

Raymond Elementary

Parent Update

October 25th, 2024



Fall Parties

On Thursday, October 31st, we will celebrate with Fall parties and our annual costume parade, which will begin at 3:00 PM. Students may wear their costumes to school. Parents who plan to attend the parade or party can check in at the office starting at 2:50 PM. Please remember to bring your ID for check-in. If your child wears their costume during the day, please note the following guidelines:

- **Masks:** Masks are allowed only during the parade and party.
- **Shoes:** Students must wear appropriate shoes for recess and gym activities.
- **Costume Layering:** One-piece costumes should be worn over weather-appropriate clothing in case your child chooses to remove the costume during the day.
- **Restroom Breaks:** Keep in mind that one-piece costumes can be challenging when using the restroom.
- **Inflatable Costumes:** Inflatable costumes are allowed only during the parade and party.
- **Outdoor Play:** Recess will take place as usual, so students must be dressed for outdoor play.
- **Forget Your Costume:** Please bring it to the office by noon.

Holiday Assistance

During the holidays, our Raymond staff and families come together to support other Raymond families in need. At Thanksgiving, our staff collects food to provide family meals, and in December, we put up a Giving Tree in the office to help provide holiday gifts for children. If you would like to provide a gift, please email us at raymondoffice@mevsd.us. We'll respond with more information once the Giving Tree is ready.

If your family needs assistance, please fill out this form. Rest assured, your information will be kept confidential.

For any questions, feel free to contact the school office at 937-578-7200 or email raymondoffice@mevsd.us.

We're always happy to help! If you need assistance at any other time of the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office.

<https://tinyurl.com/Holiday-Assistance>

Veteran's Day Assembly

Each year Raymond has a student-run Veterans Day assembly. It will be held on November 11th at 9:45 am. All veterans are invited to attend.

To honor our veterans we will have a "wall of honor". You should have received a paper earlier this week to fill out for each veteran from your family or friends. If you have more veterans than papers contact the office at raymondoffice@mevsd.us. Let's see how big we can make this wall!

Red Ribbon Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that Red Ribbon Week 2024 will be celebrated at Raymond from October 28th to November 1st! This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug-Free." While Red Ribbon Week is traditionally focused on drug prevention, we will be using this opportunity to teach our students about the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices in all areas of life—physically, mentally, and emotionally.

At Raymond, our goal is to empower students to make positive choices that support their overall well-being. Throughout the week, students will participate in activities encouraging eating nutritious foods, staying active, practicing kindness, and caring for their mental health. In third and fourth grade, discussions about drugs and alcohol may arise as examples of unhealthy choices, however, these conversations will be carefully guided to focus on making positive, healthy decisions for a happy and strong future.

Erica Sypek
Principal

Raymond Red Ribbon Week October 28- November 1

Monday 10/28	Tuesday 10/29	Wednesday 10/30	Thursday 10/31	Friday 11/1
Pajama Day  Wear your pajamas to remember to get enough sleep every night!	Mismatched Outfit  Wear mismatched clothes or socks to school!	Workout Wednesday  Wear your workout clothes as a reminder to move your body!	Say "BOO" to an unhealthy lifestyle!  Wear your costume to scare off bad choices! •No weapons or masks•	Wear Red!  We're red-y to make healthy choices!