



Marysville Exempted Village School District

Raymond Reader

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Erica Sypek, Principal

Diane Allen, Superintendent

Dear Raymond Elementary Families,

I hope you've had a fantastic summer and are as excited as I am to start a new school year! I've missed you all and can't wait to welcome everyone back for another year of fun, learning, and growth. I can't wait to hear about everyone's summer adventures!

I'm excited to share some staffing changes and introduce new faces to Raymond this year:

- **Mrs. Hollman** has transitioned out of education. We're grateful for all she has contributed to our school and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.
- **Miss Kozan** is joining us as our new fourth-grade teacher. She comes to us from Marion City Schools. She's full of energy and ready to make this year a great one for our fourth graders!
- **Ms. Johnson** will be our new Instructional Specialist for K-2 students. Her passion for early education will help our youngest learners thrive and reach their full potential.
- **Mrs. Rabley** will now be our Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). She'll be supporting our students throughout the day, helping to ensure everyone gets the support they need to succeed.
- **Ms. Cole** is our new Speech Pathologist. We're excited to welcome her to our team, and she will be working with students to support their communication needs.
- **Mr. Taylor** will be our new custodian. He formerly worked at Navin and has been working hard to get the school ready for the students' return.

Don't forget to return your completed summer reading bingo board! Students who turn in their completed boards will have the chance to celebrate with a fun bounce house event at the beginning of September. I can't wait to see who's been reading.

I'm excited for all the fun and learning that this year will bring. If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Warmly,

Erica Sypek

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- ❖ **Doors Open - 8:55**
- ❖ **Tardy Bell - 9:15**
- ❖ **Dismissal Bell - 3:55**



We are excited to welcome all K-4 Raymond students into our building for our annual Meet the Teacher ~ Open House event on **August 12, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 pm** ! Teachers will be available to meet their new students. In addition, the following will be available.

- Food Services Department
- School Age Child Care (SACC)
- Raymond PTO
- You can also drop off fees, paperwork and medication to our office/clinic staff.

You don't need to stay for the entire time - most families are finished in 20 minutes. You can also bring in your child's school supplies if you would like to.

Class lists for grades 1- 4 will be posted by 4:00PM in PowerSchool prior to the event. We will also have class lists posted at each classroom for grades 1-4 your convenience.

Kindergarten students will find out their teachers in Powerschool at 5:00 pm on August 16, 2024.

Staggered Start

We know the first few days of a new school year can be exciting and also possibly full of "jitters"! We want to make your child's start to the school year as stress free as possible. For the first full days of school, please note the following:

Staggered Start Schedule for Grades 1-4:

- **Wednesday, August 14th:** Only students with last names beginning with **A-M** attend.
- **Thursday, August 15th:** Only students with last names beginning with **N-Z** attend.
- **Friday, August 16th:** All students in grades 1-4 attend.
- *Parents of students in grades 1-4 are allowed to walk their children to their classrooms from August 14th to 16th. **Starting Monday, August 19th, we ask that students walk themselves to their classrooms.** Please bring a photo ID and sign in at Door A if you are entering the building.*

Kindergarten Schedule:

- **August 14th, 15th, or 16th:** Kindergarten students attend for a partial day (specific date will be provided).
- **Monday, August 19th:** All kindergarten students begin full days.
- *Kindergarten parents can walk their child to class on Monday, August 19th. **Beginning Tuesday, August 20th, we request that kindergarten students walk to their classrooms independently.** Extra staff will be on hand to assist them.*

Additional Information:

- Extra staff members will be available to help students find their classrooms.
- Breakfast will be served starting on the Staggered Start days.

Dismissal Form

All students must have a completed Raymond dismissal form. Please turn this in to the office or your child's teacher.

The Raymond Dismissal form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Afternoon Pickup

Afternoon Pick Up Procedure - Please DO NOT arrive before 3:30 pm as we still have students on the playground. **Orange cones will stay up near the playground until 3:30 pm.** Please do not remove cones to drive through. A staff member will remove the cones. You can find the drop off and pick up procedures later in this newsletter.

Outside Food Policy

Please be aware that all elementary buildings ask that families not send food items to school for class parties or as birthday treats. This decision was made in order to provide a safe environment for all of our students. We still love to celebrate these special events, but we do so without edible treats. If you are interested in sending in something for your child's birthday, some ideas include pencils, bubbles, book marks, or even donating a new book to the classroom library! Your child's teacher might also have some ideas for the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation.

