

# FYI . . . . . April 1, 2021

## NO SCHOOL-FRIDAY, APRIL 2 & MONDAY, APRIL 5

**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.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL . . .** Here again is the email previously sent by Dr. Joel:  
It is that time of year when the district calculates all of the time missed due to snow days and late starts. While those days are needed to keep our staff and students safe, they also count against us for the required instructional time for accreditation through the Nebraska Department of Education. We knew this year was going to be one like never before. Raymond Central utilized flexibility granted by the Commissioner of Education and the State Board to provide our staff more time to plan and prepare for face-to-face and remote learning. Because of these days, the Nebraska Department of Education will allow schools who do not meet the minimum requirements for instructional minutes to file a waiver which allows for us to have our last day on **Friday, May 14th for students**. The last day of school will be an 11:45 AM dismissal for the elementary school sites and a 12:00 PM dismissal for the Jr/Sr High School. Wednesday, May 12th will no longer be a late start, but instead a full day for students and staff. Our plans for the last day of school remain contingent on the winter weather not returning for the last seven weeks of school.

Overall the key information from this communication is:

- A full day of school for staff and students on Wednesday, May 12th
- The last day of school for students will be Friday, May 14th

**SUMMER ACADEMY CLASSES . . .** will be offered for Raymond Central Students. Information was sent in a separate Bright Arrow message last week. Classes will be held from June 8-July 1 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays with child care available thru Civic Nebraska for a fee.

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL . . .** All students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 a.m. each day in Valparaiso; 8:00 a.m. in Ceresco. Supervision will not be provided before that time unless required by the district transportation schedules. Upon arrival children should line-up at designated entrances. Students are not to enter the building before the first morning bell (8:10 a.m. in Valparaiso; 8:10 a.m. in Ceresco) unless teacher permission is granted, or a student is ill or injured. In the case of inclement weather or severe cold, students do line up inside the building. Teachers will escort students to their classrooms. After school, the outside playground is to be vacated after school until 4PM.

**ELEMENTARY PLANT SALE . . .** Raymond Central's 2021 plant sale curbside pickup will take place on Saturday, May 1, 9AM-3PM at the Valparaiso site.

**MENU UPDATE . . .** Each grade level will have the opportunity to choose a menu for the whole school to eat on a day between now and the end of the school year. We will not be inviting parents or visitors to attend. On Thursday, April 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Valparaiso School chose this for their menu: Eggs, Sausage, French Toast Sticks, Corn, Peaches, and Dirt Cup.

**BOOKFLIX . . .** Elementary students are using an online program called BookFlix. Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video picture storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. Go to the RC Elementary webpage for either elementary, click on computers, then click on Commonly Accessed Educational Sites. Then choose Bookflix Home and click to enter the username and password.  
Username-valrcp password-bookflix  
Username-ceresco password-bookflix  
This will take you to the start page; just click on this and enter the world of reading!

**YEARBOOKS . . .** are coming home today for those who preordered. Please check backpacks. We do have a limited number of copies for sale at the price of \$9.00.

**TEAMMATES BOOK FAIR . . .** is taking place at the South Pointe Pavilions' Barnes and Noble Book Store. The instore shopping days are Saturday, May 8 & Sunday, May 9. The online shopping dates are May 8-May 13. Please see attachment for more information.

**SCREENING TOOL . . .** The CDC has a list of symptoms parents should be aware of (please see the information on the elementary website). As with other communicable illnesses, students should be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. In regard to COVID testing; our district is requiring that all family members 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.

**SCHOOL LUNCHESES . . .** 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 a la carte items. Lunches will be available during April 2-5 to those who sign up. Please see separate Bright Arrow message or call the district office to sign up.

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

**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 meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 7PM via zoom. We hope you will join the conversation.

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER . . .** @RC\_Elementary

**Upcoming Dates . . .**

April 2 & 5 No School  
April 6 PTO Mtg @ Ceresco Elementary @ 7PM via zoom  
April 28 Late Start-10:15AM  
April 30 No School  
May 1 Plant Sale Curbside Pickup 9AM-3PM  
May 3 New Kindergarten Visitation Day  
May 12 NO LATE START  
May 14 Last day of school-dismissal at 11:45AM

**RAYMOND CENTRAL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM . . .**



**Harry Potter Escape!**

Join us as we dive deep into the wild world of Harry Potter! All are welcome whether you've read the books, seen the movies, or are just excited for an escape room challenge! These puzzles will challenge students to work together using their different skills and use some of their knowledge on all things Harry Potter! Dates and other details included in the form link below.  
Harry Potter Form Link

**Summer Program:** Raymond Central Before and After School program is currently creating a summer program! Details such as program site, schedule and cost are being evaluated and will depend upon interest and participation. Click the summer program survey link below to help us develop this program. If you have any other questions contact Kara Nelson at [kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org](mailto:kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org).

**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.

**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.

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**Raymond Central Before and After School Program**  
**Facebook Page**

Get ready for summer reading!

SouthPointe Pavillions  
Barnes and Noble BookFair  
supporting



Southpointe Pavillions Shopping Dates:  
Saturday, May 8 & Sunday, May 9

-Shop all day in person either day OR order anytime the  
week of May 3 by phone for curbside pick up! 402-421-7979  
Be sure to let the associate know your purchase supports  
Raymond Central TeamMates

Online Shopping Dates:  
May 8-May 13

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