

# FYI . . . . . December 18, 2020 *Happy Holidays!*

## Early Dismissal-Tuesday, December 22 @ 1:30PM

**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.

**STUDENT LUNCHES** . . . during winter break will be available. Please refer to the district email previously sent to sign up.

**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.

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

**ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT** . . . Due to COVID-19, we recorded our K-2 Elementary Vocal Winter Concert and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade band this year during the school day instead of having a live performance during the evening.

The concert will be sent out to families via BrightArrow on Monday, December 21 with a YouTube link for parents and relatives to enjoy!

**AMENDED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR** . . . The Board of Education approved two additional teacher workdays to the school calendar - **Friday, March 5th, and Friday, April 30th**. This is the final amendment to the 2020-2021 calendar for the remainder of the school year.

Earlier this year, the State Board of Education directed the Nebraska Education Commissioner to provide reasonable flexibility for school systems and school districts as it relates to instructional hours. School systems and school districts may utilize instructional hours for additional professional learning, teacher and/or staff work time, or time for teachers to consult with parents/caregivers. Per Rule 62, Raymond Central Public Schools will utilize **Wednesday, January 6, 2021; Friday, March 5, 2021; and Friday, April 30, 2021** as teacher/staff professional time. Attached is an updated copy of the 2020-2021 calendar.

**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.

**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 ala carte items.

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

**SECOND SEMESTER** . . . will start on **Thursday, January 7**. We will be using a four-day rotating schedule for the semester. Please review the Specials calendar for days.

**THE HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE** . . . is an opportunity for our students to keep reading. Each day students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes and complete an activity. There are 10 activities. After reading for 20 minutes and completing the activity, please date the corresponding ornament. Then turn in the sheet to your classroom teacher by January 8 to receive a new book. Happy reading!

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY** . . . is important each day. Not only does physical activity build strong bodies, but regular exercise can have a profoundly positive impact on depression, anxiety, and ADHD. It also relieves stress, improves memory, helps you sleep better, and boosts your overall mood. Each student can complete the December calendar of activities. Then, turn it in by January 12 to Ms. Brannagan for a prize. Keep moving!

**SCC LEARNING CLASSES** . . . Attached is the flyer for Winter 2021 classes that are scheduled at the SCC Learning Center at Wahoo. Information on the classes and how to register are included.

**TEAMMATES** . . . Donating without spending any extra money may sound too good to be true, but if you're already an Amazon shopper, then welcome to AmazonSmile. Anyone with an Amazon account can shop through smile.amazon.com and donate 0.5% of their Amazon purchases to Raymond Central Teammates. The great thing about this is, you do not donate your own money, the donation comes from Amazon! Please see the previous FYI for the attachment with more information and how to sign up!

**SHUTTERFLY GIVES BACK** . . . Any time you purchase from Shutterfly, tinyprints, Wedding Paper Divas or Borrowlenses from the attached storefront line, 13% of the purchase cost will be donated to the elementary school. You can still use any discount or specials the companies are offering, too. What an easy way to get your photos, photobooks, or cards done and help the school at the same time! This link can be used all year long and is an ongoing program with Shutterfly.  
<http://rcmustangs.shutterflystorefront.com/>

**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 . . .**

Dec 21 Wear festive holiday apparel  
Dec 21 Concert will be sent out to families via BrightArrow  
Dec 22 Early dismiss @ 1:30PM at elementary schools  
Dec 22 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Dec 23-27 NSAA Moratorium-Gyms Closed  
Dec 23-Jan 6-No School-Winter Break  
Jan 7 School resumes

# RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2020-2021

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Approved 2/10/2020 - Amended 12/16/2020

School Start and End Times: Elementary: 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM

Junior/Senior High School: 8:10 AM - 3:30 PM PreSchool: 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM

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AUGUST 2020
6 Thursday - New Teacher Meeting & Teacher Flex Day (July 20-August 6)
7, 10, 11 Fri, Mon & Tue - K-12 Staff PD / Workdays 8 am - 4 pm
12 Wednesday - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - NOON DISMISSAL
12 Wednesday - Teacher Workday - Noon - 4:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2020
7 Monday - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

