



The Redtail Ridge Review

Principals Update

February 2026

Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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Hello Redtail Ridge Families,

January flew by, and what a busy month it was! February promises to be just as full of excitement and learning. Alongside our regular academics, we'll be celebrating *I Love to Read Month*, *Kindness Week*, and *Parent-Teacher Conferences*. Teachers are looking forward to connecting with you to share all the amazing learning your child has accomplished in the first half of the year.

As we move into the second half of the year, we look forward to continuing our partnership with you to support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth. Your involvement and encouragement make a big difference, and together we can help every student build on their strengths, tackle new challenges, and finish the year strong.

In Partnership,
Mrs. Yetzer

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Winter Parent Teacher Conferences

Our Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up. 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

Safety Spotlight: February is Heart Safety Month

February is Heart Safety Month — a reminder that heart health and emergency readiness matter for all ages.

Healthy habits make a big difference:

- Stay active

Eat fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins

Get enough sleep

Manage stress

Keep up with regular checkups

Know the Signs of an Emergency. Call 911 right away for:

Chest pain or pressure

Shortness of breath

Fainting or sudden dizziness

Pain in the arm, neck, or jaw

For stroke, remember F.A.S.T. — Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call 911

CPR & AED Awareness

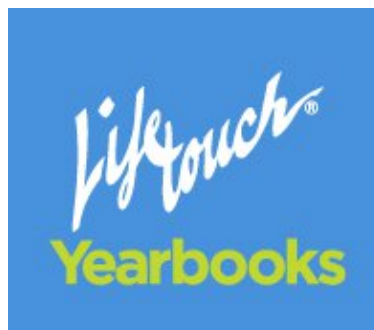
Cardiac emergencies can happen anywhere. Learning hands-only CPR and knowing where AEDs are located in our buildings can help save a life. Please take a moment to review your building map to locate the nearest AED. Stay heart-smart! ❤️

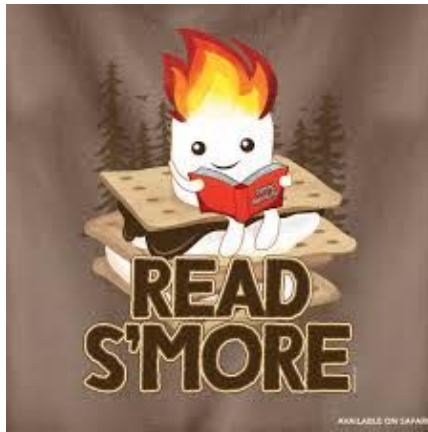


Yearbook Ordering window is now open!

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 here!!!

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 was sent home on Friday 1/30 with your students and will be due each Monday with their reading minutes totaled. Also sent home on 1/30 was the Read A Thon information sheet. This flyer includes a lot of important information about the Read A Thon and how to register, donate, prize goals, fundraising goals, etc. 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.

A special thank you to our PTC for all of your work on I Love To Read Month and the Read A Thon, especially Whitney Magy for putting together a great list of prizes and awards and for planning out the Read A Thon.

Now....

LET'S READ S'MORE!!!!

Principals Reading Corner

Recently, I had the chance to read the book *Heartprints* by P.K. Hallinan to each grade level. It's a wonderful story that reminds students how powerful simple acts of kindness can be. The book introduces the idea of "heartprints"- the invisible, lasting marks we leave on others when we do something caring or thoughtful. Through examples like sharing, helping a friend or comforting someone who is upset, students see that even small actions can make a big difference and stay with people for a long time.

This message connects directly to our upcoming Kindness Challenge, which will focus on showing kindness through actions. Each day, classrooms will take a few moments to reflect on whether their actions showed kindness toward others. When they can say yes, the class will earn a heart eraser to add to their classroom kindness jar. This helps students understand that kindness is more than just words — it's something we show through what we do every day. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these conversations at home and encouraging your child to look for ways to leave positive "heartprints" wherever they go.



Every Buddy's Playground

Every Buddy's Playground is an exciting initiative focused on making our playgrounds welcoming, accessible, and fun for every student. By improving surfacing for easier mobility and adding more inclusive equipment, we're creating more opportunities for students of all abilities to play, connect, and build friendships together. This work reflects our district's commitment to inclusion and supporting the whole child — both in and out of the classroom.

Playground updates at each school will be based on its unique needs, with input from staff and families. Redtail Ridge will be part of Phase 2, and our PTC will be helping with fundraising efforts to support this project. We're grateful for their partnership and enthusiasm. If you would like to donate to the Redtail Ridge Every Buddy's Playground project, here is the link to our PTC's donation site.

