



Raymond Elementary School
Jessica Parthemore, Principal
Zack Howard, Superintendent

August 2026



Dear Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope everyone has had the opportunity to rest, recharge, and relax during the summer I look forward to the start of school each year - the planning, the preparation, and the amazing potential for what is to come! This year is even more special for me, as my own son gets to join me here at Raymond as a kindergartner! (Definitely have a different appreciation for all of the kinder parents I've worked with over the years!) Over the last few months our team has been busy behind the scenes to welcome everyone into the building! Each month I will try to provide a little update on the focus areas for our district and building.

- **Student Learning** - Our staff will be focusing on implementing more small group instruction in both reading and math, while using the resources provided through HMH Into Reading and Ready Math. This continues our work as a personalized learning district and provides targeted instruction to each students' strengths and areas of improvement.
- **Community Partnerships** - We were fortunate over the summer to have the assistance of the United Way Community Care Day to help improve our flower beds in front of the school. We are actively working for further partnerships to further improve our facilities and student learning opportunities.
- **Financial Stability** - We continuously review our expenses and budget to ensure that we are providing high quality education and being responsible stewards of our taxpayers money. Additionally, we continue to seek avenues to provide additional funds without further asking for funds from our families (Kroger Rewards and Box Tops are two great ways we've found!)
- **Safety & Wellness** - Our building continues to implement and reinforce our ROAR expectations with our students and staff. We work daily to help all understand what it means to be a Raymond Roar Leader in our building. Additionally, we've implemented a classroom coaching model to provide support for staff in the classroom to further provide consistency and establish classrooms that provide opportunities for students to be leaders of their own behavior. We are excited to continue this work together.

At any point during this year please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or myself with any questions, concerns, or celebrations. We look forward to partnering with you this year!

Sincerely,

Jess Parthemore, Ed.S.
Principal

Arrival/Dismissal Times

Doors Open: 8:55 am

Tardy Bell: 9:15 am

Dismissal Bell: 3:55 pm

Dismissal Forms

All students must have a completed Raymond dismissal form.
Please turn this in to the office or your
child's teacher.

The Raymond Dismissal form can be found on the last page of
this newsletter or from your teacher at Meet the Teacher night.

Meet the Teacher

We are excited to welcome all 1st - 4th grade Raymond students into our building for our annual Meet the Teacher/Open House on **August 18, 2026, 4:30 - 6:00 pm** ! Teachers will be available to meet their new students. In addition, the following will be available to answer all of your questions and take paperwork.

- School Age Child Care (SACC)
- Raymond PTO
- Transportation
- You can also drop off fees, paperwork and medication to our office/clinic staff.

You don't need to stay for the entire time - most families are finished in 20 minutes. You can bring in your child's school supplies if you would like to.

Class lists will be posted by 4:00 PM in PowerSchool on August 18, 2026. There will also be class lists posted at each classroom for your convenience. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back!

Kindergarten teachers will not be available

We are excited to welcome all Raymond kindergarten students into our building for our Meet the Teacher/Open House on **August 24, 2026, 4:30 - 6:00 pm** ! Kindergarten teachers will be available to meet their new students. In addition, the following will be available to answer all of your questions and take paperwork.

- School Age Child Care (SACC)
- Raymond PTO
- Transportation
- You can also drop off fees, paperwork and medication to our office/clinic staff.

You don't need to stay for the entire time - most families are finished in 20 minutes. You can bring in your child's school supplies if you would like to.

Class lists will be posted by 4:00PM in PowerSchool on August 24, 2026. There will also be class lists posted at each classroom for your convenience. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back!

Only kindergarten teachers will be available

Back to School Forms

Completing Back To School Forms is an important part of beginning a new school year. We will continue to collect Back To School information via your PowerSchool Parent Portal. The PowerSchool Parent Portal is the same program in which you access your child's online report card.

Parents will be able to access Back To School Forms via your PowerSchool Parent Portal starting **August 3rd at 3:00 pm**. A comprehensive guide can be found [here](#).

New Families : If you are new to Marysville Schools, the PowerSchool Parent Portal is the same portal you utilized to initially enroll your child. ***Parents of newly enrolled children will also need to submit "Back to School" information via the online portal.***

If you aren't able to access your Parent Portal, please contact the Raymond Office at 937-578-7200 and we can reset your password. If you are unable to access the internet or experience difficulties, limited computer access will be made available during the Open House/Meet the Teacher event.

