



The Redtail Ridge Review

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Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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Hello Redtail Ridge Families!

Happy New Year!

2026 is off to a great start at our school. After two full weeks off, we weren't quite sure how the first few days back would go with routines and procedures—but our students returned without missing a beat. It has been wonderful to see them settle right back into learning and reconnect with friends and staff.

Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter, as there is a lot of important information you won't want to miss.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we begin the new year together.

With gratitude,
Barb Yetzer, Principal



Winter Parent Teacher Conferences

Our Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up in February. It's a great time to connect with your child's teacher to discuss progress and ask any questions you may have about your child's school experience. Conferences will be held on:

- Tuesday, February 10th 3:15 - 6:15 PM
- Thursday, February 12th 3:15 - 6:15 PM
- Thursday, February 19th 3:15 - 7:15 PM

Use [this link](#) to sign up today!!



School Safety Spotlight

Winter Weather Safety

Winter brings colder temperatures, snow, and icy conditions. A little preparation goes a long way in staying warm and well throughout the season.

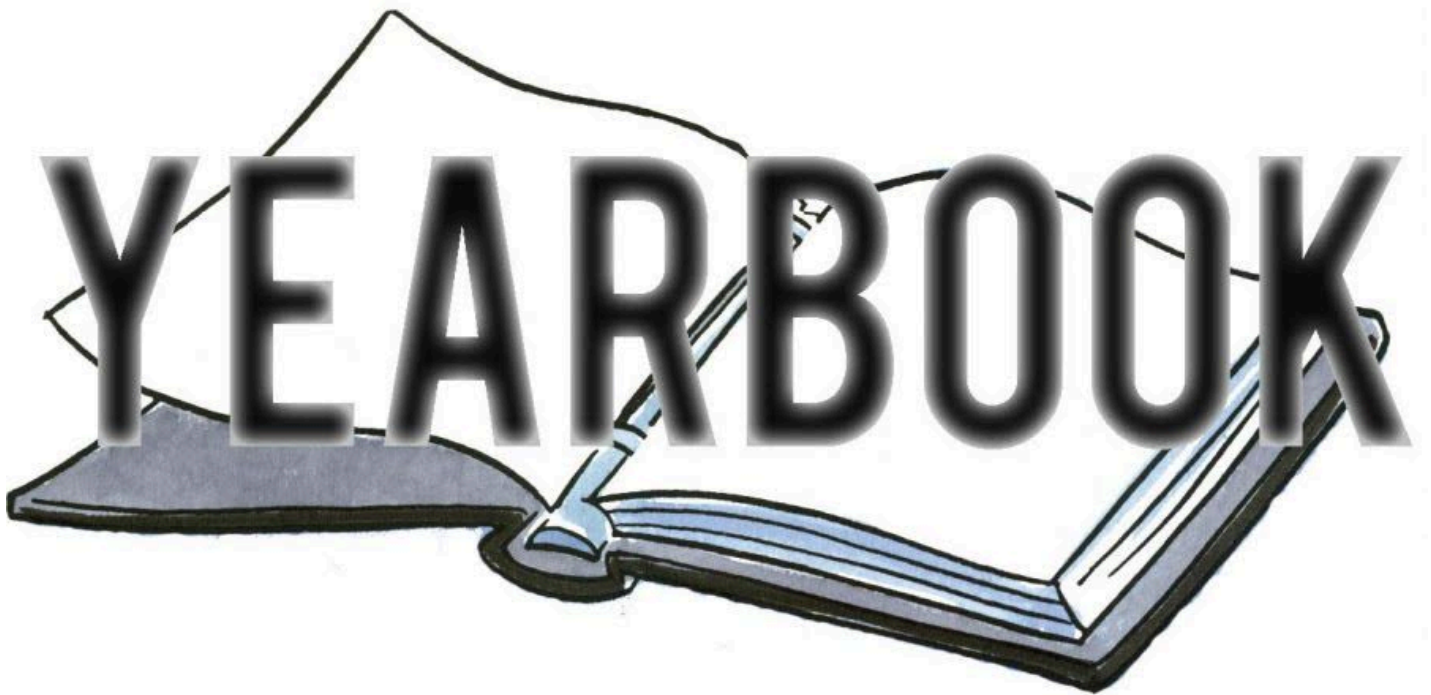
Tips for Staying Safe This Winter:

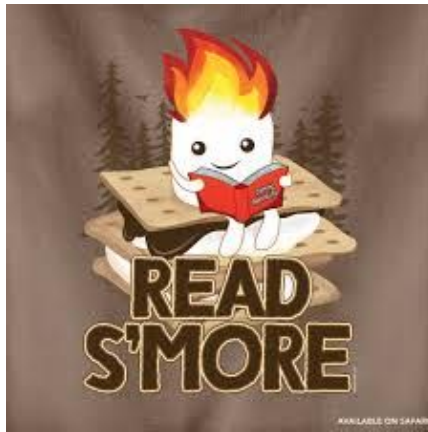
- **Plan for wind chill, not just the temperature.** Wind can significantly increase the risk of cold-related injuries
- **Dress in layers.** Two or more loose-fitting layers help insulate the body and retain heat.
- **Stay dry.** Wet clothing leads to rapid heat loss.
- **Don't ignore shivering.** Shivering is a sign the body is losing heat and needs to warm up.
- **Be prepared when traveling.** Keep jumper cables and a winter emergency kit in your vehicle, including a flashlight (with batteries or rechargeable), drinking water, non-perishable food, necessary medications, a portable phone charger, and a warming blanket.
- **Dress children warmly.** Hats, gloves, scarves, and warm layers are essential. If your child needs winter clothing, please contact your school for support.
- **Choose footwear with good traction.** Winter boots can help reduce slips and falls.
- **Stay informed.** Monitor weather alerts and school communications for updates on [delays or closures](#).

Yearbook Ordering window is now open!

Please place your order for your 2025-26 Redtail Ridge Yearbook via Lifetouch today! The deadline to order is April 3rd. There will be no LATE ORDERS and NO AVAILABLE Yearbooks after the ordering window has closed.

Place your order [here](#) now!





The Read A Thon is coming!!!

February is "I Love To Read Month" and the PTC is hosting our annual Read A Thon fundraiser "Read S'more" during the month. A calendar to track reading minutes will come home with your students at the end of January and will be due each Monday with their reading minutes totaled. There will be a "Snuggle and Read" time each Thursday as well, where students can bring a stuffed animal and a blanket to use during quiet reading time.

Students will be collecting donations via an on line donation site to raise funds for the school throughout the month as well.

More information will be coming home in the coming weeks, so stay tuned and....

LET'S READ S'MORE!!!!

Principals Reading Corner

Before winter break, I had the joy of visiting each grade level to read *Be Kind* by Pat Miller. The message of the story- that kindness can be shown in small, everyday ways. This message has stayed with our students as we returned to school last week.

Our kindness challenge this month is focusing on kindness in our words. This includes not only *what* we say to one another, but also *how* we say it. The tone of our voices matters also.

At the end of each day, classes will reflect together on how they showed kindness through their words. If the class feels they met the challenge for the day, they will add a kindness coin to their jar. There are 18 school days in January, so the goal is to earn 18 kindness coins!

We appreciate your support in reinforcing kind words and respectful communication at home as we work together to build a caring and positive school community.



Middle School Parent Information Night

Mark your calendars - There will be a Middle School Parent Information Night (PIN) for current 5th grade families on Monday, January 26th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Twin Oaks Auditorium (enter the lower entrance, near Bridges ALC).



Bills for Birds Day



Friday, January 30th

Redtail Ridge Elementary has bird feeders
that attract many wild birds.

We will be having a special day where we are encouraging
students to wear a hat, cap or scarf/head covering to
promote this fundraiser.

If you are able to donate a "bill" or two, it would be greatly
appreciated.

The money donated will be used to pay for bird seed for our
bird feeders.

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](#). The link has been updated with all dates for the rest of the school year.



JANUARY SPIRIT DAYS

5th - Let the new year shine! - Wear bright colors!

9th- Blue & Gold Day  **ALL SCHOOL MEETING**

22nd- Pajama Day 

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! 

Kindness Week

In February we will be celebrating Kindness Week during the week of 2/9 - 2/12. This week we will highlight acts of kindness and have a focus each day. Below is the dress up days and focus information for each day. Let's spread kindness throughout our community each and every day, but especially during Kindness Week!

KINDNESS WEEK

FEBRUARY 9-12

MON



Cozy Socks Days

Wear your coziest or silliest socks!

KINDNESS FOCUS: Small acts of kindness can make someone's day warmer!

TUES

Kindness Counts Day



Wear shirts with kind words, hearts or positive messages

KINDNESS FOCUS: Our words and actions matter

WED

Caps for Kindness Day

Wear your favorite stocking hat



KINDNESS FOCUS: Use your kind words to warm someone's heart.

THURS



Team Kindness Day

Wear school colors or spirit wear

KINDNESS FOCUS: Show kindness within our school community and supporting one another.

