



The Redtail Ridge Review Principals Update

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Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Happy November! I hope this message finds you well. October was a very busy month for our school, filled with exciting activities and learning opportunities.

Included in this newsletter are some highlights from October, upcoming events, and important information that you won't want to miss.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Yetzer



Mark Your Calendar - Butter Braid Pick Up!

Butter Braid Pick Up is on Thursday, 11/21 from 3:30 - 6pm in the gym. All Butter Braid orders ***MUST*** be picked up that day. If you cannot pick your order up yourself, please make arrangements for someone else to pick your order up.

We simply do not have the freezer space at school to store any orders.

Fall Conferences are coming up!

I want to remind you about the importance of signing up for our upcoming conferences. This is a wonderful time to partner with your student's teacher and discuss their progress.

Conferences will be held on the evenings of November 19th, 21st, or 25th, however, due to the 5th Grade trip to Wolf Ridge, the 5th Grade conferences will be held on Thursday, 12/5, Tuesday 12/10 and Thursday, 12/12.

If those dates do not work for you, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time for a phone conversation or meeting.

We appreciate your involvement, partnership and support!

To sign up for your student(s) conferences, please use the following link:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Redtail_Ridge_Elementary

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Please join us in
congratulating our Redtail
Ridge Teacher of the Year...
Mrs. Jordan Hatchett - our
fabulous 3rd grade teacher.
Thank you for all you do for
our students,
Mrs. Hatchett!!!



ESTEM in Action!

Our First Graders used their engineering skills to design and make adorable scarecrows. Once their creations were up in our back field, they were able to share their scarecrows with other students via their Scarecrow Festival.



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!!

ESTEM Day

On Thursday, October 10th we had Naturalists from Three Rivers Park District visit for the day. All students K-5th grade spent some time with the Naturalists learning about birds, tress, reptiles, etc. What a great day of learning it was! Thank you to Mrs. Alpaugh for organizing this wonderful day for Redtail Ridge Students!



3rd grade pumpkin book characters

Our 3rd graders got creative and made pumpkins into book characters. They were so proud of their creations and the results were adorable!





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.

Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 9/30:

Kindergarten: Lenox (Madson) & Mila J. (Alpaugh)
 1st Grade: Maci (Schnackenberg) & Parker (Haugh)
 2nd Grade: James (Skjoiten) & Trace (Stufft)
 3rd Grade: Cullen (Kodada) & Kyle (Ward)
 4th Grade: Olivia (Hanstad) & Hazel (Roberts)
 5th Grade: Zac (West) & Sofia (Reetz)



Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 10/7:

1st picture

Kindergarten: Brayden (Alpaugh) & McKinley (Madson)

1st Grade: McKenna (Hanson) & Millee (McGinnis)

2nd Grade: Stella (Glass) & Nash (Hansen)

3rd Grade: Sutton (Gratz) & Finley (Hatchett)

4th Grade: Rhyker (Groll) & Lilly B (Losure)

5th Grade: Brooklyn (Doerr) & Cash (Veldman)

2nd picture:

Bus: John (Kodada) & Maddison (Ward)

Parent pick up/biker/walker/Kids Co: Carter (Schnackenberg) & Callahan (Hanstad)



Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 10/14/24:

1st Picture:

Kindergarten: Hailey (Scheffler) & Vincent (Madson)

1st Grade: Sadie (Schnackenberg) & Isabella (McGinnis)

2nd Grade: Abby (Stufft) & Rylie (Skjoiten)

3rd Grade: Lincoln (Ward) & Manny (Kodada)

4th Grade: Stella (Roberts) & Claire (Groll)

5th Grade: Owen (West) & Cole (Reetz)

2nd Picture:

Bus: Hailee (Veldman) & Rowan (Alpaugh)

Walker/Biker/Kids Co/Parent Pick Up: Baylor (Gratz) & Bennett (Hanson)

*Not pictured: Bennett



Caught Caring MVP's for the week of October 21st:

First Photo:

Kindergarten: Cameron P (Scheffler) & Brooks (Madson)

1st Grade: Mason (Hanson) & Oliver (Haugh)

