

FYI November 6, 2020

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.

THANK YOU . . . to all who participated in the Turkey Trot on November 6 in Valparaiso. Thank you Ms. Brannagan for organizing this fun annual event.

VETERAN'S DAY . . . will be observed on Wednesday, November 11. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. Mr. Luke will be creating a virtual Veteran's Day program for all students to watch. Thank a veteran for their service to our country!

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, you complete the attached referral form 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.

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.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER . . . Please make sure your student(s) is dressed appropriately for the weather. As a general practice, students go outside for recess unless the temperature/wind chill is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Please be sure to label student attire such as jackets, hats, gloves, etc. so these items do not get lost. Also remind your student to check lost and found if an item is missing. Student(s) may wish to keep an extra jacket in their locker or backpack for when the weather does change and/or dress in layers. Also, your student should be able to button zip, snap, or tie independently so recess time can be spent outdoors playing, NOT getting dressed.

COLD MORNINGS . . . If the temperature, windchill, or precipitation is too inclement for students to stand outside in the morning, students may enter the building when they arrive between 8-8:10AM. Grades K, 3, 4 and 5 should enter the south doors, door #8 into the gym. Grades 1 and 2 may enter the west entrance, door #2, closest to their classrooms. Supervision at school begins at 8AM.

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.

HUSTLE 2020 . . . Thank you to the participants and sponsors of the 11th annual HUSTLE Walk/Run for the Raymond Central Food Bank Backpack Program. Although the walk/run was virtual this year, we hope to have the opportunity to host a live event next year. A big thank you to all our sponsors: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ceresco, Ceresco Covenant Church, Grace Lutheran Luther League and Church in rural Wahoo, Ken and Laura Hill, the Varilek Family, Ohnoutka Farms Inc, Aqua Systems, Farmers Cooperative, Raymono's Pizza Plus, Common Good Farm, and Raymond Central Education Association. Thank you to the many volunteers who pack the food bags each week. With the support of so many, Raymond Central Schools is able to help ensure no child goes hungry. Your continued generosity is appreciated! ----The Raymond Central Food Bank Backpack Committee

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 FALL FUNDRAISER WINNERS . . . of the Amazon gift cards were: Kate Field, 3rd grader in Ceresco and Tommy Mayo a Kindergartener in Valparaiso. Congratulations!!

MUSTANG DINING OUT NIGHT . . . will take place on Tuesday, November 10 at Dairy Queen, 5-8PM on N. 27th Street in Lincoln. Mention Raymond Central PTO at the register and DQ will donate a proceeds of their sales to PTO. Come and enjoy!

EILEEN'S COOKIE DOUGH SALES . . . are taking place November 4-18. Ordering information was sent home with students on November 4. Orders **MUST** be returned by Wednesday, November 18; no late orders will be taken. Cookie dough pick up date will be December 10th, pick up place will be determined. All monies raised through cookie dough sales support classroom field trips. Thank you in advance for your support. A form was attached with this FYI last week.

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..

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

RAYMOND CENTRAL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM . . . Coding Club:

Coding Club begins Monday, November 9th! Students will be transported from Valparaiso to Ceresco in the school van after school is dismissed. If you have registered your student for the club, information will be sent to you in an email as well as a hard copy.

Lighting Thief Book Club: Does your child love the Lightning Thief series? The Before and After School program will be offering a book club focusing on the Lightning Thief in the upcoming weeks. More information will be coming!

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. We will send the first invoice out in the beginning of October for August and September. Those 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.

kara.nelson@civicnebraska.org

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

Upcoming Dates . . .

Nov 4-18 Cookie Dough Sales
Nov 10 Mustang Night Out @ DQ 5-8PM, N. 27th
Nov 11 Veteran's Day-wear red, white and blue
Nov 13 Virtual Grandparent's/Special Person Day
Nov 13 World Kindness Day
Nov 18 Late Start @ 10:15AM
Nov 25-27 No School-Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30 Possible No School-pending Board approval

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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271 N. 31st Street, Ashland, NE 68003

This form needs to be received by December 14th, 2020

Drive Deliveries will be made during the afternoon on December 19th, 2020

(PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL IN BOTTOM SECTION)

Please provide the following information for each household member:

NAME:

AGE:

SEX:

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PLEASE GIVE AN ALTERNATE LOCATION IF YOU THINK YOU MAY NOT BE HOME ON DECEMBER 19th. DELIVERIES WILL NOT BE MADE IF A RESIDENT IS NOT PRESENT. (PLEASE HAVE SHOVELED PATH FOR DELIVERY)

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. RETURN THIS FORM BY DECEMBER 14TH TO

271 N. 31ST Ashland, NE 68003