



The Redtail Ridge Review Principals Update

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Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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Happy (almost) October!

We are ending our third full week of school, and routines, procedures, and academic learning are all beginning to fall into place.

As a staff, we have been finalizing our School Continuous Improvement Plan. In a few weeks, please be on the lookout for "The State of Our School" presentation, which is aligned to our district's new Strategic Plan. We have goals in the areas of Academic Excellence, Optimize Resources, Positive Learning Environments, and Community Partnerships.


I appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter for school information and upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your student's classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your support and partnership. We are off to a great start!

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Yetzer

Mark Your Calendar!

Join Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas for the Operating Levy Referendum Presentation on Tuesday, October 1st at 6pm at PLHS.

There is even free child care!



SUCCESS SUPPORT SAFETY

Operating Levy Referendum Presentation by
Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas

**Tuesday, October 1
6-7 p.m. @ PLHS**

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
provided by the Jr. Optimist Club



Picture Retake Day is
Tuesday, October 22nd.

If your student(s) needs retakes or missed picture day, they will have their picture taken on Tuesday, October 22nd. Please send your student with their picture package, if applicable, to school on October 22nd.

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff to Redtail Ridge this year:

- Meghan Best - Peer Coach
- Kellie Bowers - Occupational Therapist
- Miranda Hanstad - 4th Grade Teacher
- Megan Melzer - Special Education Resource Teacher
- Dana Reetz - 5th Grade Teacher
- Mary Jo Vassallo - Special Education Resource Teacher
- Janel Jones - Special Education Paraprofessional
- Andrea Tellinghuesen - Child Nutrition Staff
- Glenna Stone - Special Education Resource Teacher
- Julie Capaul - Student Support Paraprofessional for Kindergarten

We are so excited to have them join our team at Redtail Ridge!

Redtail Ridge Homecoming Week

September 30th-October 4th, 2024

Monday

Pajama Day!



Tuesday

Neon Day!



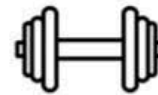
Wednesday

Jersey Day!



Thursday

Workout Day! Wear gym clothes!



Friday

Laker Day! Wear Blue and Gold!



OCTOBER SPIRIT DAYS

4th - Blue & Gold Day **PL** **ALL SCHOOL MEETING**

11th - Blue & Gold Day **PL**

15th - Unity Day - Wear Orange 

24th - Character Day (book or movie)



In addition to our Spirit Days, we will also show our support for Downs Syndrome Awareness Month, celebrated in October. On Wednesday, October 9th wear blue and yellow in recognition of Downs Syndrome Awareness Month.

On Tuesday, October 15th, we are honoring Indigenous Peoples Day and Unity Day, both of which are recognized using the color Orange. Let's make Redtail Ridge orange in support!

5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU COME TO LAKER HOMECOMING FOOTBALL!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2024

GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM
GAME AT 7:30 PM

1

All 8th Graders & Younger

Need to enter the stadium with their parents (or legal guardians) and be supervised by them at all times. 1 adult to 3 students ratio.

2

All balls, backpacks, drinks & food

Will not be allowed in the stadium and need to be disposed of or brought back to your car.

3

No Reentry / Entry after 3Q

Once you leave the stadium, you will not be allowed to reenter and no entry after the 3rd Quarter

SCAN
ME



4

You must purchase a ticket

All students & adults must purchase a ticket to enter the game - lines will be long, plan ahead!

5

Follow @thelakenation on Instagram

You will find themes for games!

Lunchroom Helpers

Do you have some free time/flexibility in your daily schedule from time to time? Would you like to be a Cafeteria Volunteer? We need helpers to assist the student's with everything from opening milk cartons to helping students get utensils and napkins, to wiping off tables after a class is dismissed. Please see the Sign Up Genius [here](#) to sign up for a day or two.

Thank you!!



Caught Caring Winners

At Redtail Ridge we celebrate our CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control). Students can be "Caught Caring" if they show one of the CARES during school and staff may give them a Caught Caring Ticket. Each week we draw winners and those students can choose a reward from a list of Caught Caring Awards as a special thank you from the school staff for being a CARES student.

Winners for the week of September 23rd (our first drawing this year) are:

Kindergarten - Parker (Alpaugh) & Micah (Alpaugh)

1st Grade - Miles (Hanson) & Kailey (Haugh)

2nd Grade - Calvin (Hansen) & Carter (Glass)

3rd Grade - Aliza (Gratz) & Luca (Hatchett)

4th Grade - Zayd (Hanstad) & Nora (Losure)

5th Grade - Abby (Veldman) & Lincoln (Doerr)



Speaking of our CARES, each month Mrs. Yetzer reads a story to every grade level that showcases our CARES. Two weeks ago she kicked off the year with **The Right Thing To Do**, which is about Joe Mauer, retired Twins baseball player. It is a great book about Joe growing up learning lessons about making good choices and being kind to everyone. You may hear your student using the phrase, "because it's the right thing to do"!



From the Library

Redtail Ridge is excited to offer the Legacy Book Club. This is a positive way for your child to give a unique gift to everyone at Redtail Ridge Elementary while celebrating a special day in their lives. The legacy book can be for a birthday, in honor of someone special, or for whatever you would like to celebrate.

If interested, you can purchase a book from this wish list: bit.ly/rrlegacy. Your child's name will be featured on a special bookplate in the front of the book, and your child will receive a bookmark as a thank you gift. They will then get to be the first person to check out the book from the Redtail Ridge Library.

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Iverson at kiverson@plsas.org.