From the PTC

The PTC is hosting 2 restaurant fundraisers in January! Wednesday, January 14th at Sonic from 4-7PM and on Tuesday, January 27th at Chipotle from 5-9PM (use code XVW7TJ2 for online orders).

Please stop by and support the PTC. Share the information with your friends and neighbors, too!

The PTC is also hosting FAMILY FUN NIGHT on Friday, January 31st. Come participate in a variety of activities with friends and classmates from 5:30 - 7 PM.

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

REDTAIL PTC

**MONTH AT A
GLANCE**

JANUARY



6TH

PTC MEETING

6PM REDTAIL MEDIA CENTER

14TH

SONIC RESTAURANT NIGHT

4PM-7PM

27TH

CHIPOTLE RESTAURANT NIGHT

SAVAGE- 5PM-9PM ONLINE CODE: X VW7TJ2

30TH

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

REDTAIL RIDGE 5:30PM-7:00PM



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ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

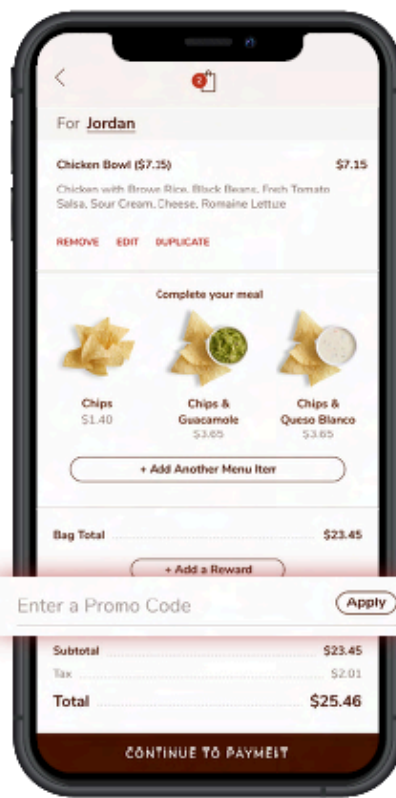


Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1** Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2** Choose **"Pickup"** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3** Build your order with all your faves.
- 4** Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **"Enter a Promo Code"** section. Don't forget to click **"Apply."**
- 5** Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery).
Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



Fundraiser x - \$0.00

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of - \$0.00. Don't panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

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!



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.

We have our Caught Caring Winners from the week of 12/1

Picture 1:

Kindergarten: Evie (Alpaugh) & Hannah (Madson)
1st Grade: Brayden (Hanson) & Thomas (Schnackenberg)
2nd Grade: Luke (Glass) & Nawal (Hansen)
3rd Grade: Mahir (Erickson) & Trace (Miller)
4th Grade: Ellie (Hanstad) & Kim (Roberts)
5th Grade: Izzy (Reetz) & Maddie (Doerr)

Picture 2:

Bus: Brooklyn (Roberts) & Calum (Madson)
Kids Co/Parent Pick Up/Bikers and Walkers: Immagin (Doerr) & Naira (Hough)



Our Caught Caring MVP's from the week of 12/8 are:

Picture 1:

Kindergarten: Brody (Scheffler) & Luke (Alpaugh)
1st Grade: Laney (Schnackenberg) & Brooks (Haugh)
2nd Grade: Parker (Stufft) & Theo (McGinnis)

3rd Grade: Ayub (Kodada) & Lucia (Hatchett)
 4th Grade: Michael (Haugh) & Eva (Groll)
 5th Grade: Alec (Cockrill) & Everest (Weeres)
 Missing from photo: Luke

Picture 2:

Bus: Camryn (Scheffler) & Jack (Doerr)

Kids Co/Parent Pick Up/Bikers and Walkers: Aksel (Glass) & Nora (Erickson)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 12/15 are...

First Picture:

Kindergarten: Hayat (Scheffler) & Ella (Madson)
 1st Grade: Eva (Hanson) & Cece (Haugh)
 2nd Grade: Alex (Glass) & Charlie (Hansen)
 3rd Grade: Charlotte (Miller) & August (Erickson)
 4th Grade: Audrey (Roberts) & Ellie B (Hanstad)
 5th Grade: Mason (Erickson) & Tommy (McGinnis)

Second Picture:

Bus: Mason (Erickson) & Tommy (McGinnis)

Kids Co/Parent Pick Up/Biker/Walker: Rosalind (Schnackenberg) & Farrah (Alpaugh)



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 January 15th: Redtail Ridge Choir Concert 6:00 PM (**NEW TIME**)
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!

