

SEPTEMBER 8-11



RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

MAP TESTING WILL BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK. SCHEDULES, DAILY WORK AND HOMEWORK WILL START TO NORMALIZE FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS. PLEASE ACCESS FOCUS TO CHECK ON YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS. AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR COUNSELOR.

LINK TO LOG IN TO FOCUS: [HTTPS://RSD.FOCUSCHOOLSOFTWARE.COM/FOCUS/INDEX.PHP](https://rsd.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/index.php)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE DISTRICT PROVIDES STUDENT WITH A CHROMEBOOK AND CHARGER. LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS WILL BE CHARGED TO THE STUDENT/FAMILY. THERE ARE CHARGERS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$20.

CHEAPER ALTERNATIVES CAN BE FOUND ON AMAZON. EXAMPLE FOR THE LENOVO CHROMEBOOKS:

[HTTPS://A.CO/D/03RBWTCH](https://a.co/d/03RBWTCH)

CELL PHONE USAGE - CELL PHONES SHOULD REMAIN IN STUDENTS' LOCKERS THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY.

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER 8-11 BUS EVACUATION DRILLS
SEPTEMBER 14 PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 14 PTA MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16 NO SCHOOL - ACT 80 DAY
SEPTEMBER 18 POPCORN AND CANDY SALE
SEPTEMBER 18 7/8 BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE
SEPTEMBER 23 GRADE LEVEL MEETINGS
ALICE AND SAFE TO SAY

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Ringgold Middle School



FALL DANCE

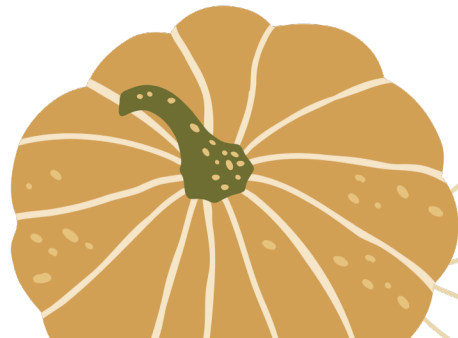
*7th and 8th
Grade*



SEPTEMBER 18

Time: 5-7 PM
Ringgold Middle School
Cafe

Tickets on Sale
September 9-17
\$5



PTA Information:



Together, we can make a difference!

The Ringgold Middle School PTA invites you to join us to make a difference in education and quality of life for our children.

We all know that children learn more and have better lives when parents, school staff, students, and the community work together. Our PTA sponsors such programs as the Scholastic Book Fair, Popcorn/Candy Sales, Teacher Appreciation, and other activities. By becoming a member, you will help determine the direction of the PTA for the coming year.

♥ PTA dues are **\$10.00.** Make checks payable to **RMS PTA.** ♥

RMS PTA Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (for PTA only) _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ ☐ Teacher/Faculty

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

 Ringgold Middle School PTA
 ringgoldmspta@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our school!

♥ PTA DUES PAID ♥

PTA Dues Paid \$ _____ Cash _____ Check Number _____

RMS PTA • 2026–2027 Year at a Glance

Popcorn/Candy Sales • PTA Meetings • Book Fairs

Popcom / Candy Sale

PTA Meeting

Book Fair

SEPTEMBER							2026
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14 M	15	16	17	18 S	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 18							
Meeting: 14							

OCTOBER							2026
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16 S	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26 BF	27	28	29	30	31	
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 16							
Book Fair: 26–30							

NOVEMBER							2026
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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8	9 M	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20 S	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 20							
Meeting: 9							

DECEMBER							2026
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23 S	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 23 • Christmas Carnival							

JANUARY							2027
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11 M	12	13	14	15 S	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 15							
Meeting: 11							

FEBRUARY							2027
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19 S	20	
21	22 BF	23	24	25	26	27	
28							
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 19							
Book Fair: 22–26							

MARCH							2027
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14	15	16	17	18	19 S	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 19							
Meeting: 8							

APRIL							2027
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11	12 M	13	14	15	16 S	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 16							
Meeting: 12							

MAY							2027
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9	10 BF	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21 S	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						
Popcorn/Candy Sale: 21							
Meeting: 10							
Book Fair: 10–14							

Dates shown exactly as provided in the PTA dates document.

