

FYI September 11, 2020

LATE START-WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 10:15AM

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.

NEW SCREENING TOOL . . . The CDC has added new symptoms to the list parents should be aware of (please see the information on the elementary website). Other schools/nurses are using this particular one also. 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.

DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE . . . As per the elementary handbook, clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear i.e. halter tops, midribs, oversize tank tops with large arm holes, tank tops with straps less than 2 inch width, fishnet clothing, sagging pants, cut-off shirts and blouses, jeans with holes and fraying that show too much skin are not acceptable. Shorts/skirts of reasonable length may be worn. Generally shorts/skirts should be as long as the reach of the wearer's fingertips. Hair color is restricted to natural colors.

ABSENT/TARDY . . . If a child is going to be absent from school, parents/guardians are expected to call the school between 8AM and 8:45AM explaining the reason the child will be absent. Parents/Guardians must notify the school within 30 minutes of the start of the school day otherwise the student will be considered truant. Students will be counted tardy at 8:15AM in Valparaiso and 8:15AM in Ceresco when the second morning bell rings. Please call the building your child attends: Ceresco Elementary 402-665-3651 or Valparaiso Elementary 402-784-3301. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

NWEA MAP TESTING . . . will take place September 14-25 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 September 14-25. 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.

HUSTLE RUN/WALK . . . The fun festive spirit of The Hustle, a 1 mile run/walk, 5k, and 10k attracts man woman and child. Serious and non-serious runners are encouraged to attend and participate in this virtual event to raise money for the Raymond Central FoodBank Backpack Program. All participants will receive a classic HUSTLE t-shirt IF REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 4! T-shirts will be sent home with Raymond Central students OR can be mailed if the participant lives outside of our district. Event details and schedule 10K, 5K and 1 mile walk/runs will begin...anytime you want! You can run at any location, at your own pace, outside or on a treadmill, alone or with a group of friends. Train and stay active, walk or run for a good cause! Please take pictures and post to social media with your running crew and t-shirts. Use the #RCHustle #Feedkids
Thank you for supporting the Raymond Central Food Bank Backpack Program!

<https://www.active.com/running/distance-running-races/virtual-hustle-2020>

BOOKFLIX . . . Elementary students are using an online program called BookFlix. Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video picture storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. Go to the RC Elementary webpage for either elementary, click on computers, then click on Commonly Accessed Educational Sites. Then choose either Bookflix Val or Bookflix Cer and click. This will take you to the start page; just click on this and enter the world of reading!

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES . . . including cell phones are not to be used at school during school hours without permission of school staff. Please refer to page 15 of the handbook.

LITTLE CHEER CAMP . . . For all Kindergarten thru Fifth Graders, the Little Cheer Camp will be held on September 21 and 23, 6:00PM-8:00PM. The performance is September 25 during halftime.

MUSTANG DINING OUT NIGHT . . . will take place on Tuesday, September 15 at Raising Cane's located at 2820 Cornhusker Highway in Lincoln. The time will be 5:00-8:00PM. Please mention the fundraiser when placing your order at the drive thru and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to the Raymond Central PTO. Thanks for your support!

THANK YOU . . . to all students and families who participated in the PTO Believe Kids Fundraiser! Pick up is scheduled for mid-October.

PTO MEETINGS . . . are held monthly and rotate between Ceresco, Valparaiso, and the Hot Spot by Raymond. All parents are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

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 . . .

Sept 15 Mustang Dining Out @ Raising Cane's-5-8PM
Sept 16 Late Start 10:15AM
Sept 14-25 NWEA MAP Testing (Gr. 3-5)
Sept 30 Late Start 10:15AM
Oct 5-9 Fire Prevention Week