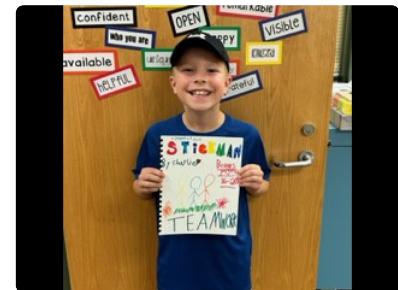


# Principal's Update

October 2023

Happy October!

We are starting our fifth week of school and routines, procedures and schedules of the day have really been falling into place. We also had a great PL Homecoming Week with fun Spirit Days along with last week's E-STEM day which was a very fun day of learning for all!



Last week I met with all the grade levels to read our monthly CARES story. This month we are focusing on C-Cooperation. In the past, I always found a book that either I had or checked out from our RR Library. Last year I visited with a 2nd grade student and he shared how he wrote stories on all of our CARES. That gave me the idea to use his books to share with each grade level this year. Last week I read Charlie's "Cooperation Stickman". It was so fun to be able to highlight a student's writing. We have amazing authors and illustrators right here at Redtail Ridge, why not showcase their work? I look forward to using the other CARES stories Charlie has written this year and look forward to using the work of our students to highlight our CARES in years to come.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter for school information, upcoming events and also to see the great things that are happening at Redtail Ridge.

Thank you for your support and partnership!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Yetzer

## Redtail Ridge-State of Our School

Last Tuesday night at our PTC meeting, I shared the "State of Our School" presentation. I wanted to attach it to this newsletter but I am having trouble with the voice-over recording. Instead of delaying the newsletter, I will send it out via email -hopefully by the end of the week. In this presentation, I will share the celebrations and challenges that were identified on last year's stakeholder survey, action steps we are taking to improve those challenges and also share our School Improvement Goals for the upcoming year.

# State of the District



Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Michael Thomas will deliver his second annual State of the District presentation where he will provide updates on learning achievement, district finances, student successes and more.

The public is invited to the event on Tuesday, October 10 from 6-7:00 p.m. at the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake. The event will also be live streamed and available to view at [www.plsas.org/event](http://www.plsas.org/event) This event will also be recorded.

## Caught Caring MVP's



### Grade Level MVP's

#### Winners for the week of September 25th:

Kindergarten- Nawal (Madson) & Liliana (Alpaugh)

1st grade- Mahir (McGinnis) & Carter (Haugh)

2nd grade- Demitri (Stufft) & Wylon (Hansen)

3rd grade- Greysen (Hatchett) & Nora (Gratz)

4th grade- Jacob (Hough) & Brass (Losure)

5th grade- Cedar (Doerr) & Sabria (Veldman)

\*Missing from photo - Sabria



## Bus, Drop-off/Pick-up/Walkers/Kids Co. MVP's

### Winners for the week of September 25th:

Bus Winners - Alec (Hatchett) & Owen (Kodada)

Biker, Walker, Parent Pick Up and Kids Co Winners - Cole H (Haugh) & Levi (Hudak)



**Winners for the week of October 2nd:**

Kindergarten: Harper (Tuerk) & Charlie (Alpaugh)

1st Grade: Louie (Hanson) & Jacob (Schnackenberg)

