment activities and programs. Volunteers are critical to the success of these events, and without your help, we are not able to provide these fun and engaging activities for our students. Volunteering also provides a great way to meet other families having fun.

You can volunteer for as few or as many events as you like – or just indicate you are interested in volunteering, and we will find an opportunity that best matches your time and talents. As a volunteer, you are not required to attend the monthly meetings, but we do encourage all parents to attend as often as they wish. Watch the weekly FYI for PTO-sponsored activities and news.

We use an email program called SignUpGenius to help with volunteer reminders and notifications, so watch for SignUp Genius emails throughout the year with additional volunteer opportunities.

<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Email:</b> _____
<b>School:</b> Valparaiso or Ceresco	<b>Child(s) Name &amp; Grade(s):</b> _____

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

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|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>SPRING CARNIVAL</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <b>GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <b>AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <b>HOLIDAY SHOPPE</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHTS</b>                  |                                      |                                    |
| <i>Pool Party</i>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>Mustang Restaurant Nights</i>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>Multicultural Night</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>Family Game Nights</i>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>New ideas (please comment):</i> _____  |                                      |                                    |
| <b>FUNDRAISING</b>                        |                                      |                                    |
| <i>Fall Fundraiser</i>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>Schoola/Other fundraisers</i>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <i>Cookie Dough Sale</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <b>GIRLS ON THE RUN</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |

**Special talent/class I could share:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in learning more about PTO
- I can donate food or items for various event

<p><b>For information about PTO, please contact:</b></p> <p>Raymond Central PTO raymondcentralpto@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Or any of this year's officers:</b></p> <p>Candace Jindra, President candacejindra@gmail.com</p> <p>TBD, Vice President</p> <p>Jeni Vech, Secretary jlvech@gmail.coms</p> <p>Marcene Sklenar, Treasurer msklenar@beneshvac.com</p>
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Raymond Central Elementary School has the opportunity to participate in the Food Backpack Program. This program is made possible through partnerships with the Lincoln Food Bank, Raymond Central Elementary School, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ceresco, our many local churches, and a host of private donors and volunteers. There will be 36 Fridays (or last day of the school week) during the school year that a backpack filled with approximately 4-6 pounds food, including items such as cereal, juice, canned fruit or vegetables, tuna helper, peanut butter and jelly, or mac n' cheese will be sent home for your family. Your child will be responsible for picking up the backpack on Fridays and bringing the backpack back to school on the following Monday. A voucher for a carton of eggs will be sent home approximately 6 times throughout the school year, a voucher for bread will be given out approximately 10 times a school year, and a voucher for milk will be given out approximately 10 times a school year. These can be redeemed at Val Market in Valparaiso, Super Saver in Lincoln, or Russ's in Lincoln . If you would like to participate in the program please sign and return this form to the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Dostal at 402-784-3301.

Please be aware that our schools may only select 24 participants for the program. We will work very hard to meet the needs of all families who show interest.

Sincerely,

Shelly Dostal

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of family members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our family would like to participate in the Raymond Central Food Bank/BackPack Program. My responsibility is to be sure the backpack is returned to school each Monday.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, our family is not interested in the Backpack Program at this time.

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Parent or Guardian Signature