Please help spread the word about this wonderful initiative and visit the Every Buddy's Playground website linked here, for more information on how this work is making a difference for students across our district.

For more information go to www.plsas.org/everybuddisplayground



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

We need your input!

Learn about the district's finances, budget reductions, and possible next steps—including a potential voter levy. Join the conversation and share what matters most to you.

February 5, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Hidden Oaks Middle School, Oakview Room
15855 Fish Point Road SE, Prior Lake

February 10, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

District Services Center
4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake

February 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

District Services Center
4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake

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.



FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAYS

6th- Superbowl is Sunday! Wear a jersey today!



9th – 🧦 Cozy Socks Day

10th – ❤️ Kindness Counts Day (wear shirts with kind words, hearts, or positive messages)

11th - 🧢 Caps for Kindness Day (wear your favorite stocking hat)

12th – 🎒 Team Kindness Day (wear school colors or spirit wear)

27th - Dress like your Favorite Book Character Day

Kindness Week

Next week, 2/9 - 2/12, is Kindness Week at Redtail Ridge! Throughout the week 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.

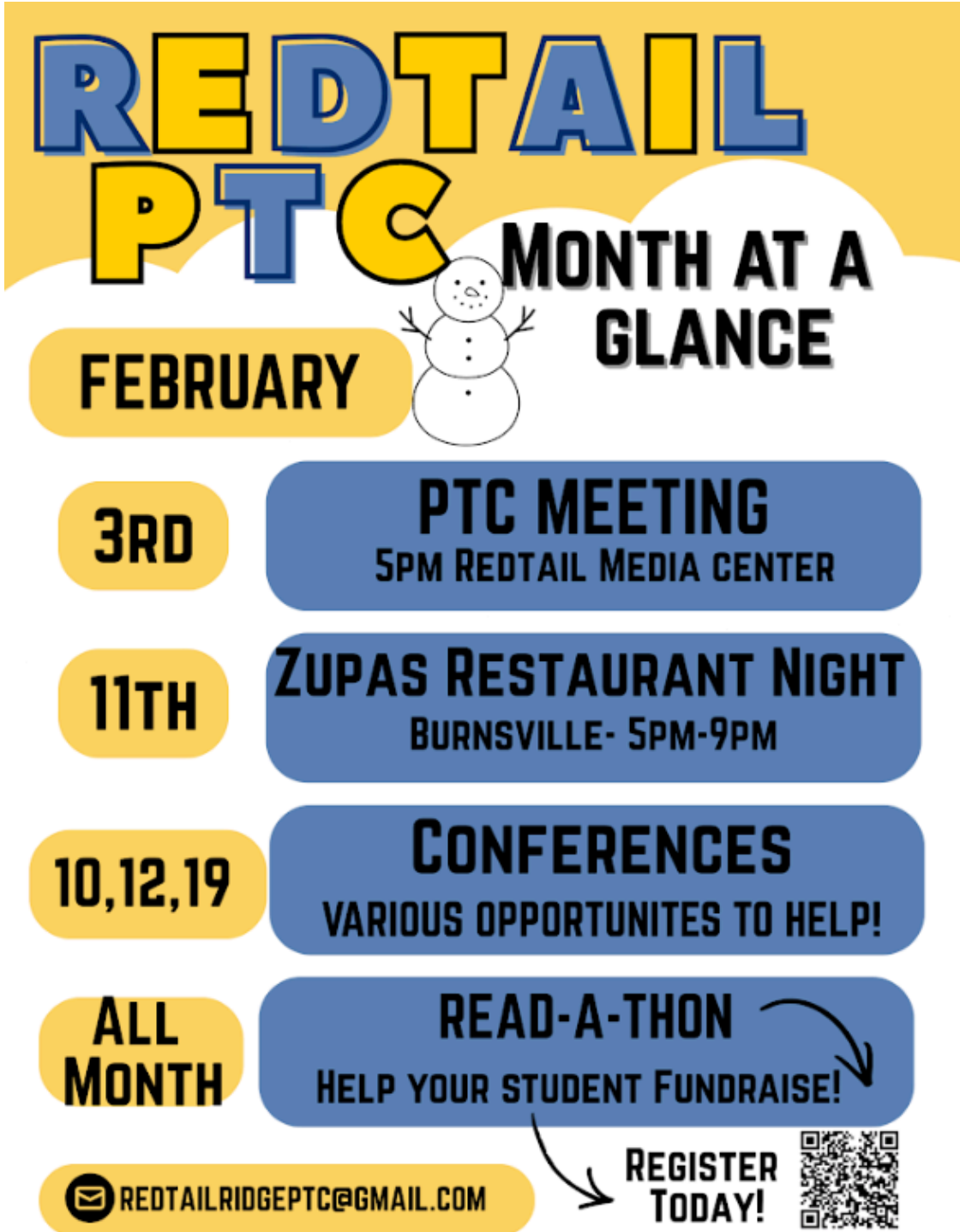


From the PTC

In February the PTC is hosting the Read A Thon (see info further up in the newsletter) all month long. There is also a restaurant fundraiser at Zupa's Cafe in Burnsville on Wednesday, 2/11 from 5-9 PM.


We are also helping to feed the teachers and staff during Parent Teacher Conferences on 2/10, 2/12 and 2/19.

Thank you for continuing to support the PTC so we can support Redtail Ridge!!!



**REDTAIL
PTC MONTH AT A
GLANCE**

FEBRUARY





3RD **PTC MEETING**
5PM REDTAIL MEDIA CENTER

11TH **ZUPAS RESTAURANT NIGHT**
BURNSVILLE- 5PM-9PM

10,12,19 **CONFERENCES**
VARIOUS OPPORTUNITES TO HELP!

ALL MONTH **READ-A-THON**
HELP YOUR STUDENT FUNDRAISE!

 REDTAILRIDGEPTC@GMAIL.COM

REGISTER TODAY! 