School Supplies

If you need assistance with **school supplies**, please contact the Raymond Office at 937-578-7200 or raymondoffice@mevdsd.us before the first day of school. We receive donations from various organizations, including the United Way, and can definitely provide your child with supplies! This offer extends over the entire school year, so don't hesitate to reach out!



Marysville Schools will continue to collect "Back to School" information via an online format for Alt. K-12 for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents will submit required "Back to School" information via your **PowerSchool Parent Portal**. The PowerSchool Parent Portal is the same program in which you access your child's online report card and or how you may have enrolled your child in our district. One thing to note, you will not be able to do this on the PowerSchool app.

For your reference, this is the link to PowerSchool: <https://ps-mar.metasolutions.net/public/home.html>

New Families: If you are new to Marysville Schools, the PowerSchool Parent Portal is the same portal you utilized to initially enroll your child. **Parents of newly enrolled children will also need to submit "Back to School" information via the online portal.**

If you are unable to access your PowerSchool Parent Portal, please utilize the "Forgot Username or Password" option as needed. If you still aren't able to access your Parent Portal, please contact the Raymond Office at 937-578-7200 and we can reset your password.

If you are unable to access the internet or experience difficulties, computer access will be made available during Meet the Teacher/Open House on August 12th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. School fees can be paid with [EZPay](#) or in person on this night.

Student Fees

School fees can be paid beginning, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 by EZPay or by sending a check to the Raymond office with your student. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** EZPay can be found [HERE](#). Checks should be made payable to **Raymond Elementary School**.

School fees for the 2024-2025 school year:

Kindergarten \$44.00

Includes scissors, crayons, pencils, folders, glue sticks, paper, headphones, digital tools, Take-Home folder, etc.

Grades 1 – 4: \$35.00

Fees are due by September 24, 2024. School pictures *cannot* be purchased if fees have not been paid in full.

NOTE: If you qualify for free lunches and have given permission to share this information with our office, the Food Service Department will send us a list of students who are eligible to have their current year fees waived. *Reduced lunch eligibility does not meet criteria for fees to be waived.* You must fill out the Free and Reduced form to be considered for waived fees.



Raymond PTO Board

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Allergy Information

Maintaining a safe environment for all students at Raymond is one of our priorities each school year. One part of this is creating an environment where we can keep students & staff from being exposed to items they are allergic to, and we need your help!

Latex allergies : A latex allergy means that a person is allergic to rubber & products containing rubber (such as latex gloves, rubber bands, balloons, etc.) We ensure that items we bring into the school are latex free, and we're asking for your help as well. If you are sending items to be shared in a classroom, you may need to make sure it's latex-free - keep in mind if a teacher has requested an item that MIGHT have latex, they will let you know if it MUST be latex-free. If you want to send in items that a teacher has not requested, we ask that you clear it first with the clinic and/or the classroom teacher. For example, balloons can not be brought into school unless they are the Mylar type.

Food allergies : There are many students with common food allergies that we are aware of each year, including peanut, tree nut, egg, and dairy allergies. With this in mind, we have created policies to keep all students safe, starting with asking students not to share food in the lunchroom (or classroom, if applicable.) Please know that it's acceptable to send foods with peanuts/tree nuts for lunch time - there is just a specific "peanut free" table that your child wouldn't be permitted to sit at with those foods.

If your child has (or is suspected of having) an allergy or sensitivity, please be sure to inform the school clinic, and complete the necessary paperwork. You can also refer to the school website's "Health Services" tab for these documents and more information.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school you will need to report the absence on the absence hotline at 937-578-7215 or by emailing raymondattendance@mevsd.us. Please state the student's name, your name, teacher's name and reason for absence. Absence reports need to be called in prior to 9:10 AM. (The absence line is available 24 hours a day.) If you would like to notify your teacher directly, you are welcome to include them on the absence email, which goes to the office.

When your child returns to school, a written excuse signed by the parent/guardian is required for each absence. This written excuse is required by Ohio law. The note must list the student's name, date of absence, reason for absence, and parent/guardian signature. This note must accompany your child upon the first day he/she returns to school.

