

FYI November 20, 2020

NO SCHOOL- NOVEMBER 25-30, 2020-THANKSGIVING BREAK

Please help us keep our schools open. Be socially responsible and avoid the 3Cs: crowded places, confined spaces and close contact with others not in your household.

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.

FAMILIES TRAVELING . . . As families travel, as some of you may over the upcoming holidays and weekends, please remember to follow our RC guidelines. Please inform your school principal, Mrs. Dostal or Mrs. Egr of your travel plans. At this point upon arrival home we ask the family to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Take temperatures at home in morning and night. Communicate any symptoms and fevers to your health care provider and inform them that you have traveled out of state. A mask will be required in all settings for 2 weeks no matter what the dial states. If anything would change from now to the return of traveling, a 14 day quarantine may be required as this situation changes daily. Hotspots may change on a week to week basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT . . . Due to COVID-19, we will be recording our K-2 Elementary Winter Concert this year during the school day instead of having a live performance during the evening. We encourage students to dress up on the day of the recording. Mr. Strouf will record students in K-2 at Ceresco on December 10th and at Valparaiso on December 11th. Mr. Luke will record 5th grade band at Valparaiso on December 14th and at Ceresco on December 16th. Students need to bring their instruments to school those days.

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

CHRISTMAS DRIVE . . . Many community organizations in Saunders County offer different kinds of Christmas projects to benefit low-income families. Once again, the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be sponsoring such a project for the county. The VFW and Christmas Drive Committee are asking that, if you are in need this holiday season, please complete the attached referral form that was included with a previous FYI and mail it to the address listed on the form. Forms MUST be received by December 14. The VFW Christmas Drive will cover all of Saunders County communities other than Ashland.

THANK YOU . . . to the Raymond Central PTO, the Raymond Central Foundation, and the Raymond Central Board of Education for the special treatment during American Education Week!

SCREENING TOOL . . . The CDC has added new symptoms to the list parents should be aware of (please

see the information on the elementary website). Other schools/nurses are using this particular one also. 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.

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/>

PTO MEETINGS . . . are held monthly and rotate between Ceresco, Valparaiso, and the Hot Spot by Raymond. All parents are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at Valparaiso Elementary at 7PM in the parking lot. You may also attend via zoom. Please refer to the PTO email for the zoom link.

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 . . .

Nov 25-27 No School-Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30 No School
Dec 1 PTO Mtg @ Ceresco @ 7PM via zoom
Dec 9 Late Start-10:15AM
Dec 10 Cookie Dough order pick up
Dec 22 Early dismiss @ 1:30PM at elementary schools
Dec 22 End of 2nd Quarter
Dec 23-27 NSAA Moratorium-Gyms Closed
Dec 23-Jan 6-No School-Winter Break
Jan 7 School resumes

RAYMOND CENTRAL BEFORE AND AFTER

SCHOOL PROGRAM . . . *The Before and After School*

Program is hosting a 3 week long, Escape Room Club!

Ages: Grades 3-5

Dates: Wednesday, each week

December 2

December 9

December 16

Club Capacity: 8 Students

Time: School Dismissal - 5:30PM

- Snack included

Each week students will be challenged to complete three mind bending puzzles as they work together to escape the classroom! There will be a limit of 8 members to ensure that each student has opportunities to fully participate.

Location: Ceresco Elementary

*Transportation will be provided by school van for students from Valparaiso interested in attending.

**Students can be picked up at Ceresco or we will be transporting students to the high school at 5:30PM.

For those currently enrolled in the Before and After School program, the cost is free. For those not enrolled in the program, the cost is \$30.00 for the three weeks.

[Escape Room Club Link](#)

New Payment Structure: Civic Nebraska has created a new payment structure for Before and After School programs. 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. Invoices will reflect any payment we have received as of the invoice date.

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.

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to <https://www.civicnebraska.org/raymond/>