



Rather Ram Newsletter

September 27th, 2024

Top News of the Week!

If something changes for your child's pick-up/transportation home from school, please call the Rather Office (616-527-1720) to leave the message with Mrs. Ganong rather than messaging your child's teacher via ClassDojo as our teachers are very busy teaching and not always able to check ClassDojo in the afternoon.

Parents are encouraged to check their children's hair regularly for head lice. If you find lice or nits, please keep your child home until you are able to treat his/her hair and remove all nits. Many thanks to our PTG who has provided large plastic drawstring bags for our students to put their coats, hats, and backpacks in to help prevent the spread of headlice at school.



Rather's Buddy Breakfasts have been very well attended so far. Please see the list of Buddy Breakfasts that was emailed out and is posted in Class Dojo for information regarding how to register for the remaining grade level Buddy Breakfasts!



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

October 2nd - Student Count Day and Wildlife Safari Live Animal Assemblies

October 3rd - Third Grade Buddy Breakfast, 7:10 to 7:40 a.m.

October 4th - Rather Fire Safety and 911 Presentations

October 8th - Great Lakes Fundraising Company Fall Fundraiser Ends

October 9th - Coffee With The Principal, 7:35 to 8:05 a.m.

October 14th - Fall Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

October 14th - Parent Teacher Guild Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Media Center

October 17th - Half Day for Students (10:53 a.m. Dismissal)

October 17th - Fall Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

October 18th - No School

October 21st - 25th - Reading For Education Postcard Booklet Fundraiser



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More Top News of the Week!

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! Conferences will be held on October 14th, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and on October 17th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you are the parent of a kinderstart, kindergarten, first, second, or third grader and your student qualifies for an Individual Reading Improvement Plan, this plan will be shared with you at the fall conferences. In addition, the Parent-School Compact will be shared and completed. Finally, we will soon be sharing a link to a fall parent survey. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. The feedback from this survey will be studied at an upcoming Rather School Improvement Meeting.

Next week, teachers will be communicating specific conference time slots using an on-line scheduling program called Sign Up Genius. You will soon receive a link from your child's teacher via ClassDojo or email that will take you to Sign Up Genius (the on-line scheduling portal) where you can choose a fifteen minute conference slot for your child. Please note that the link to the scheduling portal will be shared out according to the following schedule:

***September 30 to October 4th - teachers will make their individual scheduling links available to families that have more than one child so that the parents of multiple children (with multiple teachers) will have the opportunity to sign up for slots that are as close to back to back as possible.**

***October 7th - October 11th - teachers will make their individual Sign Up Genius scheduling links available to all other parents who have a single student at Rather.**

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do our very best to make this electronic scheduling system work for us!

Lunch Menu for September 30th - October 4th

Monday - Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday - Domino's Pizza

Wednesday - Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Thursday - Macaroni & Cheese

Friday - Pizza Crunchers

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