Acceptable Reasons for Excused Absences (as per Ohio law and the Ohio Department of Education regulations):

1. Personal illness of the student.
2. Quarantine of the home by local health officials.
3. Death of a relative (limited to three days unless a longer absence is justified).
4. Observance of a religious holiday (consistent with the student's established creed or belief).
5. Alternative Learning Experience – the form must be completed and submitted to the building principal at least two weeks (or ten school days) before the planned absence. Contact the office for this form.

Ohio House Bill 410 attendance law requires HOURS of attendance for students to be tracked. The information below outlines the thresholds that trigger school contact or action. We hope this information creates greater awareness in regards to Ohio's House Bill 410.

EXCESSIVELY ABSENT - Any student who is absent with or without legitimate excuse:

- 38 or more hours in one month
- 65 or more hours in one school year

School MUST:

- Notify the child's parent(s) in writing within 7 days of triggering absence that their child has reached the Excessive Absence threshold School

School MAY:

- Implement other intervention strategies outlined in Board policy/student handbook to support the child/parent in order to improve school attendance

HABITUALLY TRUANT - Any student whose absences surpass the habitual truant definition without legitimate excuse:

- 30 or more consecutive hours
- 42 hours in a month
- 72 hours in a school year

School MUST:

- Within 7 school days of the triggering absence, the school must:
 - Select members of the absence intervention team
- Within 10 days of the triggering absence, the student will be assigned to the selected absence i Intervention team.
- Within 14 school days after the assignment of the team, the school will develop the student's Truancy Intervention Plan (TIP).
 - A parent must be invited to collaborate with the design of the Truancy Intervention Plan (TIP); parent participation is extremely important.
- The school will closely monitor the child's attendance once the TIP is implement

School Delays & Cancellations

It is important that we have your current working phone numbers on file as the district relays weather delay and closing announcements by calling families using the School Messenger District Notification Call System.

Delay and cancel information will be available on local TV stations – 4, 6, 10 and 28 and area radio stations. Weather information is also available on our website – www.marysville.k12.oh.us.

Look & listen closely – There is a Marysville in Muskingum County that has often been mistaken for Marysville in Union County.

TWO-HOUR DELAY

Doors open at 10:50 a.m., classes begin at 11:10. Buses will pick up two hours later than usual.

NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED on 2-hour delay days!

Cafe News

Cafe Prices

Breakfast	\$2.00
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00*
Adult Breakfast	\$2.75
Elementary Lunch	\$3.25
Reduced Lunch	\$.00*
Adult Lunch	\$4.50
Milk Only	\$.75

*For the 2024/2025 school year, the State of Ohio will be paying the reduced-price lunch of \$.40 and reduced-price breakfast of \$.30. Families who qualify for reduced meals will not need to pay for breakfast or lunch meals.

Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Free and Reduced Price Meals are available to families who believe they may qualify. If your family chooses to apply please complete a ["Free and Reduced Meal Price Application Form."](#) The forms can be obtained and returned (completed) to any school office. You will be notified by mail of your child's status. Until notification, you must provide your child with lunch or lunch money.

Only complete one application per family. The information you give will be used to determine or prove your child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. This information may also be used for other state or federally-funded school benefits.

SNACKS

The cafeteria offers snacks during lunch. The cost will be .50 - \$1.00. Students may use money on their account or bring money in.



Arrival/Dismissal

Our school day now begins at 9:10, but students may enter the building at 8:50, and our day ends at 3:55. On the occasion that you need to pick up your child early or are dropping off after 9:10, please come to Door A to sign your child in or out in the office.

- **Morning Drop Off Procedure** - Parents should pull into the parking lot and circle around in order to drop off students at DOOR B. Staff members will be on hand to help students and keep the line moving.
- Families who are using the **School Age Child Care (SACC) Program** will continue to access through Door D at the front of the building.
- **Afternoon Pick Up Procedure** - Please DO NOT arrive before 3:30 pm as we still have students on the playground. **Orange cones will stay up near the playground until 3:30 pm.** Please do not remove cones to drive through. A staff member will remove the cones. Parents should pull into the parking lot and circle around the BACK of the building using the access road by the playground. Students will be exiting via DOOR C and lining up on the sidewalk as they wait for a parent to pull up. We ask that all parents REMAIN in cars and staff members will assist in getting students into cars. Please do not park and walk up to find your child. When exiting, please be sure to STOP at the stop sign and yield to the buses leaving in the front of the building. This is the same procedure as last year.
- A visual is provided below for your reference.