Staggered Start

We know the first few days of a new school year can be exciting and also possibly full of “jitters”! We want to make your child’s start to the school year as stress free as possible. For the first full days of school, please note the following:

- ❖ Students with last names beginning with the letters **A-M only**, attend on **Thursday, August 20th**
- ❖ Students with last names beginning with the letters **N-Z only**, attend on **Friday, August 21st**
- ❖ All students in **grades 1-4** attend on **Monday, August 24th**
- ❖ **Kindergarten** students attend for a partial day on either August 20, 21 or 24 and then all kindergarten students begin Tuesday, August 25th. These times must be scheduled by the office.

Other helpful tidbits:

- ★ There will be extra staff members on hand to help students find their way to their classrooms.
- ★ Breakfast will be served beginning with the Staggered Start days.
- ★ Parents of students in grades 1-4 are permitted to walk their students to the classrooms on August 20 -21. Starting Monday, August 24th we ask that students walk themselves to their classroom. **Be sure to bring a photo ID if you will be coming into the building and sign in at Door A.**
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- ★ Kindergarten parents will be permitted to walk their child to class on Tuesday, August 25th. Starting Wednesday, August 26th, we ask students walk themselves to their classroom. We will have extra staff available to assist our kindergarteners.

School Fees

School fees can be paid beginning today by [PaySchools Central](#) or by sending a check to the Raymond office with your student. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Checks should be made payable to *Raymond Elementary School*.

School fees for the 2026-2027 school year:

Kindergarten \$50.00

Includes scissors, crayons, pencils, folders, glue sticks, paper, headphones, digital tools, take home folder & other classroom supplies.

Grades 1 – 4: \$40.00

Consumable instructional materials for Math, Social Studies, Science, ELA, & Art, take home folder & general classroom supplies.

Fees are due by September 12, 2026.

NOTE: If you qualify for free lunches and have given permission to share this information with our office, the Food Service Department will send us a list of students who are eligible to have their current year fees waived. **Reduced lunch eligibility does not meet criteria for fees to be waived.** You must fill out the Free and Reduced form to be considered for waived fees.



Staffing Updates

- Miss Poulton joins our Raymond staff for her first year as our 4th Grade ELA and Science teacher.
- Mrs. Schertzinger transitions from SLC aide to our building Special Education aide assisting students in the resource room and in the classroom.
- Ms. Dillinger transitions from being a part time intervention specialist to full time, working primarily in our resource room.
- Mrs. Davisson joins our staff as Head Cook, she is excited to greet all of our students and continue to build a wonderful student nutrition program at Raymond.
- Mrs. Moore - Miss Davis got married over the summer and is now Mrs. Moore. Same great school counselor and person - new, improved name!



Support Raymond PTO through the Kroger Community Rewards program, a portion of your everyday purchases goes directly back to our school — at no extra cost to you.

Funds raised help the PTO support classroom needs, student activities, staff appreciation, family events, and more that benefit our entire school community. Once your card is linked, simply shop and swipe — Kroger does the rest!

The set up is EASY — just follow these steps:

1. After logging in, go to Community Rewards under My Account.
2. Search for Raymond Elementary PTO and select Enroll.

If you've successfully added it will say status: Enrolled, and list Raymond Elementary PTO Organintary **PTO—Just by Shopping!** Did you know you can support Raymond Elementary every time you shop at Kroger? By linking your Kroger Shopper's Card to the Raymond Elementaryzation# VW603

Thank you for supporting our students, teachers, and school!

School Delays & Cancellations

It is important that we have your current working phone numbers on file as the district relays weather delay and closing announcements by calling families using the School Messenger District Notification Call System.

Delay and cancel information will be available on local TV stations – 4, 6, 10 and 28 and area radio stations. Weather information is also available on our website – www.marysville.k12.oh.us.

Look & listen closely – There is a Marysville in Muskingum County that has often been mistaken for Marysville in Union County.

TWO-HOUR DELAY

Doors open at 10:55 a.m., classes begin at 11:15. Buses will pick up two hours later than usual.

NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED on 2-hour delay days!

Summer I Ready

Did you participate in our Summer Learning Challenge?

