



Raymond Elementary School
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Dear Families,

And just like that we are back! This has truly been one of the smoothest starts to a school year in my career - thank you for all you are doing to help our students be ready to be successful in the classroom each and every day. I know we have been sharing a lot of information the last few weeks as we adjust to the new tools in the district - so my part in this month's newsletter will be brief!

- **Student Learning** - Students in grades 2 - 4 have started to take their fall diagnostic assessments. This will give us valuable information on what they retained over the summer and where we can start with them this fall. Our younger students will start their diagnostics in the middle of the month.
- **Community Partnerships** - Huge thank you to United Way of Union County and Marysville Wal-Mart for their generosity of school supplies and playground balls. We are grateful for their continued support and partnership.
- **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** - WOW! Our kiddos have done a wonderful job of following our ROAR expectations. As of August 31st, we have recognized students for positive, expected behavior over 2000 times! Additional, negative behavior reports are down by 50% compared to this time last year. Our students are stepping up to show their amazing leadership potential and are striving to the "be the one" to make a difference each day!

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

School Fees

School fees can be paid by using [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.



Raymond Champions

Would you like to volunteer at Raymond? Help the staff in the building? There's a great variety of things you might help with, which could include making copies, putting together packets, helping with bulletin boards, reading with students, helping kids practice math skills and many other things that will support our staff and students!

When you [sign up](#) to volunteer, you'll be helping any staff member in the building (not just your child's teacher.) On arrival at the school you'll sign in, and someone from the office will have a list, schedule and supplies you may need. Please plan for a minimum of 2 hours

Every volunteer must have a completed Screenpointe background check – please email RaymondOffice@mevdsd.us if you need one, or are unsure if yours is current.

T-Shirts

Every other year Raymond PTO provides Raymond t-shirt for all students and staff. This is the year that Raymond PTO purchases t-shirts! All they need from you is your student's shirt size. Please fill out this [form](#) by September 1st.

Accidents at school happen. It could be spilled milk, lunch or bathroom accident. For this reason we ask that students have a change of clothes in their backpack. The easiest way to do this is put the outfit (including underwear) in a ziplock bag to be kept in their backpack.

The clinic has a limited amount of extra clothes but the students are much happier wearing their own clothes when a change is needed.



Inspire the Next Generation: Join Our 3rd & 4th Grade Career Café!

What did you want to be when you grew up? Our 3rd and 4th graders are starting to ask that very question, and we need your help to spark their curiosity!

We are looking for parent speakers to join us for our upcoming **Career Café**. This casual, interactive program gives students a firsthand look at different pathways, industries, and everyday professions. You don't need to have a flashy job to participate—whether you work in trades, healthcare, tech, arts, small business, public service, or anything in between, your experience is valuable.

What to Expect:

- **Format:** A brief 10–15 minute presentation to a small group of students, followed by 5 minutes for Q&A.
- **Topic Ideas:** What a typical day looks like, the tools/technology you use, what skills (like teamwork or math) are important, and why you enjoy what you do. Hands-on props or visual aids are always a hit!
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 30 to 45 minutes total (11:50–12:30)
- If you are interested contact Alyssa Moore, school counselor, at Alyssa.Moore@mevsd.us

The student's will be taking an interest survey in September so I will try to choose volunteers who align with the students interests. I am working on a schedule now but if I have more volunteers I can have more cafe's for the students.

Raymond Elementary has multi age groups called Pride Groups. The students stay in the same pride group throughout their Raymond years. Once they are in 4th grade it is an honor for them to lead their pride group.

This year in Pride Groups we are shifting our focus toward impactful community service! We are thrilled to partner with **Canine Companions**, an incredible non-profit dedicated to providing expertly trained service dogs to adults, children, and veterans with disabilities—entirely free of charge. The 4th graders will help teach about this program to our students and do activities related to canine companions.

Together, we'll be supporting their mission to foster independence and connection through these life-changing dogs. Get ready to get involved, lend a hand, and make a difference—starting with their upcoming **DogFest**! It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate our community, meet some amazing service dogs in training, and support a cause that brings people together.

They are hosting an event September 20th from 1–4 at Canine Companions North Central Training Center 7480 New Albany–Condit Rd., New Albany, OH 43054

MUSIC NOTES



Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Mrs. Sharrock and I will be your child's music teacher. This year I will be at Raymond on Wednesday and Friday and at Mill Valley the rest of the week. We have started the year in music singing and moving!

All students will continue to learn in music class this year based on the Ohio Department of Education Music Content Standards. Active participation in music plays a vital role in developing the whole child. Music fosters creativity, problem-solving and self-awareness. Learning and experiencing music has been proven to enhance your child's ability to learn and retain information in other subjects. Ask your child to share something they learned in music class this week. Looking forward to a year filled with active music learning!

Spotlight on Student Handbook

Each month a different section of the student handbook will be highlighted. This month is the visitor policy.

Adults Entering the Building

According to Ohio Revised Code 3313.20, all persons entering the building or on school grounds are required by law to report to the office indicating their presence and sign in. Please do not report directly to the classroom, lunchroom, or playground during school hours. Administration asks that you do not disturb classes and interrupt the education of the children. This is done for the safety of all students.

From the Library

Mrs. England is starting to let the students check out books in the library. Reminder that books are due on the following week during library.

Library Schedule:

Tuesdays - Munk, Zuchowski, Arnold, Garrison, Armstrong

Thursdays - Poulton, Millice, Fox, Erdelt, Fidler



Teaching (Certified) Substitutes

Would you like to work on the same schedule as your child? Have the same days off? Recent legislation has made it possible for those without a post-secondary degree to obtain a [substitute teaching license](#).

