

FYI February 12, 2021

No School-Monday, February 15

PLEASE . . . be sure that your student has a mask and water bottle each school day. Remember to wash your mask. Masks may be rotated while other masks are being washed. If a student needs another mask, please let your teacher know. Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff healthy.

PRESCHOOL FOR 2021-2022 . . . RC is excited to offer this opportunity for our youngest learners. Two full day sessions are offered, a Monday/Wednesday group and a Tuesday/Thursday group. An application form is available at www.rcentral.org website to download and complete. The form is located under the "For Parents" tab, then click on Forms and Documents for the form. Applications are due March 16, 2021. Late registrations will be processed only if space is available in the program. Preschool students may not turn 5 years old by July 31; these students are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Please see the list of qualifications and details in the application.

SCREENING TOOL . . . The CDC has added new symptoms to the list parents should be aware of (please see the information on the elementary website). In regard to COVID testing; our district is requiring that all family members (siblings) need to remain at home until a negative result is received. Please communicate with the school office. We appreciate your cooperation.

STUDENTS WHO ARE QUARANTINED . . . may remote learn if they will be absent from school longer than three instructional days. School Nurse Amanda Ehlers will be in contact with families whose students need to quarantine. Students who are remote learning are required to attend school according to the teacher's schedule. If students are not feeling well, they may not be able to attend the scheduled remote learning time and therefore will be marked absent. Students who do not attend and/or complete the expected learning will be marked as absent.

NWEA MAP TESTING . . . will take place February 16-26 for grades 3-5. Understanding each student's academic level gives teachers the power to help them excel. MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) computerized adaptive assessments are the tools that make it possible-providing educators with the detailed information they need to build curriculum and meet their students' needs, one child at a time. It's information teachers can use in the classroom to help every child, every day. MAP dynamically adapts to a student's responses as they take the test.

- Answer a question correctly and the test presents a more challenging item
- Miss a question, and MAP offers a simpler item

In this way, the test narrows in on a student's learning level, engaging them with content that allows them to succeed. We would appreciate you not scheduling appointments so students may be assessed with their class. Most students at the elementary will be administered the test from February 16-26. Classroom teachers will have their own schedules. Encouraging students to do their best, getting plenty of rest, and eating a healthy breakfast on test dates are all ways to help your child perform his/her best. If you have questions about the tests, please call Mrs. Dostal 402-784-3301 or Mrs. Egr 402-665-3651.

SCHOOL LUNCHES . . . During a time when we are not sure what the future holds, we do know that our students will be provided breakfast and lunch at no cost for the remainder of the school year. **If your child only takes milk and not the full meal, your account will be charged.** Also, if your account has a negative balance, please send payment. Students will need a positive balance in their lunch account to purchase additional food and a la carte items.

SCHOOL CLOSING . . . 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.

BREAKFAST . . . is served each school day. Breakfast will not be available after 8:20AM. On late start days, breakfast is not served.

YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER FOR A LIMITED TIME . . . Yearbook ordering forms home were sent home with all students last week. The yearbook can also be ordered online and the code can be found on the form. The yearbooks will also have class photos per grade. March 1 is the due date for yearbooks to be ordered.

THE SCC LEARNING CENTER AT WAHOO has two upcoming art/drawing classes that may be of interest to young artists.

Basic Drawing (for Ages 7-12), Saturday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 27, 10AM to noon (LIVE online class via Zoom) AREA-7774-TCSA \$29

Dandelion Magic (for Ages 7-12), Saturday, March 13, 10AM to noon (in person class at the Wahoo Learning Center) AREA-7689-WHSA \$19. There is a \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor at the class. Cash or check only for supplies. To register, visit www.southeast.edu/wahoolc, call 402-323-5580 or 402-323-5581.

MUSTANG DINING OUT NIGHT . . . will be Monday, February 22, at DaVinci's at Superior and N. 27th Streets in Lincoln from 5-8 PM. Families do not have to tell them they are with Raymond Central; all dine in and carry out sales will count during that time frame. They did ask that we encourage our families to do carry out because their dining space is still limited.

PTO EPICURE FUNDRAISER . . . starts Friday, February 12! Catalogs were sent home with elementary students. Students can share the link with friends and family to order online. Go to CandaceJindra.Epicure.Com, then select Raymond Central PTO Fundraiser from the "cooking class" section on the upper right hand area of screen. The fundraiser ends February 28. Prizes will be available to those who participate. Please see the information sheet attached to the catalog for details.

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT . . . will take place on Tuesday, February 23, 6:30-7:00PM. Participants will be challenged with a scavenger hunt around their house. The zoom link will be sent by Bright Arrow message on February 23. We hope all families will join in the fun.

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 . . .

Feb 12-28 PTO Epicure Fundraiser
Feb 15-21 Random Acts of Kindness Week
Feb 16-26 NWEA Map Testing
Feb 22 Dining out @ DaVinci's-N 27 & Superior;5-8PM
Feb 23 Virtual Game Night 6:30-7PM
Mar 1-5 Read Across America Week
Mar 2 PTO Mtg. @ Hot Spot @ 7PM via zoom
Mar 4 End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 5 & 8 No School
Mar 9 & 11 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar 12 No School

RAYMOND CENTRAL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

PROGRAM . . . The Raymond Central Before and After School Program is hosting a number of clubs this semester for not only students enrolled in the program but also those that are not in the program. Below are registration links with additional information for Warrior Cats Book Club, Magic Tree House Book Club and Girl Power Club. Keep an eye out throughout the semester for information concerning upcoming clubs.

Warrior Cats Book Club

Girl Power

Magic Tree House Book Club

Summer Program Survey: The Raymond Central Before and After School Program through Civic Nebraska is developing a summer program and needs your input to decide what the program will look like! We cannot operate without the support of community members like you. Details such as program site, schedule and cost are being evaluated and will depend upon interest and participation. Please send additional feedback or questions to Kara Nelson at kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org.

New Payment Structure: Civic Nebraska has created a new payment structure for Before and After School programs to better fit family needs. Billing will be based on the number of days within the calendar month that your child attends a Civic Nebraska CLC program. It will still be billed as weeks, with a 2 week minimum each month. We encourage you to bring your child every day so that they get the most from our programs. At the beginning of each month you will receive an invoice for the prior month. You will get billed for 2, 3, or 4 weeks depending on how many days your child attends during that month. Payment is due upon receipt. The base pay is \$75 per week per child (*see scholarship information below*).

Less than 10 days = 2 weeks
11-16 days = 3 weeks
17-22 days = 4 weeks

Scholarships: Civic Nebraska also has scholarships available for the Before and After School program. Please contact Kara Nelson for additional information concerning the payment structure and scholarships.

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