Students that met their challenge and achieved their goals on iReady will have a special Bounce House Reward this fall! Our

kindergartener families were able to join in with a special Kindergarten Readiness BINGO! Kindergarten families can turn in your completed BINGO boards during KRA testing. Great work to everyone!

Food Allergies

Maintaining a safe environment for all students at Raymond is one of our priorities each school year. One part of this is creating an environment where we can keep students & staff from being exposed to items they are allergic to, and we need your help!

Latex allergies: A latex allergy means that a person is allergic to rubber & products containing rubber (such as latex gloves, rubber bands, balloons, etc.) If you are sending items to be shared in a classroom, you may need to make sure it's latex-free – keep in mind if a teacher has requested an item that MIGHT have latex, they will let you know if it MUST be latex-free.

Food allergies: There are many students with common food allergies that we are aware of each year, including peanut, tree nut, egg, and dairy allergies. With this in mind, we have created policies to keep all students safe, starting with asking students not to share food in the lunchroom (or classroom, if applicable.) Please know that it's acceptable to send foods with peanuts/tree nuts for lunch time – there is just a specific “peanut free” table that your child wouldn't be permitted to sit at with those foods.

If your child has (or is suspected of having) an allergy, sensitivity or speciality diet, please be sure to inform the school clinic, and complete the necessary paperwork. You can also refer to the school website's “Health Services” tab for these documents and more information.

Thank you for doing your part in helping keep all students safe at school!

Outside Food Policy

Please be aware that all elementary buildings ask that families not send food items to school for class parties or as birthday treats. This decision was made in order to provide a safe environment for all of our students. We still love to celebrate these special events, but we do so without edible treats. If you are interested in sending in something for your child's birthday, some ideas include pencils, bubbles, book marks, or even donating a new book to the classroom library! Your child's teacher might also have some ideas for the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation.

No soda pop is allowed at school. It cannot be brought in your child's lunch. No soda pop will be allowed at school parties.

School Supplies

United Way is providing school supplies for anyone who needs them. If you need school supplies stop by the table near the office at Meet the Teacher night on August 18, 2026. You can take what your child needs for the school year.

After School Pick up

Afternoon Pick Up Procedure - Please DO NOT arrive before 3:30 pm as we still have students on the playground. **Orange cones will stay up near the playground until 3:30 pm.** Please do not remove cones to drive through. A staff member will remove the cones. You can find the drop off and pick up procedures later in this newsletter.

Raymond PTO

Hello Families,

We're so excited for the upcoming school year and can't wait to partner with you to make it a great one!

The PTO works to support our students, teachers, and school community through events, classroom resources, and family activities. From fun events to exciting fundraisers, we aim to make school a place where everyone feels connected.

PTO meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, and everyone is welcome! Please note the new day of the week. Babysitting is provided, so bring your ideas and join us — we'd love to have you there.

We're kicking off the year with one of our most-loved fundraisers—the **Mum Sale**, starting **September 1**. Stay tuned for more details coming home soon!

You'll find our **calendar of events** for the year on the next page. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

If you have any questions, reach out to us anytime at Raymond.Elementary.PTO@gmail.com.

Your PTO Board:

- Laura Hutchins, President
- Rachel Thomas, Vice President
- Katy Shelly
- Allie Wing, Secretary

Let's make this year amazing — together!

Raymond PTO

Box Tops



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR SCHOOLS

Help schools and teachers get the resources they need! The Box Tops app makes it easy to earn cash for the school of your choice with everyday products you already buy.

- 1 Everyday ways to earn**
Earn for your school with over 350 participating products. Use the Box Tops app to scan paper receipts or select digital receipts within 15 days of purchase, or connect your Walmart account with your Box Tops account to earn at Walmart without scanning.
- 2 Exciting offers every month**
Find new bonus offers every month in the app. Check the app every month to see which of your favorite Box Tops products can earn more than month.
- 3 Extrem! Extrem! Read all about them!**
Seasonal and holiday bonuses give you even more opportunities to earn big for your school throughout the year. Sign up for Box Tops emails and app notifications or the Communications Settings in the app, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the inside scoop on exciting bonus offers that pop up.
- 4 Refer a friend and earn BIG**
Invite friends to Box Tops and when they earn their first receipt within 14 days, you and your friend will each earn Bonus Box Tops for the school of your choice. Go to your profile in the app and tap on "Refer a Friend" to get started.
- 5 Beyond scanning**
You can also use the app to:
 - Follow your school's earning progress
 - See a full list of participating products
 - Find and support schools in your area

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Now you can earn cash for your school every time you buy Box Tops products at Walmart — no scanning required! Just follow these simple steps to connect your Box Tops and Walmart accounts.