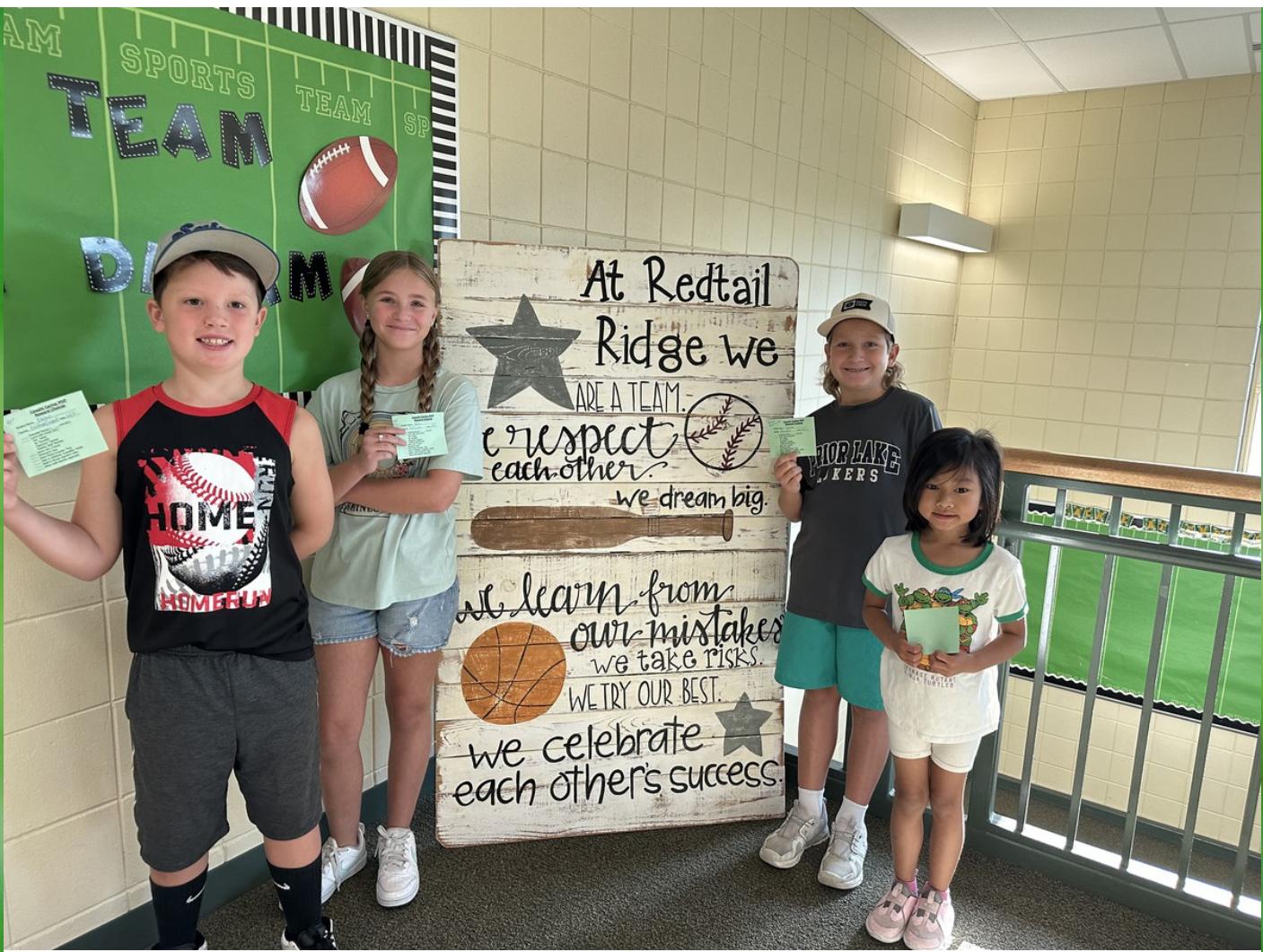
2nd Grade: Natalie (Skjoiten) & Maddie (Glass)

3rd Grade: Jack (Kodada) & Drew (Crofoot)

4th Grade: Will (Hudak) & Caleb (Hough)

5th Grade: Easton (Doerr) & Nathan (Veldman)

Missing from photo: Louie



**Winners for the week of October 2nd:**

Bus Winners: Mia (Sullivan) & Drew (Crofoot)

Biker, Walker, Parent Pick Up and Kids Co Winners: Maddy (Schnackenberg) & Lucas (Hough)



**Winners for the week of October 9th:**

Kindergarten: Nick (Tuerk) & Theo (Alpaugh)

