



OCTOBER 5-9

RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ISSUES AT SCHOOL REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A CHALLENGING TIME IN A CHILD'S LIFE. SOCIAL MEDIA SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS MENTAL HEALTH. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA. VISIT THIS SITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION [HTTPS://HEALTH.CLEVELANDCLINIC.ORG/DANGERS-OF-SOCIAL-MEDIA-FOR-YOUTH](https://health.clevelandclinic.org/dangers-of-social-media-for-youth)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE DISTRICT PROVIDES EACH 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

OCTOBER 14	NO SCHOOL (IN-SERVICE)
OCTOBER 16	FALL PEP RALLY
OCTOBER 16	POPCORN AND CANDY SALE
OCTOBER 21	UNITY DAY
OCTOBER 22	5/6 FALL FUN PARTY 3-5PM
OCTOBER 25-31	RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 26-30	BOOK FAIR
OCTOBER 27	PICTURE RETAKE DAY
OCTOBER 28	END OF 1ST 9 WEEKS

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RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL HONOR OUR LOCAL VETERANS ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2026.

IF YOU HAVE A VETERAN IN YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE INVITE THEM TO
COME TO THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

AT 8:00 AM WE WILL HOST A BREAKFAST RECEPTION ON THE STAGE,
FOLLOWED BY THE PROGRAM AT 8:45 AM.

FOR US TO BE PREPARED FOR THE RECEPTION AND PROGRAM, PLEASE
SUBMIT YOUR RSVP BEFORE **OCTOBER 30TH**.

DUE TO SEATING CONSTRAINTS, PLEASE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF YOUR
GUESTS TO 4 (THIS INCLUDES THE VETERAN).

RETURNED FORMS CAN BE GIVEN TO THE HOMEROOM TEACHER, THE
MAIN OFFICE OR MRS. DIMOFF IN 132.

RESERVATION FORM

MY VETERAN _____ WILL BE
ATTENDING THE RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2026.

BRANCH: _____ NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

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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 _____

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
★ PTA ★

WAVE OF HONOR

Honor ★ Remember ★ Support

Let's create a Wave of Honor throughout our school community this Veterans Day.

**4" x 6" AMERICAN FLAGS
★ \$2 EACH ★**

Purchase a flag in honor or memory of a veteran, or in support of all who have served.

Flags will be displayed during our Veterans Day Assembly.



50% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
**LIFE-CHANGING SERVICE DOGS
★ ★ FOR VETERANS. ★ ★**

★ **ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 23, 2026** ★

TOGETHER ★ WE HONOR ★ REMEMBER ★ AND SUPPORT ★ OUR VETERANS

♥ SUPPORT STUDENTS TEACHERS COMMUNITY ♥

Ringgold Middle School

PTA FUNDRAISER

♥ RAMS ♥

SNUGGLE UP & SHOW YOUR RAM PRIDE!



Option A



Option B

\$30 each, or 2 for \$50



\$30
FOR ONE

\$50
FOR TWO

ORDERS DUE
OCTOBER 12

Thank you
for supporting
RMS PTA!
♥

Ringgold Middle School PTA
STUDENTS ♥ TEACHERS ♥ SCHOOL ♥ COMMUNITY

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PRIDE
LIVES HERE
♥

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RINGGOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL

	MONDAY 10/5/2026	TUESDAY 10/6/26	WEDNESDAY 10/7/26	THURSDAY 10/8/26	FRIDAY 10/9/26
	HOT DOG BAR CHILI CHEESE FRESH STEAMED BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER	HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE PRETZEL ROD GREEN BEANS	BAKED POTATO BAR CHEESE SAUCE BACON BITS BROCCOLI	TACO'S CRISPY OR SOFT SHELL Seasoned Beef or Chicken Cilantro Lime Rice Seasoned Corn Black Beans Hamburger Cheeseburger Spicy Chicken Sandwich	TURKEY BACON CHEDDAR HOAGIE OR FRENCH BREAD PIZZA CARROTS Hamburger Cheeseburger Crispy Chicken Sandwich
	Hamburger Cheeseburger Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Hamburger Cheeseburger Spicy Chicken Sandwich	Hamburger Cheeseburger Crispy Chicken Sandwich		
	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza PEPPERONI BACON	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza
	DAILY FEATURES WITH FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES				
FUN FACTS & QUOTES	"I've missed more than 9,000 shots... I've failed over and over... and that is why I succeed." — Michael Jordan				

