



The Redtail Ridge Review

Principals Update

November 2025

Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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Hello Redtail Ridge Families!

October was a busy and exciting month filled with learning and fun activities! Our 5th-grade students had an incredible experience at Wolf Ridge, and we're so proud of the way they represented our school.

In just a couple of weeks, you'll have the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 18th (3:15–6:15 pm)**, **Thursday, November 20th (3:15–5:30 pm)**, and **Monday, November 24th (3:15–6:15 pm)**. If you haven't yet signed up, please take a moment to do so. These meetings are a valuable chance to discuss your child's academic progress and social growth.

I'm so grateful to be part of this amazing school community—thank you for all you do to support our students every day!

With gratitude,
Barb Yetzer, Principal



Fall Conference are coming up in November. Please use the following link to sign up for your student(s) conference(s): [Fall Conference Link](#)

We look forward to seeing you all at Conferences in November!

Congratulations!

Redtail Ridge Teacher Of The Year

The 2025-26 Redtail Ridge Teacher Of The Year is..... drum roll please..... MS. GROLL! Ms Groll is one of our fabulous 4th grade teachers and she also runs the Jr. Naturalists program for 4th and 5th graders.

Congratulations Ms. Groll! Thank you for all that you do for your students. We are so lucky to have you at Redtail Ridge!





Welcome to KINDERGARTEN



Class Of 2039

Kindergarten Information Night

December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Jeffers Pond Elementary

[14800 Jeffers Pass, Prior Lake](#)

(This information session will also be video recorded and posted to our website)

Parents of incoming kindergartners for the 2026–27 school year are invited to join us for Kindergarten Information Night to learn about our traditional kindergarten program as well as our La ola del lago Spanish Immersion option.

Spanish Immersion Parent Panel

December 2, 6:30 p.m.

La ola del lago at Grainwood, media center

[5061 Minnesota St. SE, Prior Lake](#)

Hear from our current parents and staff to learn what a day in the life of a Kindergarten Spanish Immersion student is like.

School Safety Spotlight

Visitor Check-In Procedures Keep Everyone Safe

At Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, safety is our top priority. All visitors must check in at the main office using the Raptor Visitor Management System and wear a visitor badge while in the building.

Key reminders as winter events bring more guests:

- Enter only through the main entrance — all other doors are locked.
- Use the outside video intercom to communicate with office staff, who can release doors electronically.
- Stay in designated areas to minimize classroom disruptions.
- Some events may require pre-scanning for efficient check-in.

These procedures keep everyone safe and ensure accountability in case of an emergency.

Standard Response Protocols:

PLSAS uses the Standard Response Protocol from the I Love U Guys Foundation, focusing on response actions rather than specific scenarios. For details visit: www.plsas.org/safety



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.



EVACUATE! (A location maybe specified)



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

Principals Reading Corner

This month, I read *Kindness Lives Inside All of Us* by Lisa Joy Greenberg to each grade level to kick off our November Kindness Challenge. The story reminds us that when we dig deep—both in the ground and within ourselves—we can uncover wonderful treasures. Just like the characters in the book, students are learning that kindness lives inside all of us, waiting to be discovered and shared.

Ask your child what their class is collecting each day they show kindness collectively—it's a fun way for students to see how small acts of kindness can add up to something big!



Wolf Ridge

Our 5th Graders had the amazing opportunity to go to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota. They learned so much and had a great week. A special shout out the 5th grade team and amazing parent chaperones we had on the trip. THANK YOU!





Lunch Room Volunteers

This year we are again asking for lunch room helpers. THANK YOU to all who have already signed up and helped us out this year! If you have time in your schedule to come volunteer in our lunch room, we would LOVE to have you. Here's the [sign up genius](#).



NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS


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

Nov. 13th- World Kindness Day- Wear purple, yellow or blue.



Tuesday's are Positivi-Tee Tuesday. Wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt that has a positive saying on it to promote Kindness!



Fridays are Blue and Gold. Wear your Laker gear or Redtail Ridge Spirit wear! 

From the PTC

The PTC is hosting a restaurant night in November at McHugh's in Savage. **This fundraiser is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6th from 4-9PM.** Make sure they know you are there for the Redtail Ridge Fundraiser!

Please stop by and support the PTC. Tell your friends and neighbors, too!

Next month the restaurant fundraiser will be at Davanni's on December 10th. More details to come.

Thank you for supporting the PTC so we can support our school and staff!



The PTC has a busy November with a meeting, McHugh's restaurant night, Butter Braid pick up and fall conferences.

REDTAIL PTC

NOVEMBER



**MONTH AT A
GLANCE**

3RD

PTC MEETING

MONDAY-6PM REDTAIL MEDIA CENTER

6TH

MCHUGH'S RESTAURANT NIGHT

4PM-9PM

18TH

BUTTERBRAID PICKUP

18, 20, 24

CONFERENCES

**VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH TEACHER
MEALS, WATCH FOR FURTHER EMAILS**



REDTAIL RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTC



REDTAILRIDGEPTC@GMAIL.COM

OPEN PTC POSITIONS

- FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR
- SOCIAL MEDIA

PLSAS Family Resources

Have you seen our Family Resources Web Page? Need assistance with food, shelter, clothing, etc? Check out the PLSAS Family Resources, found at: <https://www.plsas.org/resources>.



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!





Redtail Ridge Lost and Found!