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.

Our first Caught Caring MVP's for 2026 are.....

First Photo:

Kindergarten: Remi (Alpaugh) & Will (Scheffler)
1st Grade: Sterling (Hanson) & Hadley (Schnackenberg)
2nd Grade: Ella (Stufft) & Nora (McGinnis)
3rd Grade: Liam (Hatchett) & Mick (Kodada)
4th Grade: Fatima (Hough) & Peyton (Groll)
5th Grade: Alyana (Cockrill) & Ryan (Weeres)
Missing from photo: Mick

Second Photo:

Bus: Miles (Scheffler) & Hazel (Alpaugh)
Kids Co/Parent Pick up/Walkers/Bikers: Max (Hanstad) & Cullen (Hough)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 1/12 are:

First picture:

Kindergarten: Colbie (Alpaugh) & Cameron (Madson)
 First Grade: Priscilla (Schnackenberg) & Beau (Haugh)
 Second Grade: Jeremy (Glass) & Larson (Hansen)
 Third Grade: Lizzy (Miller) & Giovanni (Erickson)
 Fourth Grade: Faiza (Hanstad) & Logan (Roberts)
 Fifth Grade: Ryder (Reetz) & Emmy (Doerr)

Second Picture:

Bus: Rose (Erickson) & Charlie Mae (Kodada)
 Biker/Walker/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Ren (Groll) & Carter (McGinnis)



Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 1/20 are...

First Picture:

Kindergarten: Nolan (Scheffler) & Chloe (Madson)
 1st Grade: Cam (Hanson) & Lennox (Haugh)
 2nd Grade: Maddie (Stuftt) & Everett (McGinnis)
 3rd Grade: Lula (Hatchett) & Nailah (Kodada)
 4th Grade: Camden (Hough) & Natalie (Hanstad)
 5th Grade: Cooper (Weeres) & Landon (Cockrill)
 Missing from photo: Nolan

Second Picture:

Bus: Hailey (Schnackenberg) & Declan (Cockrill)

Parent Pick Up/Drop Off/Kids Co/Bikers and Walkers: William (Hatchett) & Callihan (Doerr)



The Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 1/26 are...

First and Second Photo:

Kindergarten: Henry (Alpaugh) & Emery (Scheffler)

First Grade: Charlie (Hanson) & Taylor (Schnackenberg)

Second Grade: Zooney (Hansen) & Kailey (Glass)

Third Grade: Norah (Erickson) & Bruno (Miller)

Fourth Grade: Bronagh (Groll) & Miles (Roberts)

5th Grade: Mahamed (Reetz) & Abby (Doerr)

Third Photo:

Bus: Ella (Hough) & Charlotte (Stufft)

Parent Pick Up/Biker/Walker/Kids Co: Brooks (Haugh) & Ashton (Glass)



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Redtail Ridge:

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

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!

