

# FYI . . . . . November 30, 2018

## LATE START-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 10:15AM

**RAYMOND CENTRAL ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR** . . . is taking place Saturday, December 1. Special activities will take place from 10AM-12PM at Barnes and Noble, South Pointe Pavilion, 2010 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln. Come and hear our K-1 grade students from both buildings sing Christmas carols at 10AM. A percentage of all purchases (including café) made the day of the book fair, goes to provide money for the purchase of books and materials for both libraries. You do have to mention that you are with RCPS at check-out. If you can't make it out in person, no problem. You can shop online from Dec 1-6 at [www.BN.com/bookfairs](http://www.BN.com/bookfairs) and enter book fair # 12465753.

**BUS LOADING IN VALPARAISO** . . . The bus-loading zone is located in the loop on the southeast side of the school facility. Third street is designated as **ONE WAY** access going west during bus loading times. Parents are asked to drop off or pickup students along the sidewalk located on the east side of the loop or in the diagonal parking located west of the loop; private vehicles are **NOT** to be in the loop during bus loading and unloading times. If parents need to visit with school staff or escort their students, they should park the vehicle in one of the designated areas. For safety, students should exit vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicle. *Buses are **NOT** to be passed when dropping off or loading students. This is against the law and charges may be filed.*

**RECESS** . . . Children will be expected to go outdoors for recess periods. Parents' cooperation in seeing that children dress according to the weather is requested. In most cases if children are not well enough to play outside, they are not well enough to be in school. A child who must remain indoors due to a cold or other illness should bring a note daily to that effect. During winter months, either temperatures and/or ground conditions will dictate in or out play. Playground supervisors will use their judgment in deciding upon ground cover, wind-chill, and temperature. As a general guideline, recess will be outside as long as the air temperature/wind chill is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

**ANGEL/GIVING TREES** . . . will be set out again this year at various locations around Ceresco and Valparaiso. New this year will be an online option via Facebook post. You can watch for the gift requests to be featured on the RC PTO Facebook page. Once the gift requests are hung on ornaments on the trees, generous donors may pick an ornament or two to make those wishes come true. Each gift wish will be about \$20-\$25. Your generosity is appreciated.

**GRADES K-2 VOCAL; 5th-GRADE BAND WINTER CONCERT** . . . will take place on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30PM at the High School. Please have your child(ren) there by 6:15PM. Dress clothes will be expected; please no jeans, t-shirts or tennis shoes. Students will be bussed to the High School for rehearsal practice in the morning.

**SCHOOL CLOSING** . . . In the event school is delayed or cancelled, a voice call, email, and text message will be sent district wide through our BrightArrow System. Please contact district office (402-785-2615) if you would like to be added as a contact in BrightArrow or need to update a new email or phone number. The district will also contact local news stations, such as channel 10/11, 8, and 7, 6, and 3 to post on their morning news station.

**EILEEN'S COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS** - Thank you for all that participated!! Cookie dough pick-up will be on Thursday, December 13, 5:00pm-7:00pm (during the Holiday Shoppe) just in time for some winter baking!

**SHUTTERFLY HOLIDAY ORDERS** . . . Thinking of placing an order through Shutterfly for holiday gifts? Be sure to access the Shutterfly website through the link below, and Raymond Central Elementary Schools will receive a percentage of the sales.  
<http://rcmustangs.shutterflystorefront.com/>

**PTO HOLIDAY SHOPPE** . . . will be open Thursday, December 13 during school hours and until 7PM. Students may purchase gifts for family, friends and pets at very reasonable prices. Most items range in price from \$.50-\$5.00. If you are able to assist at the shop on December 13, please contact the PTO.

**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. There is not a meeting in December. Follow PTO on Facebook for updates.

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### **Upcoming Dates . . .**

Dec 1 Barnes & Noble @ South Pointe, 10AM-12PM  
Dec 4 Winter Concert @ 6:30PM @ HS  
K-2 Grade-vocal; 5th-Grade band  
Dec 5 Late start-10:15AM  
Dec 13 Holiday Shoppe  
Dec 13 Cookie Dough pick up 5-7PM  
Dec 21 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
Dec 21 Early dismissal-1:30PM  
Dec 22-26 NSAA moratorium-gyms are closed  
Dec 24-Jan 4 Winter Break  
Jan 7 School resumes for students