HOW IT WORKS:

- STEP 1**
Download the Box Tops app or update to the latest version. In the app, go to your profile, then tap on "Connect Accounts" and select "Walmart."
- STEP 2**
When prompted, sign in to your Walmart account. (If you don't have a Walmart account, you'll be prompted to create one). Make sure to save a payment method to your Walmart account.
- STEP 3**
Your Walmart account is now connected to Box Tops, so your qualifying purchases made in-store and online with a saved payment method will earn for your school! Box Tops will be credited after you receive your Walmart items.

Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Breakfast	\$2.25
Reduced Breakfast	\$.00*
Adult Breakfast	\$3.00
Elementary Lunch	\$3.50
Reduced Lunch	\$.00*
Adult Lunch	\$5.00
Milk Only	\$.75

*For the 2026/2027 school year, the State of Ohio will be paying the reduced lunch price of \$.40 and the reduced breakfast price of \$.30. Families who qualify for reduced meals will not need to pay for breakfast or lunch meals.



Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Free and Reduced Price Meals are available to families who believe they may qualify. If your family chooses to apply please complete a Free and Reduced Meal Price Application Form. You can apply through [Pay School Central](#) which is very quick or print the form [here](#) and return (completed) to any school office. You will be notified by mail of your child's status. Until notification, you must provide your child with lunch or lunch money.

Only complete one application per family. The information you give will be used to determine or prove your child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. This information may also be used for other state or federally-funded school benefits. Directions for the Free and Reduced Meal Price Application can be found [here](#).

Password Reset



MARYSVILLE
Exempted Village School District

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Password Reset Notice

On the evening of August 9, 2026 the Technology Department will reset **ALL STUDENT PASSWORDS** from Grades Alt-K through 12. This is done in preparation for the start of school. Please note that Monday morning your child will not be able to login with their old password (if they had changed it).

After the password reset, students will login with their new password in the following format:

K-6 Student "NEW" password format:

- first initial, last initial, student number, the letter m, 26, !
 - **Example:** John Smith with a Student Number 12345
 - password would be - **js12345m26!**
- **Please note that all letters are lowercase.

7-12 Student "NEW" password format:

- !, first initial, last initial, student number, the letter m, 2026, !@
 - **Example:** John Smith with a Student Number 12345
 - password would be - **!js12345m2026!@**
- **Please note that all letters are lowercase.

NOTE

- If your child does not know their student number, it can be found on the old "Parent Portal" page that can be found on the Resource Links. Also, this is the same number your child uses in the lunch line.
 - Contact your building's office if you have any issues with finding your child's student number.

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, students are able to login with the above Password Format only. We will be sending out instructions later on how to change/customize their password similar to last year.

Student Absences

Ohio House Bill 96 was adopted in 2026 with updated school attendance laws. For more information please refer to the MEVSD communication that will be sent to parents prior to the beginning of school. We will continue to share information as we get it.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

