

FYI September 20, 2019

Wednesday, September 25-Late Start @ 10:15AM

SCHOOL PICTURES ARE IN . . . Please check backpacks if you ordered. Please see the attachment for ordering questions and to order on line. School picture retake day at both elementary schools will be Thursday, October 10.

NWEA MAP TESTING . . . will take place September 16-27 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 in grades 3-5 at the elementary will be administered the test from September 16-27. 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.

SNACKS AT SCHOOL/BIRTHDAY TREATS . . . From the handbook:

Please check with your student's teacher and/or the school office prior to bringing any food for classroom celebrations/parties including birthday treats. Small non-food items such as pencils, erasers, and stickers are encouraged. In addition, some classrooms may have students with food allergies or be "Teal Classrooms" which means it is a "No Food Zone."

All foods offered during the school day must be "Smart Snack" compliant in accordance with the District Wellness policy (#5417). Please refer to

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/tools-schools-focusing-smart-snacks> for more information.

You can also check out our wellness policy on the RC website. To determine if a food meets the Smart Snack requirements, visit the link below to enter the products information.

Smart Foods Calculator (Found on RC Website)

If you are searching for specific products rather than the Smart Foods Calculator (above), check out the Healthier Generation Website (below) for Smart Snack products.

Smart Foods Products (Found on RC Website)

POWERSCHOOL . . . for access or problems getting signed in, please email Mr. Steve Rose at rsrose@rcentral.org.

THANK YOU . . . to all who participated in Homecoming activities this week. A shout out to our High School students who came to read or do activities with our elementary students. Go Mustangs!

SCC LEARNING CENTER AT WAHOO . . . Will be offering a Bob Ross painting class on October 12 for students ages 8 to 17. Please see the attachment for more information.

10TH ANNUAL HUSTLE . . . Register now for the 10th annual Hustle run/walk and pancake feed scheduled for Saturday, October 19. All monies from the run/walk and pancake feed are used to fund the RC Food Bank Back Pack Program. Registration forms were sent home with each student last week. Registration is also available online at www.active.com and search for "2019 Hustle". Registration is due October 4 to guarantee a T-Shirt. If you or your place of business would like to help sponsor the fundraiser, please return the form that was attached to a previous FYI. Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to feed children.

PTO FUNDRAISER . . . **THANK YOU** to all who participated! **Product is scheduled to arrive just in time for parent teacher conferences in October.** PTO supports the elementary schools throughout the year with events, assemblies, and materials. Your assistance is appreciated.

20 ITEMS OR MORE . . . The following students will have their name in the drawing for the hoverboard for selling 20 items or more in the recent PTO Fundraiser.

Ceresco students are: Brynton Benes, Emily Habener, Hannah Sklenar, Coleman Field, Kate Field, Henry Bower, Emory Burch, and Rebecca Sklenar;

Valparaiso students are: BerLynn Gotchal, Bennet Johnson, Mayliana Johnston, Kameron Karber, Preston Zugmier, Cortni Lovell, Skyler Springer, Adalynn Masek and Adam Jamison.

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. The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 1 @ 7PM @ Valparaiso.

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Upcoming Dates . . .

Sept 16-27 NWEA Map Testing, grades 3-5

Sept 25 Late Start @ 10:15AM

Oct 1 PTO mtg. @ 7PM @ Valparaiso

Oct 7-11 Fire Prevention Week

Oct 10 School Picture retake day at both elementary schools

Oct 11 End of First Quarter

Oct 17 RC Family Game Night @ Valparaiso 6-7:30PM

Oct 19 Hustle Fun Run

Oct 22 & 24 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-8PM