

FYI January 22, 2021

Late Start 10:15AM-Wednesday, January 27

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.

PARENTS OF 2021-2022 KINDERGARTENERS . . . We strongly request that 2021-2022 kindergarten parents contact the superintendent's office if your student will be attending Raymond Central Public Schools by Friday, February 12, 2021. This will assist in the planning for adequate materials for the parents only meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 7PM at Raymond Central High School. Kindergarten students are eligible if they are five (5) years of age by July 31, 2021. Final elementary attendance site placement will be determined at a later date. Please call the superintendent's office at 402-785-2615 or email crieck@rcentral.org to register your student(s).

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.

FEBRUARY 5 - EARLY DISMISSAL . . . We will have an early dismissal due to Raymond Central hosting the wrestling varsity sub district tournament. The elementary schools will dismiss at 1PM. Please plan accordingly.

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.

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.

SPECIALS CALENDAR . . . Just a reminder to parents. When we have a weather day, we do not skip the specials for the day, rather we move the day to the following day. An example was this week. We had a weather day on Friday, January 15 and did not have Day C. When we came back on Tuesday, January 19, that became Day C. Each day moved forward. When the February specials calendar comes out, the days listed will be correct, unless we have another weather day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

TEAMMATES MENTORING MONTH . . . January is National Mentoring Month "Mentoring-It's for Everyone". Teammates is the nationally-known mentoring program developed by Tom and Nancy Osborne. Through this program students in grades 3-12 are matched with an adult mentor who spends 30 minutes once a week playing games, creating or building projects, talking, playing catch, or just simply being there. We need adults who would be willing to share 30 minutes once a week to be a mentor for a young boy or girl. If you would be willing or know of someone (e.g. - grandparent, friend, neighbor, etc.) who would be a potential mentor, for either elementary school site or the high school, please contact Kristine White. Potential mentors can learn more about mentoring by going online to TeamMates.org or visiting with a current mentor. If you are ready to apply, you can also go TeamMates.org. Raymond Central Elementary School has immediate openings for our Teammates Program! We currently have a waiting list for students who would like a mentor.

VALENTINE'S DAY . . . classroom parties will be celebrated on Friday, February 12, starting at 2PM. PTO will be providing a treat for students to enjoy. Teachers will contact headroom parents with more details; volunteers are still prohibited from attending school. If students choose to bring valentines for classmates, please just have the student sign his/her name rather than addressing each card to each individual student. Be sure to include enough valentines for all students in the class; teachers will be sending home class counts. Valentines should be sent to school on Wednesday or Thursday, February 10 or 11, so they may be distributed to students and allowed to "rest" prior to sending them home. Valentines will NOT be opened at school; all valentines will be opened at home according to family wishes. Some students may wish to include a small treat with their valentines. To meet the Wellness Policy guidelines for celebrations, if you choose to include treats, non-food items are preferred. We encourage stickers, pencils, "tattoos" and other small items as healthy and safe alternatives to candy. If you chose to include a food item, it will need to meet the USDA Smart Snacks guidelines. For your convenience, the Smart Snacks calculator can be found on rcentral.org under the "Wellness" tab.

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

FOOD BANK BACKPACK PROGRAM . . . Any family whose student attends Raymond Central is eligible to apply. The application form can be found on the RC website under the "Parents" tab. 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.

CLASS COMPOSITES ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER FOR A LIMITED TIME . . . Parents can order Class Composites online until 02/17/2021 at 11:59pm. The vendor, Inter-state has created a website to make it easy to order Class Composites for parents and guardians! Class Composites are now available to order! Get yours today at inter-state.com/order. Use Order Code 56644JQ. We will also be offering yearbooks at a later date. The yearbooks will also have class photos per grade.

LITTLE CHEER CAMP . . . 2021 Little Cheer Camp online registration is now open! Please visit the following link for more information and to register:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F76B7HS>
The camp dates are February 1 & 3, 6PM-8PM. Registration closes on January 25.

THANK YOU . . . to all our families that participated in our Virtual Winter Game Night on January 21. The scavenger hunt around the house might have produced other finds also!

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 . . .

Jan 26 100th Day of School
Jan 27 Late Start @ 10:15AM
Feb 2 PTO Mtg @ 7PM
Feb 5 Early dismissal-elementary dismiss @ 1PM
Feb 10 Late Start @ 10:15AM
Feb 12 Valentine's Day parties
Feb 15-21 Random Acts of Kindness Week

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 LEGO Club, K'nex Club and a Valentine card making day. Keep an eye out throughout the semester for information concerning upcoming clubs.
[LEGO Club](#) February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11
[K'nex Club](#) February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9
[Valentine Card Craft](#) February 12

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.
kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org
[Raymond Central Before and After School Program Facebook Page](#)