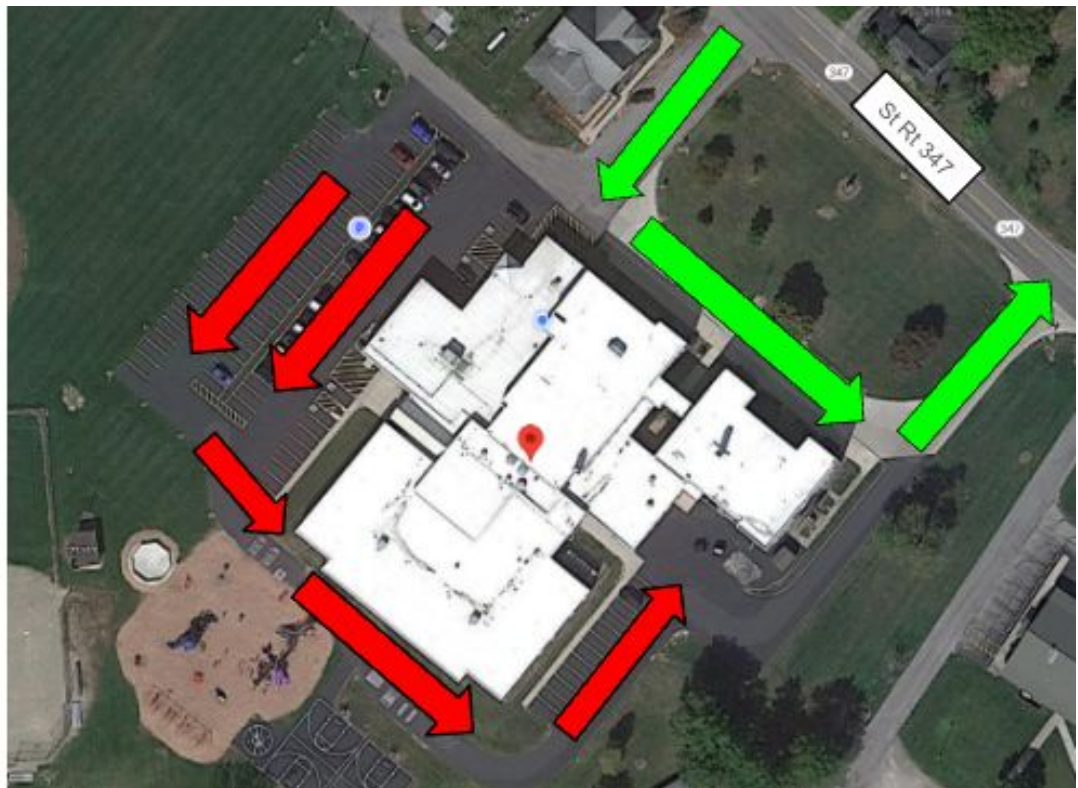
Our school day now begins at 9:15 am, but students may enter the building at 8:55 am, and our day ends at 3:55 pm. On the occasion that you need to pick up your child early or are dropping off after 9:15 am, please come to Door A to sign your child in or out in the office.

- **Morning Drop Off Procedure** - Parents should pull into the parking lot and circle around the back of the building using the access road by the playground to drop off students at DOOR C. Supervision begins at 8:55, so we encourage families to have students remain in their cars until the bell rings. Staff members will be on hand to help students and keep the line moving.
- Families who are using the **School Age Child Care (SACC) Program** will continue to access through Door D at the front of the building.
- **Afternoon Pick Up Procedure** - Please DO NOT arrive before 3:30 pm as we still have students on the playground. **Orange cones will stay up near the playground until 3:30 pm. Please do not remove cones to drive through.** A staff member will remove the cones. Parents should pull into the parking lot and circle around the BACK of the building using the access road by the playground. Students will be exiting via DOOR C and lining up on the sidewalk as they wait for a parent to pull up. We ask that all parents REMAIN in cars and staff members will assist in getting students into cars. Please do not park and walk up to find your child. When exiting, please be sure to STOP at the stop sign and yield to the buses leaving in the front of the building. This is the same procedure as last year.
- A visual is provided below for your reference.

Bus Route and SACC
after 4:00:



Drop Off AND Pick
Up at Door C





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RAYMOND-ELEMENTARY](https://support.dav.org/participants/ramond-elementary)

Flags will be displayed during the Veterans Day Assembly.
Help us fill the front of the building!

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY PTO

2026-2027
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 8/18 - Back to school open house | 4:30-6pm
- 8/24 - Kindergarten open house | 4:30-6pm

November

- 11/04 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 11/04 - Der Dutchman fundraiser ORDERS DUE
- 11/20 - Der Dutchman fundraiser PICK UP | 2pm-6pm

February

- 02/03 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 02/04 - 02/10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
- 02/26 - Family BINGO Night | 6-8pm

September

- 09/01 - Mumkin fundraiser KICKOFF
- 09/02 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 09/09 - Eda's Italian Ice Dine to Donate
- 09/21 - Mumkin fundraiser ORDERS DUE

December

- NO PTO meeting this month
- 12/03 - Cookies with Santa | 5:30-7:30

March

- 03/01 - Spring Flower Sale KICKOFF
- 03/03 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 03/17 - Spring Flower Sale ORDERS DUE