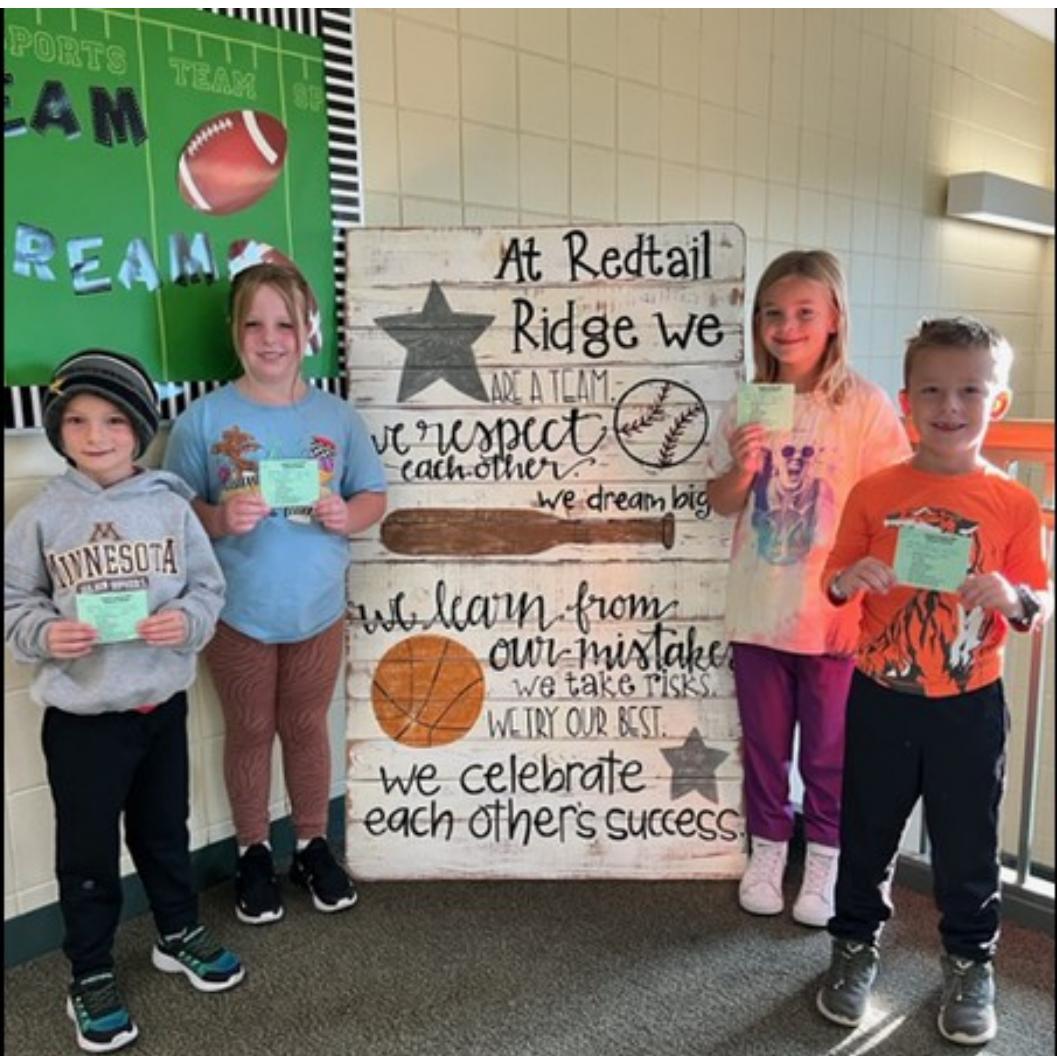
1st Grade: Rose (Hanson) & Calvin (Haugh)

2nd Grade: Jack (Hansen) & Ellie (Glass)

3rd Grade: Tenley (Gratz) & Ada (Crofoot)

4th Grade: Emmy (Losure) & Reese (Roberts)

5th Grade: Malik (Sullivan) & Violet (Veldman)



**Winners for the week of 9th:**

Bus Winners: Bowen (Hanson) & Abigail (Kodada)

Biker, Walker, Parent Pick Up and Kids Co Winners: Mick (Schnackenberg) & Baylor (Skjoiten)

## **OCTOBER SPIRIT DAYS**

13th - Blue & Gold Day 

17th - Unity Day - Wear Orange 

27th - Blue & Gold Day 

### **Unity Day**

#### **Tuesday, October 17th: Wear Orange**

On Tuesday, October 17th, we invite all students and staff to wear orange to show unity in promoting kindness, acceptance and inclusion to prevent bullying. We have been participating in

Unity Day for many years at Redtail Ridge. This day was started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center as an important event of National Bullying Prevention Month. Wearing orange is a universal message that our Redtail Ridge community stands together to emphasize that bullying is not acceptable.

## Vision and Hearing Screening



### Screening at Redtail Ridge

Vision and Hearing Screening will be conducted on Thursday, November 2nd for all 1st and 4th graders. Please remind your child to bring their glasses on screening day. If you would like to opt out of screening, please call or email the health office.

## Around Redtail Ridge

### Spirit Week Photos

It was so fun to see so many students and staff participate in our Homecoming Week Spirit Days!





## Bring Your Parent/Caregiver to PE Day

What a great turnout! We had over 300 parents/caregivers join us during the week of September 25th-29th and go to PE with their student/students. Thank you to those who joined in the fun and hope you also had a great workout!



## Corn Husking Relay

In conjunction with Child Nutrition Services, our 4th grade students helped husk sweet corn for our October 5th lunch. We have done this relay for several years and when students get to 4th grade, they always look forward to this activity/competition. Mrs. Robert's 4th grade class is the Champion of this year's Corn Husking Relay!





## E-STEM Day

On Thursday, October 12th our students participated in E-STEM Day. The grade levels each learned about the following topics:

- Kindergarten-Birds and Raptors
- 1st grade- Reptiles and Amphibians
- 2nd grade-Weather Forecasting
- 3rd grade- Dichotomous Tree ID
- 4th grade- Pond Critters
- 5th grade- Worms and invasive species, camouflage and animal coloration (warning colors), and vertebrates & invertebrates

Each class was taught a lesson by a Naturalist from the Richardson Nature Center along with four other classes taught by the grade level teachers. We would like to thank our fabulous PTC for funding the Naturalists to join us for this wonderful day of learning!