As you can see from the photo above (taken 10/29), the Lost and Found is getting to be quite large. Please encourage your student(s) to check for any lost items regularly. Parents are also welcome to sign into the office and check the Lost and Found. All items will be on display during conferences as well.

Any remaining items will be donated at Winter Break.



News from the Health Office

It's important to regularly check your child's scalp and hair for signs of head lice. Routine inspection is one of the best ways to prevent and manage infestations.

Please note: There are **no school exclusions** for lice.

Tips for Parents:

Talk to your child about **not sharing** personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, or helmets.

Remind your child to **avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact** during play and other activities—such as taking selfies, sports, playground time, slumber parties, or camp.

For children with long hair, **keep it tied back or braided** to help reduce hair-to-hair contact.

Check your child's head before and after sleepovers or similar activities where close contact may occur.

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.

The Caught Caring Winners for the week of October 6 are:

First Picture:

Kindergarten: Jonathan (Alpaugh) & Adam (Madson)

1st Grade: Tate (Haugh) & Rowan N (Hanson)

2nd Grade: Lucy R (Hansen) & Brady B (Glass)

3rd Grade: Maya (Erickson) & Denny (Miller)

4th Grade: Makayla (Handstad) & Addilyn (Hough)

5th Grade: Nora (Doerr) & Lincoln (Weeres)

2nd Picture:

Bus: Olivia (Groll) & Greyson (Cockrill)

Walker/Biker/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Nash (Doerr) & Ellie (Hatchett)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 10/13 are:

First Picture:

Kindergarten: Ada (Scheffler) & Brooke (Madson)

1st Grade: Cam (Schnackenberg) & Rowe (Hanson)

2nd Grade: Logan (McGinnis) & Nolan (Stuftt)

3rd Grade: Emma (Hatchett) & Harry (Kodada)

4th Grade: Charlotte (Roberts) & Cohen (Hough)

5th Grade: Savannah (Reetz) & Ellie (Doerr)

Second Picture:

Bus: Nolan (Kodada) & Henry (Madson)

Walker/Biker/Kids Co/Parent Pick Up: Freddy (Stufft) & Elena (Weeres)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 10/20 are.....

First Picture:

Kindergarten: Owen (Alpaugh) & Audriana (Scheffler)

First Grade: Devin (Hanson) & Kaylee (Haugh)

Second Grade: McKenna (Hansen) & Riley (Glass)

Third Grade: Ella (Erickson) & Eden (Miller)

Fourth Grade: Maddison (Groll) & Omar (Hanstad)

Fifth Grade: Corinne (Cockrill) & Tenley (Weeres)

Second Picture:

Bus: Hudson (Groll) & Mabsud (Kodada)

Walker/Biker/Kids Co/Parent Pick Up: James (Hatchett) & Lennon (Schnackenberg)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 10/27 are.....

First Photo:

Kindergarten: John (Alpaugh) & Quinn (Scheffler)

1st Grade: Oliver (Schnackenberg) & Haley (Haugh)

2nd Grade: Gavin (McGinnis) & McKenna (Stuftt)

3rd Grade: Addison (Hatchett) & Addie (Kodada)

4th Grade: Ava (Roberts) & Cesar (Hough)

5th Grade: None - At Wolf Ridge this week

Second Photo:

Bus: Calvin (Hatchett) & Eliza (Scheffler)

Biker/Walker/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Reagan H (Hanstad) & Evan (McGinnis)



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 6th: End of 1st Quarter
Friday, November 7th: No School
Tuesday, November 18th: Conferences 3:15-6:15 PM & PTC Butterbraid Pick Up
Thursday, November 20th: Conferences 3:15-6:15 PM
Monday, November 24th: Conferences 3:15-7:15 PM
Wednesday, November 26- Friday, November 28th: No School
Tuesday, December 2nd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM in the Media Center
Thursday, December 4th: 3rd Grade Music Program 1:30 PM
Monday, December 22nd-Friday, January 2nd: No School-Winter Break
Tuesday, January 6th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Thursday January 15th: Redtail Ridge Choir Concert 6:30 PM
Monday, January 19th: No School
Thursday, January 22nd: End of 2nd Quarter
Friday, January 23rd: No School
Friday, January 30th: PTC Winter Family Fun Night
Tuesday, February 3rd: 5th Grade Highland Ski Trip
Tuesday, February 3rd: 2nd Grade Music Program 1:30 pm
Tuesday, February 3rd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Tuesday, February 10th: Conferences 3:15-6:15 PM
Thursday, February 12th: Conferences 3:15-6:15 PM
Friday, February 13th: No School
Monday, February 16th: No School
Thursday, February 19th: Conferences 3:15-7:15 PM
Monday, March 2nd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Thursday, March 12th: 1st Grade Music Program 1:30 pm
Friday, March 27th: End of 3rd Quarter
Monday, March 30th-Friday, April 3rd: No School-Spring Break
Tuesday, April 7th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Friday, May 1st: PTC End of the Year Family Fun Night
Tuesday, May 5th: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center
Thursday, May 7th: Redtail Ridge Choir Concert 6:30 pm

Monday, May 25th: No School-Labor Day

Monday, June 1st: 5th grade Graduation 1:30 pm

Tuesday, June 2nd: Fun in the Sun Day

Wednesday, June 3rd: Kindergarten Graduation & Music Program 1:30 pm

Tuesday, June 3rd: PTC Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center

Be sure to follow Redtail Ridge on Facebook!