April

- 04/07 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 04/09 & 04/29 - Family movie night at the Avalon

October

- 10/01 - Mumkin fundraiser PICK UP | 12-6pm
- 10/07 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 10/09 - Fall Family Festival | 5-7pm
- 10/08 - 10/14 Parent/Teacher conferences & Book Fair
- 10/21 - Der Dutchman fundraiser KICKOFF

January

- 01/06 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 01/11 - Read-A-Fun KICK OFF
- 01/12 - 01/13 - Breakfast Buddies
- 01/27 - Read-A-Fun LAST DAY

May

- 05/03 - Staff Appreciation week begins!
- TBD - Spring Flower PICK UP | 12-6pm
- 05/04 - 05/06 - BOGO Book Fair
- 05/05 - PTO meeting @6:30pm in the Library
- 05/21 - Field Day
- 05/26 - Last day of school & 4th grade clap out



***EVENT DATES
AND TIMES
ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Raymond.Elementary.PTO@gmail.com

Please use "A Note to Raymond Elementary" for dismissal changes or following an absence. Feel free to make copies of these to use or pick some up in the office. This really helps the office!



A Note to Raymond Elementary

Student Name: _____
Today's Date: ____/____/____
Grade & Teacher: _____

☐ Full Day Absence(s):

- ☐ Was absent date(s) _____
 - ☐ Will be absent date(s) _____
- For the following reason:
- ☐ Due to illness
 - ☐ Due to doctor or dentist appointment (note attached or will be faxed, or absence will be marked "parent excused")
 - ☐ Other: _____

☐ Partial Day Absence(s):

- ☐ Was late ____/____/____ due to _____
- ☐ Will leave early ____/____/____ at ____:____ due to _____ and will be _____ picked up by _____

☐ Dismissal Change:

- On ____/____/____ please have my child:
- ☐ Ride bus # _____
 - ☐ Pickup by: _____
 - ☐ Daycare bus: _____
 - ☐ Go to SACC

Parent/Guardian: _____
Best way to contact me with questions (email or phone): _____



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Today's Date: ____/____/____
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- On ____/____/____ please have my child:
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 - ☐ Pickup by: _____
 - ☐ Daycare bus: _____
 - ☐ Go to SACC

Parent/Guardian: _____
Best way to contact me with questions (email or phone): _____

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Office Opens	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Open House Gr 1-4 4:30-6:00	19	20 Last Name A-M Attends	21 Last Name N-Z Attends	22
23	24 All Gr 1-4 attend Kinder Open House 4:30-6:00	25 Kindergarten Starts	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Sept

1 - Mumkin Sale Kickoff
 2 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
 3 - Kona Ice during recess, bring money
 7 - Labor Day - No School
 9 - Eda's Dine to Donate
 21 - Mumkin Orders Due
 22 - Picture Day
 28 - Yearbook Cover Contest begins



Oct

1 - Kona Ice during recess, bring money
 1 - Mumkin Pickup, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
 7 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
 7 - Yearbook Cover Contest ends
 8-14 - Bookfair
 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 16 - No School
 19 - No School-Parent Teacher Conferences



RAYMOND ELEMENTARY STUDENT DISMISSAL INFORMATION 2026-2027

Please provide the following information regarding dismissal procedures for your child for the first day of school, daily during the school year, and if there is an emergency early dismissal. ***Please return the form by the first day of school.***

Student's Name, Grade, Teacher: _____

1st Day of School Plan - Staggered Start is the 1st day for grades 1-4/August 25th for kindergarten

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| ☐ Ride Bus # _____ | ☐ SACC |
| ☐ Parent/Guardian Pickup | ☐ Other _____ |

Normal Daily Plan:

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| ☐ Ride Bus # _____ | ☐ SACC |
| ☐ Parent/Guardian pick-up
____ I need a car sign | ☐ Other _____ |

Emergency Early Dismissal Plan: (In the case of an emergency early dismissal, you will receive a message through the district's automated phone system)

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| ☐ Ride Bus # _____ | ☐ Emergency contact to pick-up |
| ☐ Parent/Guardian pick-up | ☐ SACC |
| | ☐ Other _____ |

**** Please keep the school advised of any changes to the dismissal plans ****