**Kindergarten**



**1st Grade**



**2nd Grade**



**3rd Grade**



**4th Grade**



**5th Grade**



## Redtail Ridge PTC

Please mark your calendars for the following PTC meetings and sponsored events:

- **October 5th-October 26th:** Butter Braid Fundraiser
- **Tuesday, October 10th:** Chipotle Restaurant Night Out (Savage location) See flyer below
- **Monday, November 6th:** November Meeting at PLHS from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room B210

**THANK YOU** to our PTC for funding the Naturalists from Richardson's Nature Center to teach each class a lesson on their E-STEM topic!

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**REDTAIL RIDGE  
ELEMENTARY PTC**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH | 4-8PM**  
14008 HIGHWAY 13 S, SAVAGE, MN, 55378

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **2ZFTVF3**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



## REDTAIL RIDGE BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER

Order forms and information is being sent  
home on or around  
**Thursday, October 5th.**

Orders are due no later than  
**Thursday, October 26th.**

Order pick up is  
**Thursday, November 16th.**



You MUST make arrangements for pick up on  
November 16th, due to no freezer space at the  
school. Thank you!

### Spirit Days Next Month

## NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

1st - Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day - Wear **Purple & Green**

3rd - Blue & Gold Day **PL** **ALL SCHOOL MEETING 9:30**

9th - (early) Veterans Day - Wear **red, white and blue!**



17th - Blue & Gold Day **PL**

### Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, October 5th- Thursday, October 26th: PTC Butterbraid Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 10th: PTC Restaurant Night Out at Chipotle in Savage

Tuesday, October 10: State of the District presentation from 6-7:00 p.m. at the DSC

Wednesday, October 18th: No School; Staff In-Service

Thursday, October 19th: Friday, October 20th: No School  
Tuesday, October 24th: Picture Retake Day  
Monday, October 30th- Friday, November 3rd: 5th grade trip to Wolf Ridge  
Wednesday, November 1st: Early Release Day  
Monday, November 6th: PTC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm at PL High School Room B210  
Thursday, November 9th: End of the 1st Quarter  
Friday, November 10th: Staff Work Day  
Tuesday, November 14th: Conferences 3:15-5:15 pm  
Thursday, November 16th: Conferences 3:15-7:15 pm  
Monday, November 20th: Conferences 3:15-7:15 pm  
Wednesday, November 22nd: Friday, November 25th: No School  
Thursday, November 30th: 3rd grade Music Program 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 5th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM in the Media Center  
Wednesday, December 6th: Early Release Day  
Thursday, December 21st - Monday, January 1st: No School- Winter Break  
Tuesday, January 2nd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center  
Wednesday, January 10th: Early Release Day  
Monday, January 15th: No School; Staff In-Service  
Tuesday, January 16th: 5th grade Ski Trip (Mrs. Sullivan & Ms. West's Classes)  
Thursday, January 18th: 4th and 5th grade Choir Program 7:00 pm  
Friday, January 19th: PTC Family Fun Movie Night  
Tuesday, January 23rd: 5th grade Ski Trip (Mrs. Doerr & Ms. Veldman's Classes)  
Thursday, January 25th: End of the 2nd Quarter  
Friday, January 26th: Staff Work Day  
Tuesday, February 6th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center  
Wednesday, February 7th: Early Release Day  
Tuesday, February 13th: Conferences 3:15-5:15 pm  
Thursday, February 15th: Conferences 3:15-7:15 pm  
Monday, February 19th: No School  
Thursday, February 22nd: Conferences 3:15-7:15 pm  
Wednesday, February 28th: 2nd grade Music Program 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 5th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center  
Wednesday, March 6th: Early Release Day  
Wednesday, March 6th: Kindergarten Picture Day  
Wednesday, March 13th: 1st grade Music Program 1:30 pm  
Thursday, March 28th: End of 3rd Quarter  
Friday, March 29th: Staff Work Day  
Monday, April 1st-Friday, April 5th: No School; Spring Break  
Tuesday, April 9th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center  
Wednesday, April 10th: Early Release Day  
Wednesday, May 1st: Early Release Day  
Tuesday, May 7th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center  
Thursday, May 16th: 4th and 5th grade Choir Program 7:00 pm  
Thursday, May 30th: Kindergarten Graduation & Music Program 1:30 pm  
Friday, May 31st: 5th grade Graduation 1:30 pm  
Friday, May 31st: PTC End of the Year Family Fun Night



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