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WEEKLY RAM-PAGE!

September 24, 2026

Parents are encouraged to check their children's hair regularly for head lice. If you find lice or nits, please keep your child home until you are able to treat his/her hair and remove all nits. Many thanks to our PTG who will be providing large plastic drawstring bags for our students to put their coats, hats, and backpacks in to help prevent the spread of headlice at school.

Please be reminded that the first Family Accelerated Reading Night of this school year will be held this evening, Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm! Attending adults will be able to read lower point books with their child and then watch their child take an Accelerated Reader test for the book! All students who attend will receive snacks from our Parent Teacher Guild and RAMS Rewards for participating!



Our first fifth grade Lunch With The Principal of this school year was held this past Wednesday, September 23. Many thanks to Ionia Pizza Hut for sponsoring this fun event!



On Wednesday, September 23, some of our fifth grade students were invited to help members of our VFW remove flags from the graves of veterans at Tuttle Cemetery.



Upcoming Events

September 24: Family Accelerated Reader Night, 6 to 7 pm

September 25: No School for Students/Staff P.D. Day

September 28: Cherrydale Fall Fundraiser Ends

October 1: Third Grade Buddy Breakfast, 7:10-7:40 am

October 7: Fall Student Count Day/Animal Magic Assemblies

October 9: Title 1 Compact and Parent Letter Emailed/Posted
in ClassDojo

October 12: Rather Parent Teacher Guild Meeting, 5:30 pm



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Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! Conferences will be held on October 19, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and on October 22, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you are the parent of a kinderstart, kindergarten, first, second, or third grader and your student qualifies for an Individual Reading Improvement Plan, this plan will be shared with you at the fall conferences. In addition, the Parent-School Compact will be shared and completed. Finally, we will soon be sharing a link to a fall parent survey. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. The feedback from this survey will be studied at an upcoming Rather School Improvement Meeting.

Next week, teachers will be communicating specific conference time slots using an on-line scheduling program called Sign Up Genius. You will soon receive a link from your child's teacher via ClassDojo or email that will take you to Sign Up Genius (the on-line scheduling portal) where you can choose a fifteen minute conference slot for your child. Please note that the link to the scheduling portal will be shared out according to the following schedule:

*September 28 to October 6 - teachers will make their individual scheduling links available to families who have more than one child so that the parents of multiple children (with multiple teachers) will have the opportunity to sign up for time slots that are as close to back to back as possible.

*October 7 to October 16 - teachers will make their individual Sign Up Genius scheduling links available to all other parents who have a single student at Rather.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do our very best to make this electronic scheduling system work for us!



September/October Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Yogurt, String Cheese & Muffin Chicken Tenders	1 Mini Blueberry Waffles Domino's	2 Mini Cinnis Hot Dog On A Bun	3 Banana Bread Pepperoni Pizza Stix	4 <i>NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend Begins</i>
7 <i>NO SCHOOL - Labor Day</i>	8 Maple French Toast Stix Domino's	9 Apple Frudel Beefy Walking Taco	10 Lemon Bread Slice Mini Chicken Corn Dog	11 Scrambler-Egg & Cheese Bosco Sticks
14 Yogurt, String Cheese & Bug Bites Chicken Sandwich	15 Mini Maple Pancakes Domino's	16 Mini Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel French Toast Stix	17 Blueberry Bread Slice Rotini With Meat Sauce	18 Pancake On A Stick Pizza Crunchers
21 Yogurt, String Cheese & Muffin Chicken Tenders	22 Mini Blueberry Waffles Domino's	23 Mini Cinnis Hot Dog On A Bun	24 Banana Bread Pepperoni Pizza Stix	25 <i>NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day</i>
28 Yogurt, String Cheese & Muffin Popcorn Chicken	29 Maple French Toast Stix Domino's	30 Apple Frudel Beefy Walking Tacos	1 Lemon Bread Slice Mini Chicken Corn Dog	2 Scrambler-Egg & Cheese Bosco Sticks

Happy Birthday!

Kinsley Olejniczak 9.1

Garret Page 9.1

Jacob Coon 9.2

Caleb Simon 9.7

Bryant Barber 9.8

Valor Eveleth 9.9

Logan Pickett 9.10

Paxton Oakley 9.12

Belle DeVries 9.13

Hadley Bradford 9.14

Jackson Clayton 9.14

Trenton Schmitz 9.14

Holly Laux 9.16

Kennedi Akley 9.20

Mazeric Schrader 9.20

Gracelyn Stoneham 9.21

David Palma 9.24

Zachary Ondersma 9.27

Juddson Randall 9.28

Kalypso Faylor 9.29

Lucas Alger 9.30

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