OCTOBER 2020
9 Friday - End of 1st Qtr
12 Monday - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
13 & 15 Tues & Thurs - K-5 PT Conferences Valparaiso and Ceresco 4:15 - 8 pm
14-15 Wed & Thurs - 6-12 PT Conferences 4:15 - 8 pm
16 Friday - NO SCHOOL - PK-12 Staff Comp Day

NOVEMBER 2020
25-27 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
30 Monday - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day

DECEMBER 2020
22 Tuesday - End of 2nd Qtr - Dismissal at 1:45 pm
23-27 NSAA Moratorium - Gyms Closed
23-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

JANUARY 2021
1-4 Friday & Monday - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
5-6 Tues & Wed - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
7 Thursday - School Resumes for Students
18 Monday - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day

FEBRUARY 2021
15 Monday - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 2021
4 Thursday - End of 3rd Qtr
5 & 8 Friday & Monday - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Days
9 & 11 Tue & Thurs - 6-12 PT Conferences 4:15 - 8 pm
10-11 Wed & Thurs - K-5 PT Conferences Valparaiso and Ceresco 4:15 - 8 pm
12 Friday - NO SCHOOL - PK-12 Staff Comp Day

APRIL 2021
2 & 5 Friday & Monday - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
30 Friday - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day

MAY 2021
15 Saturday - Graduation Ceremony at 2:00 pm
19 Wednesday - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - NOON DISMISSAL
19 Wednesday - End of 4th Qtr / Teacher Workday - Noon - 4 pm
31 Monday - Memorial Day

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First Day of School - End of Quarters - Last Day of School  
 NO SCHOOL - Inservice / Work Days - School Breaks - Teacher Comp Days  
 Parent / Teacher Conferences

**Professional Development - 2 HR LATE START unless Inservice Day**

Due Jan 7-12

# DECEMBER DEAM Calendar

Drop Everything And Move

**GIVE**  
without expectation

Name:	Teacher:
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**Purpose:**

*This calendar encourages families to become more physically active and to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Each day, students are asked to complete a different activity with a family member (or with adult supervision).*

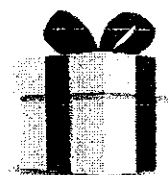
**Directions:**

*After a student completes a day's activity, an adult should make a check mark and initial in the space provided. Each week, you are allowed to miss one day (activity). If this happens, put an "X" in the space provided for a check mark (do not initial).*

✓ Done	Day	DEAM Activity
	1	Move during TV commercials. (No TV? Move for 5 minutes each hour.)
	2	Do as many curl-ups as you can.
	3	Do 10 burpees and 10 sit-ups.
	4	Say your math facts while doing reverse lunges.
	5	Take a walk.
	6	Think: I will be the best I can be! Live this motto all day!
	7	Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.
	8	Move during TV commercials. (No TV? Move for 5 minutes each hour.)
	9	Do as many trunk-lifts as you can.
	10	Do 20 jumping jacks and 20 plank jacks.
	11	Do push-up shoulder taps while reciting your spelling words.
	12	Take a walk.
	13	Think: I can do hard things! Live this motto all day!
	14	Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.
	15	Move during TV commercials. (No TV? Move for 5 minutes each hour.)
	16	Do as many squats as you can.
	17	Do 30 mountain climbers and 30 bicycle crunches.
	18	Perform squat-jumps while naming the continents.
	19	Take a walk.
	20	Think: I will train my brain (and body)! Live this motto all day!
	21	Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.
	22	Move during TV commercials. (No TV? Move for 5 minutes each hour.)
	23	Do as many push-ups as you can.
	24	Crab walk and hold a plank as you count to 40.
	25	Read a book while doing a wall sit.
	26	Take a walk.
	27	Think: I love to challenge myself! Live this motto all day!
	28	Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.
	29	Move during TV commercials. (No TV? Move for 5 minutes each hour.)
	30	Do as many push-ups as you can.
	31	Crab walk and hold a plank as you count to 40.

**Please Remember**

- ✓ Always get adult permission before doing any activity.
- ✓ Return calendar to your teacher at the end of the month.
- ✓ It's better to give than to receive.



# Holiday Break Reading Challenge

Color each ornament once you complete it!

