

FYI August 30, 2019

NO SCHOOL-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

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. In addition, some classrooms may have students with food allergies. 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.

We understand that students like to celebrate their birthdays with their friends at school. In order to comply with the USDA Smart Snack guidelines and be respectful of student food allergies, we encourage families to choose non-food related treats to share with their friends. Some classrooms are designated as "Teal Classrooms" that means it is a no food zone. If families choose to celebrate with a food item, the items should be brought to the office. See the above link for more ideas. Food items that do not meet the USDA Smart Snack guidelines should be individually wrapped and will be sent home with students at the end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support in helping the students at Raymond Central make healthy choices.

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!

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

LOADING AND UNLOADING STUDENTS IN 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.**

UPDATE TO HANDBOOK . . .

(Communicable Diseases Policy #5409)

Raymond Central Public Schools shall cooperate with county and state health department officials in developing procedures for the control of communicable diseases in the schools. All procedures shall conform to the regulations for communicable disease control set up by the state health department.

In general, a student with a communicable condition will only be allowed to attend school in the student's usual class setting **after** written approval has been secured from the student's physician stating that the disease is not in a communicable stage. Without such a written statement, a student with a communicable condition is subject to an emergency exclusion. The school reserves the right to consult with a second physician to secure another opinion if a second opinion is deemed necessary by school personnel.

Fevers, sore throats, coughs, vomiting, diarrhea, and skin rashes are signals for parents to consider keeping their children home.

After a fever and/or vomiting, we encourage parents to keep children home for 24 hours with the absence of a fever and/or vomiting or without treatment of fever-reducing medication.

THE ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK . . . is available

electronically and is attached. It is also available on the www.rcentral.org website. Paper copies were sent to those who requested one.

FOOD BANK BACKPACK PROGRAM . . . will be starting September 6. Any family whose student attends Raymond Central is eligible to apply. The application form was attached with a previous FYI. 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. Mark your calendars now to participate in our fundraiser, The Hustle, on October 19.

PTO FUNDRAISER . . . Kickoff was August 28. Fundraiser dates are August 28-September 11. Check backpacks for the envelope that was home on August 28. Please turn in all orders by Wednesday, September 11. Thank you in advance for your participation. If your family would like to support the PTO with a monetary donation rather than selling and/or ordering through the fundraising, please send your donation in the fundraising envelope with a short note along with the unused materials. 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 held at Ceresco Elementary on Tuesday, September 3 at 7PM. Hope to see you there.

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Upcoming Dates . . .

Aug 28-Sept 11 PTO Fundraiser
Sept 2 Labor Day-No School
Sept 3 PTO Mtg @ 7PM @ Ceresco