



The Redtail Ridge Review

Principals Update

May 2026

Redtail Ridge Elementary School

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It is hard to believe that we are less than a month away from the end of the school year! We have recently completed MCA testing and are currently in the middle of Fast Bridge testing in grades K–5. The information gathered from these assessments helps our teachers celebrate the growth students have made throughout the year while also identifying areas where students may need additional support. This allows us to continue improving instruction to best meet the needs of all learners.

There is a lot of important information included in this newsletter, so please take a few moments to read through it carefully. We have so much to celebrate, several exciting upcoming events, and important information to share as we close out another wonderful school year at Redtail Ridge.

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, I want to sincerely thank you for the continued support you give to your students, our staff, and school community. Your partnership, encouragement, and involvement make a tremendous difference and help make Redtail Ridge such a special place. We are fortunate to have an incredible staff that works hard to build strong relationships with students and families, creating a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone. Together, we continue to make Redtail Ridge a wonderful place for students to learn and grow.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Yetzer

School Safety Spotlight

Safety Spotlight: Keeping Our Cool in the Heat

With the temperatures climbing, it's time to talk about staying safe under the sun. Heat-related illnesses can sneak up on anyone—from student-athletes on the field to students playing at recess. By staying informed and prepared, we can ensure everyone has a safe and fun season.

The "Big Three" Prevention Tips:

1. Hydrate Before You're Thirsty Don't wait until your throat is dry to grab your water bottle. Encourage students to take small, frequent sips of water throughout the day. For high-intensity sports, electrolyte-replacement drinks can help replenish what is lost through sweat.
2. Dress for Success Lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing helps the body breathe and reflects sunlight rather than absorbing it. Don't forget hats and sunglasses for outdoor activities!

3. Time it Right When possible, schedule outdoor practices or playtime for the early morning or evening when the sun's rays are less intense. Utilize shady areas for breaks to let the body's internal temperature drop.



FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Join us at The Laker
Educational Foundation's
Food Truck Fest!
Delicious food, treats,
cold drinks and live
music!

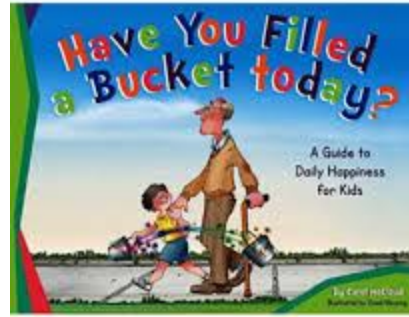




Principals Reading Corner

During the first week of May, I had the opportunity to read the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud to each grade level. The book shares an important message about how our words and actions impact others through the idea that everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds their feelings and emotions. Students learned that when we show kindness, include others, help someone, or say encouraging words, we become “bucket fillers” by filling someone else’s bucket as well as our own. On the other hand, hurtful words or actions can make someone feel sad or discouraged, which the book refers to as being a “bucket dipper.” The story encourages students to think about the positive impact they can have on others each day through kindness, empathy, and compassion.

As part of our kindness challenge, classes will take time each day to reflect on moments when their buckets were filled and how they were bucket fillers for others. Classes can earn two extra minutes of recess each day if they demonstrate kindness, empathy, and positive behavior throughout the day. It has been wonderful seeing students encourage and support one another as we continue building a positive school community at Redtail Ridge.



Tutoring through Community Ed

LAKER LEARNERS

TUTORING OPTIONS



WHAT IS LAKER LEARNERS:
Homework Help
*AVAILABLE BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL, EVENINGS, AND SUMMER

TIER 1:
SEMI-PRIVATE: \$65.00
PRIVATE: \$70.00
TIER 2:
SEMI-PRIVATE: \$60.00
PRIVATE: \$65.00

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Homework help
- Enrichment programs
- Organizational & Study Skills

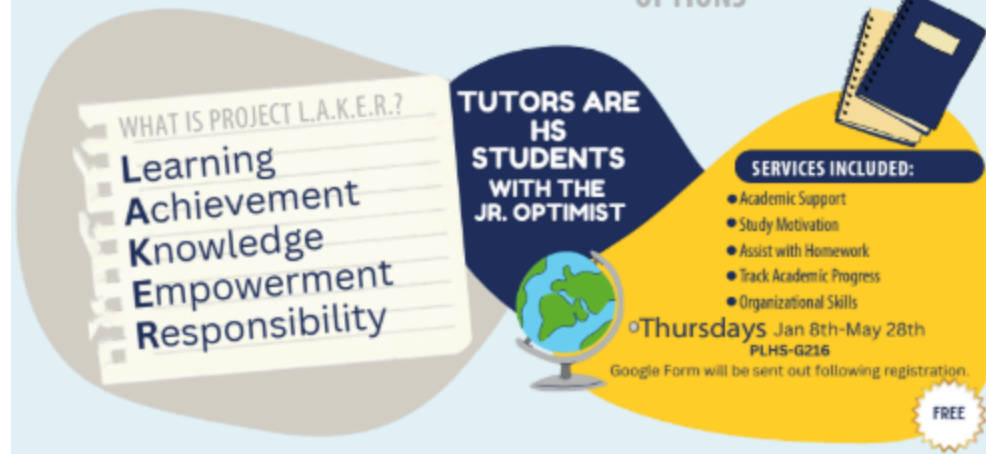
2 TIERS OF HELP

- Licensed Teachers
- Non-licensed teachers (Paras/educated individuals)

For more information or to register visit:
www.priorlakesavagece.com

PROJECT L.A.K.E.R.