Marysville hires substitute teachers in collaboration with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. Please visit this link to get started with your online application and get the next steps at <https://escoco.org/substitutes/> - Select New or Prospective Applicant.

If you have questions, you can contact the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio directly at 614-445-3750 or visit the FAQ page at <https://www.escoco.org/FAQs.aspx>

The daily rate is \$125 per day; increases to \$135 per day after 15 consecutive days with no break in service moving forward. You can choose to work only at Raymond or any of the Marysville Schools.

Information for Substitute Teachers





Get Involved with the Raymond PTO!

The Raymond Elementary PTO works to support our students, staff and school community through family events, student activities, staff appreciation, fundraisers and other opportunities throughout the school year. Whether you have a lot of time to give or can help with just one event, we'd love to have you involved!

Join us for our first PTO meeting of the year!
Wednesday, Sept. 2
6:30 p.m.
Raymond Elementary Library

Come learn more about what we have planned for the year, share ideas and find ways to get involved. Everyone is welcome!



We're still looking for a few First Friday sponsors!

We still have one date available!! Once these dates are filled we will add our winter and spring dates.

- September 4 – Sponsored by the Albert Family
- October 2 - Biggby Coffee - 18050 State Route 31, Marysville, OH 43040
- November 6 – Sponsored by Stasia Mosier Peake, Realtor
- December 4 – Sponsored by the Hobbs Family with Hillview Farms
- January 8 – AVAILABLE**

Each First Friday, we want to treat our 32 amazing staff members, and it doesn't have to be anything elaborate!

Some easy ideas include:

- Donuts, muffins or pastries
- Cookies or sweet treats
- Popcorn or snack bags
- Coffee or drinks
- A breakfast or snack bar
- Individual treats or goodie bags

Whether you're a business, family or individual, we'd love to have you help us show our staff a little extra appreciation!

Interested in sponsoring January 8? Send us an email
raymond.elementary.pto@gmail.com.



Fall Fest is Coming!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 9** for Raymond Elementary's **Fall Fest!** This **FREE** family event will feature fun games, horse-drawn carriage rides, a pumpkin patch and plenty more for the whole family to enjoy.

Students will also have the opportunity to **earn another Raymond button** for their Button Challenge!

We'll need plenty of helping hands to make the evening a success. Parents and families can sign up to volunteer during the event here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AEAA2FAAF94-65354442-fall>

Interested in getting involved before the big night? We'd also love a few extra hands to help with **Fall Fest planning and preparation**. Email the PTO at **raymond.elementary.pto@gmail.com** if you'd like to help.

We can't wait to celebrate fall with our Raymond families!

Get Ready for Our Annual Mum Sale

Our annual Mum Sale is right around the corner! Get ready to deck out your doorstep with vibrant fall mums while raising funds for our school.

Sale Dates: September 1 – September 21

Pickup Date & Time: October 1 | 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Pickup Location: Liberty Township Building back parking lot (right next to the school)

Ordering details, catalogs and instructions will go home with your student on September 1st. Mark your calendars and thank you for supporting our school!



Good morning and welcome back, Monarchs!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer filled with relaxation, and a lot of sunshine. This school year holds true significance for me as I start my first full year at Raymond Elementary, as I started a little late last year. I am eager to strengthen our partnership between the Sheriff's Office and Marysville Schools, especially with the outstanding staff at Raymond.

As your School Resource Officer (SRO), my primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of all students and staff, maintaining an excellent learning environment. Additionally, I interact with students regarding the vital importance of safety, security, and the necessity of adhering to rules. This role is critical, and I appreciate your cooperation in these efforts.

One of the key programs I deliver is the "Buckle Up with Brutus" program, aimed at second graders to educate them on the importance of seat belt and booster seat safety. As a reminder, please ensure that your child is properly secured in their seat before traveling.

The seat belt laws in Ohio stipulate that:

- Children who are younger than 4 years old, or less than 40 pounds ARE required to be in a child safety seat.
- Children ages 4 to 8 years who weigh more than 40 pounds and are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches must be secured in a booster seat.
- Children aged 8 to 15 must be buckled up, regardless of their position within the vehicle.

I understand the challenges of managing young children (I have a 5 and a 3 year old myself), but this is vital for their safety. If you are picking up your child from school, please ensure they are properly buckled according to the law before leaving school premises. The Sheriff's Office prioritizes child safety, and while we prefer to avoid enforcement action, we will take it if necessary if compliance is not met.

I encourage you to prioritize the safety of yourselves and your children as we begin an excellent school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Have a safe school year!

Deputy Tyler Reasor



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



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Field of Flags while
donating to Disabled
American Veterans
(DAV).*

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

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mumkin Sale Kickoff	2	3 Kona Ice during recess - \$4	4	5
6	7	8	9 Eda's Dine to Donate	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Mumkin Orders Due	22 Picture Day	23	24	25	26
27	28 Yearbook Cover Contest begins	29	30	Oct 1 Kona Ice during recess - \$4		

Oct

1 - Mumkin Pickup, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
 7 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
 7 - Yearbook Cover Contest ends
 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 8-14 - Bookfair
 9 - PTO Fall Family Festival
 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 16 - No School
 19 - No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
 21 - Der Dutchman Fundraiser begins
 26-30 - Red Ribbon Week
 30 - Fall Parties, 3:15, must sign up

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov

3 - Picture Retakes
 4 - Der Dutchman Orders Due
 4 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
 5 - Kona Ice during recess, bring money \$4
 11 - Veteran's Day Program, 9:30 am
 12 - End of 1st Trimester
 20 - Der Dutchman Pick Up
 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break