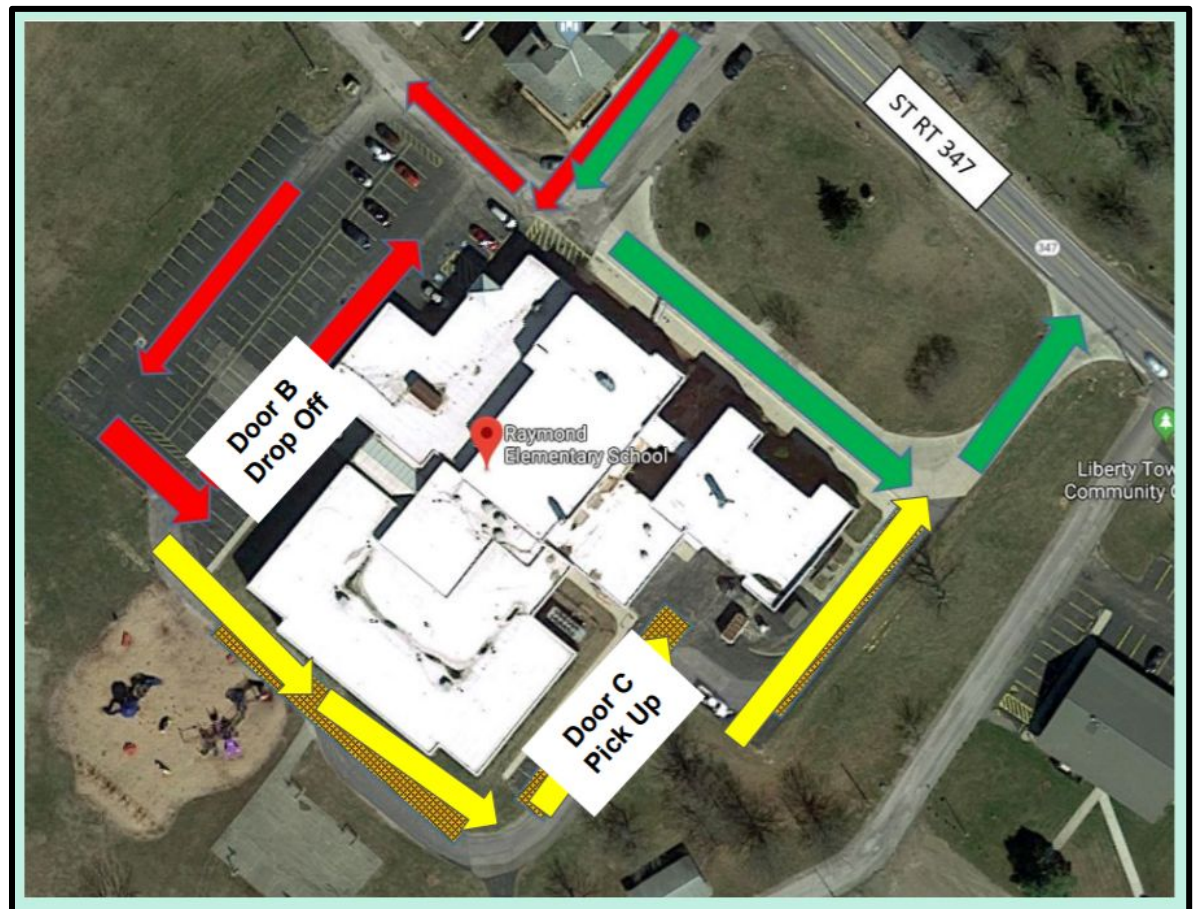
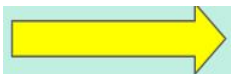
Bus Route and SACC
after 4:00:




AM Drop Off at
Door B



PM Pick Up at
Door C





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <i>Nat'l Chocolate Chip Day</i>	5	6 <i>Nat'l Root Beer Float Day</i>	7	8	9 <i>Book Lover's Day</i> 	10
11	12  5 - 7 pm	13	14 Grades 1 - 4 with last name A-M attend	15 Grades 1 - 4 with last name N-Z attend	16 All students grades 1 - 4 attend	17
18 <i>Nat'l Fajita Day</i>	19 1st day for Kindergarten PTO Mum Buddies sale kickoff	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Upcoming **September** dates:

