

FYI September 27, 2019

BUS LOADING ZONES . . . **Ceresco**--The bus-loading zone is located along the entire south side of the building. This street is designated as ONE WAY going from East to West then continuing South. Parents bringing students to school or picking them up following dismissal should park along the south and east side next to the curb or use the diagonal parking located on the north side. The faculty parking lot should not be used as a loading or unloading zone by private vehicles.

Valparaiso--The bus-loading zone is located in the loop on the southeast side of the school facility. Third street is designated as ONE WAY access going west during bus loading times. Parents are asked to drop off or pickup students along the sidewalk located on the east side of the loop or in the diagonal parking located west of the loop; private vehicles are NOT to be in the loop during bus loading and unloading times. If parents need to visit with school staff or escort their students, they should park the vehicle in one of the designated areas. For safety, students should exit vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicle. Buses are NOT to be passed when dropping off or loading students. This is against the law and charges may be filed.

CHANGES TO BOX TOPS . . . Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app. The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products. Please see the attachment for more information. Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

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 product 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)

RC SPIRIT SHIRTS . . . orders arrived today and were delivered to those students that ordered. Please check backpacks. Thank you.

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

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 MULTICULTURAL FAIR . . . is set for Friday, November 15 at the High School. If you or your family is interested in setting up a booth, please contact Maureen Brase-Houchin at 402-432-6121. More information is yet to come.

SCHOOLA . . . is an online consignment store for fundraising. Please contact PTO for more information and if you have questions. Fall cleaning is a great time to donate items for this cause.

PTO FUNDRAISER . . . **Product is scheduled to arrive just in time for parent teacher conferences on October 22 and 24.** PTO supports the elementary schools throughout the year with events, assemblies, and materials. Your assistance is appreciated.

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 . . .

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