Happy Reading!

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Reminders for families dropping off their student:

- Student(s) must exit the passenger side door next to the curb. Please have your child exit **along the yellow painted line on the sidewalk area**. This helps expedite the process and alleviate congestion on 154th Street- no need for front door service.
- To enable a smooth and continuous flow of traffic students should have their backpacks in hand and be ready to exit the passenger side of the vehicle next to the curb as soon as the car is in line in the drop-off area.
- If you need to have additional interaction with your child or wish to accompany your child into the building, please park your car in our parking lot rather than holding up the line of drop-off vehicles.
- After children are dropped off, vehicles should pull away from the curb and exit, allowing access for other drivers. PLEASE do this with caution.
- Wait your turn in line. Please do not go around other vehicles to gain access to the drop off area or exit prior to the car in front of your vehicle.

[Here](#) is a video that shows this process.

Reminders for families picking up their student:

- Please have your car tag hanging from your inside rear view mirror or somewhere clearly visible in your windshield.
- Make sure you are pulled up behind the vehicle in front of yours to ensure there is no backup on 154th street. (do not leave large gaps)

- Pick-up students will line up in the hallway next to their number and wait to hear their number and last name to be called.
- Staff will radio in the number and name of your child/children and wave you forward to move up in the car line.
- Please wait until your child is escorted to your vehicle. They must enter the back passenger side door near the curb.
- Do not get out of the car, staff will assist if necessary.
- Please watch staff outside as they might ask you to continue to move forward as cars in front of you leave. We will ensure that your child is brought to your car.

We will not begin to release pick up students prior to 2:50 pm.

PTC Corner

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 1st: PTC Meeting after the Levy Presentation at the Prior Lake High School

Monday, October 7th: Restaurant Night Out at Charlie's On Prior 4:00-close (A percentage of sales go to the PTC)

Monday, January 6th- Chipotle 4:00-8:00 PM (A percentage of sales go to the PTC)

Thank you to all who came out to Fall Family Fun Night! A huge thank you to those who volunteered at the event. Please consider joining the PTC or volunteering at one of our events!

Butter Braid Fundraiser:

Beginning Monday, September 30th, we will be doing our Butter Braid Fundraiser. Please look for information to come home with your student(s) on or around September 30th.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Redtail Ridge:

(Be sure to check this list each month, as changes or additions **MAY** occur)

Tuesday, October 1st: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm at Prior Lake High School

Wednesday, October 2nd: Early Release Day

Friday, October 4th: Climb Theater

Monday, October 7th: PTC Restaurant Night Out at Charlies on Prior 4:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, October 10th: STEM Day

Friday, October 11th: K-2 Fire Prevention Presentation from Savage Fire Department

Wednesday, October 16th- Friday, October 18th: No School

Wednesday, October 16th: Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, October 22nd: Picture Retake Day

Monday, November 4th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center

Wednesday, November 6th: Early Release Day

Thursday, November 7th: End of 1st Quarter

Friday, November 8th: No School (Staff Workday)

Thursday, Nov. 14th: 3rd Grade Music Program 1:30 pm

Monday, November 18th- Friday, November 22nd: 5th grade trip to Wolf Ridge

Tuesday, November 19th: Conferences (3:15-5:15 pm)

Thursday, November 21st: Conferences (3:15-7:15 pm)
Monday, November 25th: Conferences (3:15-7:15 pm)
Wednesday, November 27th- Friday, November 29th: No School-Fall Break
Tuesday, December 3rd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM in the Media Center
Wednesday, December 4th: Early Release Day
Thursday, December 5th: 5th Grade Conferences (3:15-6:15 pm)
Tuesday, December 10th: 5th Grade Conferences (3:15-6:15 pm)
Thursday, December 12th: 5th Grade Conferences (3:15-6:15 pm)
Monday, December 23rd- Tuesday, Jan. 1st: Winter Break
Tuesday, January 7th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, January 8th: Early Release Day
Thursday January 16th: Redtail Ridge Choir Concert 6:30 pm
Monday, January 20th: No School (Staff In-Service Day)
Thursday, January 23rd: End of 2nd Quarter
Friday, January 24th: No School (Staff Workday)
Friday, January 31st: PTC Winter Family Fun Night
Tuesday, February 4th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, February 5th: Early Release Day
Tuesday, February 11th: Conferences (3:15-5:15 pm)
Thursday, February 13th: Conferences (3:15-7:15 pm)
Monday, February 17th: No School
Thursday, February 20th: 2nd Grade Music Program 1:30 pm
Thursday, February 20th: Conferences (3:15-7:15 pm)
Tuesday, March 4th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, March 5th: Kindergarten Picture Day
Wednesday, March 5th: Early Release Day
Thursday, March 13th: 1st Grade Music Program 1:30 pm
Thursday, March 27th: End of 3rd Quarter
Friday, March 28th: No School (Staff Workday)
Monday, March 31st- Friday, April 4th: No School- Spring Break
Tuesday, April 8th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, April 9th: Early Release Day
Tuesday, May 6th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, May 7th: Early Release Day
Thursday, May 22nd: Redtail Ridge Choir Concert 6:30 pm
Monday, May 26th: No School
Friday, May 30th: 5th grade Graduation 1:30 pm
Friday, May 30th: PTC End of the Year Family Fun Night
Monday, June 2nd: Kindergarten Graduation & Music Program 1:30 pm
Tuesday, June 3rd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Wednesday, June 4th: Last Day of School- 3 hour early dismissal

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