STUDENT LEAD TUTORING OPTIONS



WHAT IS PROJECT L.A.K.E.R.?
Learning Achievement Knowledge Empowerment Responsibility

TUTORS ARE HS STUDENTS WITH THE JR. OPTIMIST

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Academic Support
- Study Motivation
- Assist with Homework
- Track Academic Progress
- Organizational Skills

Thursdays Jan 8th-May 28th
PLHS-G216
Google Form will be sent out following registration.

FREE

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.



MAY SPIRIT DAYS

11th - Gardening Day - dress to get messy! 

All Fridays are Laker Days - wear blue and gold! 





Lost and Found.... Come Find Your Things!

The Lost and Found has grown since Spring Break! All unclaimed items will be donated on June 5th. If you would like to come take a look at the lost and found, please do so during school hours. Just check in at the office for a visitors badge (remember to bring your ID) and go claim your student's missing items. We'd love to not donate anything in June if possible!

From the PTC

Thank you for all of the support of the Silent Auction for Every Buddy's Playground. The students have been having so much fun with their experiences at school. Check out the Redtail Ridge Facebook Page for some fun pictures of their experiences and adventures!

As the school year winds down, we want to express our sincere gratitude for all of the support this year with all things PTC! Your support allows the PTC to continue to support our teachers and staff so they can better support our students! THANK YOU!!!!

Reminders 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.



From the Library

The last day for book check out is Friday, May 15th. All books are due to the library by Friday, May 22nd. Families will be notified if their student has any missing or late books. Please send all books back to school that are property of Redtail Ridge.

Thank you! 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 Caught Caring MVP's for the week of April 6th are:

First Photo:

Kindergarten: Kayla (Alpaugh) & Ben (Scheffler)
First Grade: Jack (Schnackenberg) & Nora (Hanson)
Second Grade: Hayden (McGinnis) & Abigail (Stufft)
Third Grade: Madilyn (Hatchett) & Logan (Erickson)
Fourth Grade: Dean (Hanstad) & Avery (Hough)
Fifth Grade: Charlie (Cockrill) & Lily (Weeres)
Missing from photo: Jack & Madilyn

Second Photo:

Bus: Lyla (Madson) & Fleur (Groll)
Bikers/Walkers/Kids Co and Parent Pick Up: Suhur (Reetz) & Marty (Hanson)

Missing from photo: Lyla



Our Caught Caring MVP's from the week of April 13th are:

First photo:

Kindergarten: Ryan (Alpaugh) & Edith (Madson)
First Grade: Daxson (Haugh) & Hamilton (Hanson)
Second Grade: Greyson (Hansen) & Max (Glass)
Third Grade: Belle (Miller) & Aryan (Kodada)
Fourth Grade: Sutton (Groll) & Ted (Roberts)
Fifth Grade: Keagan (Doerr) & Carter (Reetz)

Second photo:

Bus: Waylon (Hanstad) & Leo (Reetz)
Kids Co/Parent Pick Up/Bikers and Walkers: Mua'ad (McGinnis) & Dax (Madson)

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Our Caught Caring MVP's for the week of 4/20 are:

First Picture:

- Kindergarten: Zoey (Scheffler) & Andrew (Madson)
- First Grade: Derek (Schnackenberg) & Marty (Hanson)
- Second Grade: Ella (McGinnis) & Rogan (Stufft)
- Third Grade: Leon (Erickson) & Luke (Hatchett)
- Fourth Grade: Eleanora G (Hanstad) & Violet (Hough)
- Fifth Grade: Kota (Cockrill) & Nora (Weeres)

Second Picture:

- Bus: Claire (Cockrill) & Lainey (Hatchett)
- Biker/Walker/Parent Pick Up/Kids Co: Anna (Kodada) & Evan (Doerr)



Our Caught Caring winners for the week of 4/27 are....

First picture:

- Kindergarten: Evelyn (Scheffler) & Tritan (Alpaugh)
- 1st Grade: Scotty (Haugh) & Beckett (Schnackenberg)
- 2nd Grade: Cooper (Hansen) & Miles (Glass)
- 3rd Grade: Evelyn (Miller) & Arthur (Kodada)
- 4th Grade: Breckin (Groll) & Finley (Roberts)
- 5th Grade: Chase (Doerr) & Kenna (Reetz)
- Missing from photo: Arthur

Second picture:

- Bus: Owen (Cockrill) & Talia (Doerr)
- Parent Pick Up/Biker/Walker/ Kids Co: Natalie (Hough) & Brooklyn (Miller)



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Redtail Ridge:

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

Monday, May 25th: No School - Memorial Day

Monday, June 1st: 5th grade Graduation (1:30 PM)

Tuesday, June 2nd: Fun in the Sun Day

Tuesday, June 2nd: Yearbook Signing Party (8:50 AM)

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!