BREAKFAST	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCH MUFFIN	FUDGE POPTART	DUTCH WAFFLE	BREAKFAST PIZZA	BAGEL BREAKFAST SANDWICH EGG, SAUSAGE CHEESE
A variety of Fresh Fruit, Milk, Cereals, Breakfast Bars, and Muffins offered daily on the Breakfast Carts					

MAKE IT A COMPLETE BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

A meal includes grain, protein, fruit, vegetable, and milk.

Be sure to take at least three components

Contact The District Food Service Directors,
Amanda Fronzaglio, at afronzaglio@ringgold.org
or
Kevin Pulit, at kpulit@avifoodsystems.com
with any questions or concerns.

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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



ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS!
INTERESTED IN PLAYING MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL?

JOIN OUR *Heja* TEAM APP!

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!



1. DOWNLOAD

the Heja app
on your phone.



2. ACCEPT

the group invite
using the QR code
or team code.



3. STAY CONNECTED

with opportunities,
announcements and
important updates!

*Same Team
Bigger Things! ♥*



team code

IS-0088437



SCAN ME

**PARENTS – PLEASE DOWNLOAD
THE APP AND ACCEPT THE GROUP INVITE!**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



PARENT MEETING



Wednesday, September 30th



5:30 PM



Ringgold Middle School
Gymnasium

**HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED!**



**OPEN GYM PRACTICES
(OPTIONAL)**



Wednesdays 9/9 to 10/28



5:30 PM – 6:30 PM



Ringgold Middle School
Gymnasium

RINGGOLD YOUTH BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION OPENS 8/1

KINDERGARTEN TO 6TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS
RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT



★ ★ ★

**LIL BALLER
RECREATIONAL
TRAVEL PROGRAMS**

**8/1
TO
10/16**

★ ★ ★

**HOOP STARS
PROGRAM**

**8/1
TO
JANUARY**
START OF PROGRAM

**PRE-REGISTRATION
SIGN-UP REQUIRED!**

**TRAVEL TEAM
TRYOUTS**

SATURDAY 9/26
SUNDAY 9/27
SATURDAY 10/3
SUNDAY 10/4

GIRLS 10:00AM – 11:00AM
BOYS 11:30AM – 12:30PM

ONLY ONE TRYOUT
SESSION REQUIRED

BUILD SKILLS. MAKE FRIENDS. LOVE THE GAME!

REGISTER ONLINE AT
RINGGOLDYOUTHBASKETBALL.ORG

RINGGOLD YOUTH BASKETBALL

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

Travel basketball tryouts are **FREE** and open to Ringgold School District students in grades 3–6.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ:

- **ALL PLAYERS** who want to be placed on a travel basketball team **MUST** attend a tryout. There will be **NO** exceptions.
- There is **NO COST** to register for or attend tryouts. If your child is selected and placed on a travel team, payment will be collected **AFTER** team placement.
- You only need to attend **ONE** tryout session. Please choose **ONE** of the four dates below – you do not need to attend all four.

TRYOUT DATES

-  **Saturday, September 26**
Ringgold Middle School Gymnasium
-  **Sunday, September 27**
Armory Gym & Events Center – Monongahela
-  **Saturday, October 3**
Ringgold Middle School Gymnasium
-  **Sunday, October 4**
Armory Gym & Events Center – Monongahela

TIMES ARE THE SAME EACH DAY

GIRLS | 10:00 – 11:00 AM
BOYS | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

KEY INFORMATION

- Grades 3–6 only
- Ringgold School District students only
- Tryouts are **FREE**
- Pre-registration is required
- Players attend **ONE** tryout session
- Every player must try out to be placed on a travel team – no exceptions
- You do **NOT** pay when registering for tryouts
- Payment is collected after your child is placed on a team

If your child wants to play travel basketball this season,
they MUST be registered for and attend a tryout.



Pre-register through the
Ringgold Youth Basketball website.

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