We would LOVE to have your help
during school events!

All volunteers are REQUIRED to have a
Ringgold Volunteer Badge to
assist with PTA or school events!



**RMS
PTA**

You must fill out the
Position Volunteer Form.
Located on district page
at QR code below.



SCAN FOR
VOLUNTEER
INFORMATION

Required documents and
any questions can be emailed to:
nmathews@ringgold.org

1. Act 34 PA State Criminal Background Check
Free for Volunteers

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

2. Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance
Free for Volunteers

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

3. Act 114 FBI Fingerprint Clearance

A. Volunteer FBI Background Check
(Service Code 1KG6Y3, \$23.50 fee)

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>

B. Fingerprint Waiver - Found on Ringgold Website
As long as you have resided in PA for the past 10 years.

4. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers -which is a statement
swearing or affirming the applicant has not been disqualified
from service by reason of conviction of designated criminal
offenses or being listed as the perpetrator in a founded report of
child abuse.

5. Shall undergo a test for tuberculosis.
-TB test/results must be dated within three (3) months of the
time you apply for your Position Volunteer badge.

6. ACT 126 (mandated trainer requirements) training. The district
will assign the 3-hour training.



RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL

After School Homework Help

Tuesday & Thursday



**STARTS ON
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22,
2026**

**SESSION
RUNS FROM
3:00–4:30**

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Homework
- Test Prep
- Snack

Students must be picked up at 4:30pm at the RMS main entrance or have a signed Activity Bus Permission Slip to ride the 4:30pm bus.



**Register by contacting
Mrs. Yonkers, guidance secretary,
at dmyonkers@ringgold.org**

2026-2027 MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child to ride the after-school activity bus as needed during the 2026-2027 school year. I understand the following:

- The activity bus picks up students at the bus loop in front of Ringgold High School on Monday through Thursday at 4:30 pm and again at 5:30 pm.
- The drop off stops were selected based on their central locations.
- Each time my child boards the bus it will be his/her responsibility to choose the stop that is closest to his/her home and sign their name agreeing to exit the bus at that stop.
- The driver will only unload at the designated stops.
- The use of riding the activity bus is a privilege that can be revoked if my student does not follow the Ringgold School District Code of Conduct.
- My child will be denied boarding without a signed permission slip from the parent/guardian and his/her student transportation card.
- Suspension from activity bus does not constitute suspension from regular bus; suspension from regular bus will result in a suspension from the activity bus.

NOTE: Activity bus transportation will begin the week of Labor Day (Tuesday, September 8, 2026). Signed and completed forms must be returned to the high school office **prior** to riding the after-school activity bus.

CHILD'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1 _____

PHONE # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #2 _____

PHONE # _____

I give permission for my child to be dropped off at (a location must be checked)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| ☐ Donora: 9 th & Meldon | ☐ Carroll Twp.: RESS | ☐ Finleyville: Old Finley Parking Lot |
| ☐ Donora: 3 rd & McKean | ☐ Monongahela: Chess Park | ☐ Nottingham: Nottingham Twp. Building |
| ☐ Donora: 5 th & Castner | ☐ Elrama: Davidson & 837 | ☐ New Eagle: Bingo Hall |
| ☐ Donora: Market & Modisette | ☐ Gastonville: RESN | |

The activity bus, as indicated above, will run at 4:30 and at 5:30. Please select which time your child will be riding.

☐ 4:30

☐ 5:30



Be prepared with CHIP. Free or low-cost healthcare for Pennsylvania kids and teens.

CHIP COVERS

- Routine check-ups
- Prescriptions
- Hospitalization
- Dental
- Eye Care
- Eyeglasses
- Behavioral care
- Specialty care
- More

There is no limit on income. If your income is below CHIP guidelines, your child may be enrolled in Medical Assistance.

CHIP covers uninsured kids up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your kids don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most kids receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost.

CHIP is brought to you by leading health insurance companies who offer quality, comprehensive coverage.

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