- 2 - Labor Day, No School
- 3 - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4 - Mum Buddies orders due
- 9 - DOGS (Dads of Great Students) Informational Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- 12 - Mum Buddies pickup
- 20 - No School, Professional Development
- 24 - School Pictures
- 26, Oct 3 & 4 Parent Teacher Conferences
& Book Fair



RAYMOND ELEMENTARY PTO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

August



8/12 - Back to school open house
8/19 - Mum Buddies Sale KICKOFF!!
8/22 - Dine to Donate with Eda's Ice Cream *

September



9/3 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
9/4 - Mum Buddies order DUE
9/12 - Mum Buddies PICK UP
9/26 - Parent/Teacher Conference
& Book Fair *

October



10/1 - PTO Meeting @6:30pm
10/3 - Parent/Teacher Conference & Book Fair
10/11 - Fall Family Festival 5-7
10/15 - Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser KICKOFF! *
10/29 - Texas Roadhouse orders DUE *

November

11/5 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
TBD - Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser PICK UP *

December



12/10 - Snacks with Santa 5-7

No PTO Meeting this month

*EVENT DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Follow the PTO:  Raymond Elementary School PTO

January



1/7 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
1/10 - Read-A-Thon KICK OFF!
1/31 - Family BINGO Night *

February



2/4 PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
2/6 - Parent/Teacher Conference & Book Fair *
2/7 - Read a Thon ENDS
2/13 - Parent/Teacher Conference & Book Fair *

March



3/4 - One School One Book
3/4 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm | Officer
Nominations accepted
3/7 - Spring Flower Sale Kick OFF *
3/20 - Spring Flower Sale ENDS *
3/31 - Penny Wars BEGIN! *

April



4/1 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
4/7 - Penny Wars LAST DAY!
4/11 - Glow Dance 6-7:30pm *
4/28 - Staff Appreciation week Begins
TBD - Spring Flower PICK UP *

May



5/1 & 5/2 - Breakfast Buddies *
5/6 - PTO Meeting @6:30 pm
TBD - BOGO Book Fair
5/16 - Field Day!
5/21 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL and
4th grade clap out!

Please use "A Note to Raymond Elementary" for dismissal changes or following an absence. Feel free to make copies of these to use or pick some up in the office. This really helps the office!



A Note to Raymond Elementary

Student Name: _____
Today's Date: ____/____/____
Grade & Teacher: _____

☐ Full Day Absence(s):

- ☐ Was absent date(s) _____
- ☐ Will be absent date(s) _____

For the following reason:

- ☐ Due to illness
- ☐ Due to doctor or dentist appointment (note attached or will be faxed, or absence will be marked "parent excused")
- ☐ Other: _____

☐ Partial Day Absence(s):

- ☐ Was late ____/____/____ due to _____
- ☐ Will leave early ____/____/____ at ____:____ due to _____ and will be _____ picked up by _____

☐ Dismissal Change:

On ____/____/____ please have my child:

- ☐ Ride bus # _____
- ☐ Pickup by: _____
- ☐ Daycare bus: _____
- ☐ Go to SACC

Parent/Guardian:

Best way to contact me with questions (email or phone): _____



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Every student will need to have a dismissal form on file for the first day of school.



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RAYMOND ELEMENTARY STUDENT DISMISSAL INFORMATION 2024-2025

Please provide the following information regarding dismissal procedures for your child for the first day of school, daily during the school year, and if there is an emergency early dismissal. ***Please return the form by the first day of school.***

Student's Name, Grade, Teacher: _____

1st Day of School Plan - Staggered Start is the 1st day for grades 1-4

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Bus # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> SACC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent pick-up | |

Normal Daily Plan:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Bus # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> SACC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent pick-up
___ I need a car sign | |

Emergency Early Dismissal Plan: (In the case of an emergency early dismissal, you will receive a message through the district's automated phone system)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Bus # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact to pick-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> SACC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent pick-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

**** Please keep the school advised of any changes to the dismissal plans ****