

# FYI . . . . February 8, 2019

## PARENTS OF 2019-2020 KINDERGARTENERS

We strongly request that 2019-2020 kindergarten parents contact the superintendent's office if your student will be attending Raymond Central Public Schools by **Friday, February 15, 2019**. This will assist in the planning for adequate materials for the parents only meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00PM at Raymond Central High School. Kindergarten students are eligible if they are five (5) years of age by July 31, 2019. Final elementary attendance site placement will be determined at a later date. Please call the superintendent's office at 402-785-2615 or email [crieck@rcentral.org](mailto:crieck@rcentral.org) to register your student(s).

**PRESCHOOL FOR 2019-2020** . . . RC is excited to offer this opportunity for our youngest learners. Two full day sessions are offered, a Monday/Wednesday group and a Tuesday/Thursday group. An application form is available at [www.rcentral.org](http://www.rcentral.org) website to download and complete. The form is located under the "For Parents" tab, then click on Forms and Documents for the form. **Applications are due March 15, 2019**. Late registrations will be processed only if space is available in the program. Preschool students may not turn 5 years old by July 31; these students are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Please see the list of qualifications and details in the application.

**TIME FOR KIDS KICKOFF** . . . was Wednesday, February 6. Students brought home booklets to fill out completely following the instructions inside the booklet. We have the opportunity for students in our school to receive "Time for Kids" magazine at a great discount. This program helps save vital funds for our school by allowing the money that is currently being spent on these materials to be spent on other classroom materials. Last year our schools saved over \$1000! Great American will send out the postcards along with a list of 250 family magazines. Our school receives 40% profit (minus postage) from each magazine purchased. What a great way to "reach out" to out of town family and friends! (**NOTE: postcards will only be mailed out one time and names DO NOT become part of any mailing list.**) Students this year can earn a COOP 2.0 Collectibles (Chickens!) keychain for every family subscription ordered and/or completed postcard booklet. Please follow instructions when filling out the booklets. Postcards and paid subscription(s) need to be returned by Friday, **February 15**. Thank you in advance for participating.

**KINDNESS T-SHIRT** . . . We are encouraging students to wear their Kindness T-Shirt on Friday, February 22. The week of February 17-23 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. Students and staff will be adding ways they show kindness to our display at school. Here are some ways students can spread kindness during this week and throughout the year. Work extra hard this week to do your personal best. Volunteer to help clean a classroom or do another job around school. Write a 'thank you' letter to your teacher. And the easiest of all, SMILE! What other ideas do you have?

**VALENTINE'S DAY** . . . classroom parties will be celebrated on Thursday, February 14, starting at 2PM. Teachers will contact parents with more details. If students choose to bring valentines for classmates, please just have the student sign his/her name rather than addressing to each individual student. Be sure to include enough valentines for all students in the class. Some students may wish to include a small treat with their valentines. To meet the Wellness Policy guidelines for celebrations, if you choose to include treats, non-food items are preferred. We encourage stickers, pencils, "tattoos" and other small items as healthy and safe alternatives to candy. If you chose to include a food item, it will need to meet the USDA Smart Snacks guidelines. For your convenience,

the Smart Snacks calculator can be found on [rcentral.org](http://rcentral.org) under the "Wellness" tab.

**SPIRIT T-SHIRT** . . . We are encouraging students to wear their Mustang Spirit T-Shirt on Friday, February 15.

**NWEA MAP TESTING** . . . will take place February 18-March 1 for grades 3-5. Understanding each student's academic level gives teachers the power to help them excel. MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) computerized adaptive assessments are the tools that make it possible-providing educators with the detailed information they need to build curriculum and meet their students' needs, one child at a time. It's information teachers can use in the classroom to help every child, every day. MAP dynamically adapts to a student's responses as they take the test.

- Answer a question correctly and the test presents a more challenging item
- Miss a question, and MAP offers a simpler item

In this way, the test narrows in on a student's learning level, engaging them with content that allows them to succeed. We would appreciate you not scheduling appointments so students may be assessed with their class. Most students at the elementary will be administered the test from February 18-March 1. Classroom teachers will have their own schedules. Encouraging students to do their best, getting plenty of rest, and eating a healthy breakfast on test dates are all ways to help your child perform his/her best. If you have questions about the tests, please call Mrs. Dostal 402-784-3301 or Mrs. Egr 402-665-3651.

**MUSTANG DINING OUT NIGHT** . . . For TWO weeks in February, Fazoli's on N. 27<sup>th</sup> street in Lincoln will be donating back 20% of Raymond Central patrons dining receipts to assist with spring field trips and other PTO events. Dine day or night February 6-20 and present their voucher upon payment. A paper copy came home with all students last week and was attached to last week's FYI. The **VOUCHER MUST BE PRESENTED** for our school to receive credit. Feel free to make copies and hand out to family and friends!

**PTO MEETINGS** . . . are held monthly and rotate between Ceresco, Valparaiso, and the Hot Spot by Raymond. All parents are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 7PM, at the Hot Spot at Raymond. Follow PTO on Facebook for updates.

**PEOPLE CITY MISSION DRIVE** . . . Raymond Central FBLA is collecting assorted personal items to donate to the People's City Mission. Items needed include: baby wipes, bottles of lotion, towels and Kleenex tissues, regular and travel size. The FBLA is also selling March of Dimes wristbands at a cost of 50 cents each.

## **Upcoming Dates . . .**

Feb 6-15 TFK magazine booklets  
Feb 6-20 Fazoli's dining out-voucher must be presented  
Feb 14 Valentine's Day class parties  
Feb 15 Spirit T-Shirt Day  
Feb 17-23 Random Acts of Kindness Week  
Feb 18-Mar 1 NWEA MAP testing for grades 3-5  
Feb 20 Late start @ 10:15AM  
Feb 22 Kindness T-Shirt Day  
Mar 5 PTO Mtg. @ 7PM @ Hot Spot-Raymond  
Mar 6 PTO dining out night @ Dairy Queen  
Mar 11 No School  
Mar 13 & 14 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-8PM  
Mar 15 No School