



# Rather Ram Newsletter

**January 16th, 2026**  
**Tops News of the Week!**

**WE ARE NOW IN ONE OF THE LONGEST AND MOST CONSISTENT PERIODS OF TEACHING/LEARNING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE HELP US TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS LEARNING TIME BY ENSURING THAT YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME AND IN ATTENDANCE EACH SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAY (UNLESS HE OR SHE IS SICK). THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WITH THIS!**

**We are encouraging our parents who use the northeast drop off by the concession stand to please enter and exit through the farthest east parking lot entrance/exit area. Reserving the east entrance closest to the school for buses or cars (after 7:30 a.m.) that enter the front circle drive should help greatly with traffic flow. Also, please do not park in the drop-off line after 7:30 a.m. - if you need to get out of your car to help your child get out of your vehicle, it would be best if you parked in a parking spot and walked your child over to the sidewalk. Please drive slowly and cautiously in the east parking lot both before and after school to help keep everyone safe! Finally, if you are dropping your child off for school in the morning, please do not drop him/her off before 7:30 a.m. when students are welcomed into the building as there is not any outside supervision before that time.**

**Just a reminder to please make sure your child comes to school with the needed items (warm winter coat, hat, gloves, and boots) to participate in outdoor recess. Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining/sleeting or there is a temperature or wind chill temperature of 10 degrees fahrenheit or lower.**

**We are now in the process of assessing all of our students with NWEA reading and math tests and soon with the Acadience reading assessment. The results of these tests will be used to adjust reading groups and plan for individual student interventions. Please encourage your child to give his/her absolute best effort on these very important assessments.**

**UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

**January 19th - M.L. King Day - No School for Students/Staff P.D. Day**

**January 22nd - Title 1 Family Fun Science Night, 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.**

**January 26th - P.T.G. Skating Night, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ionia Skateland**

**January 27th and 28th - Rather Acadience Testing Days**

**February 9th - P.T.G. Candy Gram Sale Information Sent Home with Students**

**February 9th - P.T.G. Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Library**

**February 11th - Coffee With The Principal, 7:35 to 8:05 a.m.**

**February 11th - Spring Student Count Day - All Attending Students Get P.T.G. Prize**

**February 12th - P.T.G. Candy Gram Delivery**

**February 12th - Valentine's Parties**

**February 13th - No School for Students/Staff Professional Development Day**

**February 16th - No School for Students and Staff/Presidents' Day/Mid-Winter Break**

**February 26th - Family Accelerated Reader Night, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**March 9 th - P.T.G. Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Library**

**March 9th - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**March 12th - Students Dismissed at 10:53 a.m., Parent/Teacher Conf., 1 - 4 & 5 - 7 p.m.**

**March 13th - No School for Students or Staff**

## January 19th - January 23rd Lunch Menu

Monday - M.L. King Day - No School for Students

Tuesday - Domino's Pepperoni Pizza

Wednesday - Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Thursday - Macaroni & Cheese

Friday - Pizza Crunchers



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