2nd Grade: Scarlet (Glass) & Soren (Hansen)

3rd Grade: Addilyn (Gratz) & Shay (Hatchett)

4th Grade: Leah (Hanstad) & Tenley (Losure)

5th Grade: Kennedy (Doerr) & William (Veldman)

Missing from photo: Addilyn

Second Photo:

Bus: Bjorn (Reetz) & Marshall (Groll)

Walker/Biker/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Jaysen (Roberts) & Rosie (West)

Missing from photo: Bjorn



Our Caught Caring MVP's for October 28th are:

First Picture:

Kindergarten: CeCe (Scheffler) & Beau (Alpaugh)

1st Grade: Evelyn (McGinnis) & Jack H (Schnackenberg)

2nd Grade: Wyatt (Stuftt) & Tommy (Skjoiten)

3rd Grade: Ava (Ward) & Omar (Kodada)

4th Grade: Lexi (Roberts) & Alec (Hanstad)

5th Grade: Kellen (Reetz) & Hank (West)

Second Picture:

Bikers/Walkers/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Eilish (Glass) & Lauren (Doerr)

Bus: Ella (Haugh) & Talia (Hanstad)



In October we focused on Cooperation. Two fourth grade students, Talia Sabby and Ellie McClintock wrote a book "Joey Spreads Cooperation". They took the first book I read to the students about Joe Mauer in September and used his character to portray Cooperation in a wonderfully written book. They are currently working on our November focus on Assertion. The students really enjoy hearing stories written by peers. It showcases students' work and lets all kids know that they too, can be authors and illustrators!

All School Meeting

At our All School Meeting on Friday, we had the privilege of having our PTC President, Jen Anderson come and share about Veteran's Day. The students loved hearing about her service in the Navy and the importance of November 11th, honoring our Veterans.

Our 5th Grade Caring Coaches/Super Heroes did a skit and presentation about Assertion, which is a CARES focus this month.



NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

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

ALL SCHOOL MEETING

11th - Veterans Day - Wear **red**, white and **blue**!



15th - Blue & Gold Day **PL**

22nd - Blue & Gold Day **PL**

25th - Pajama Day 

26th - Flannel Day 

News from the Redtail Ridge Library

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back for Fall Conferences. Please stop by the Media Center to check out the selection of books for sale. The book fair will be open:

November 19 3:15-5:15

November 21 3:15-7:15

November 25 3:15-6:30

Legacy Book Club

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.



Hearing and Vision Screening

Vision and Hearing Screening will be conducted on Thursday, November 19th 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 at pwenthe@plsas.org or 952- 226-8006.

MN Wild Recognizes Redtail Ridge Family

Each season, the Minnesota Wild Hockey hosts a Hockey Fights Cancer event, which will be held on Monday, November 25th at 7:00 PM at the Xcel Energy Center. This year the MN Wild will be supporting the Shepard family. Their daughter, Addy Shepard passed away on July 1, 2024. She was a 3rd grader at Redtail Ridge. She was diagnosed with Leukemia on June 27, 2024 and lost her battle only 5 days later.

Her twin brother Jaxson, will be participating as the Flag Bearer. He will be skating the State of Hockey flag out to center ice at the beginning of the game! This is such a great opportunity to support the Shepard family.

If you are interested in attending the game, the ticket information is below.

Purchase [tickets](#) to the Hockey Fights Cancer ticket pack

Single game [tickets](#)

PTC Corner

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 12th: Restaurant Night Out at Davanni's (A percentage of sales goes to the PTC)

Tuesday, December 3rd: Monthly PTC Meeting - 6:00 PM

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

Volunteer Needs:

The PTC is seeking volunteers to help with the Butter Braid distribution on 11/21. To sign up, please use this Sign Up Genius: [Butter Braid Volunteers](#)

We are also looking for volunteers to work the Book Fair during Conferences. To sign up for this opportunity, please use this Sign Up Genius: [Book Fair Volunteers](#)

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Redtail Ridge:

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

Thursday, November 7th: End of 1st Quarter & Early Release Day
 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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