



# Ripley Central School

*"Home of the Eagles"*

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

9/8/2023

Dear RCS Families,

Our school has implemented an enhanced security system to prioritize the safety of all our students. Going forward, parents and family members are required to present their drivers license or other form of ID when entering the building. This new process is designed to be more efficient than the previous one. Thank you for your help with this.

We had a great first week of school, and it culminated in a school-wide Crew Celebration held in the large gymnasium Friday morning. The central theme for this month's gathering revolved around the RCS Character Trait of Respect, with a particular emphasis on Empathy.

Students will be recognized monthly in three key areas:

- 1) Attendance: Each month, we will acknowledge and honor the classrooms that achieve the highest attendance rates.
- 2) School Spirit: At RCS, our school colors are the vibrant blue and white. We encourage both students and staff to celebrate Blue Shirt Friday as a symbol of their school spirit. We will recognize the classrooms with the highest participation rates each month.
- 3) Reading Commitment: Every student is encouraged to read or be read to for a minimum of 15 minutes every night. Cultivating a reading habit is a strong predictor of future academic success. We will be recognizing the students that complete their nightly reading homework 80% of the time monthly.

This week marks the celebration of National Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week. We continuously seek out enthusiastic individuals who enjoy working with children. If you have an interest in becoming a substitute teacher, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school at 716-736-7224.

The Yearbook Mum Sale is currently underway and will continue until September 15. We kindly request that all payments and orders be turned in to your classroom teacher no later than Friday, September 15. This sale plays a crucial role in helping us cover the expenses associated with the yearbooks. As an incentive, students who successfully sell 10 or more mums will be rewarded with a complimentary 2023-2024 yearbook. If you need additional order forms, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school at 716-736-7224. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

**9/5/23 – 9/15/22**

Yearbook Mum Sale

**Wednesday, September 13**

Board Meeting  
6:30pm

**Tuesday, September 19**

PTO Meeting  
5:30pm

**Wednesday, September 22**

School Picture Day

**Wednesday, September 27**

Mum Pickup  
2:30-4:30

**Thursday, September 28**

Girl Scout Recruiting Event  
5:00pm

**Friday, October 6**

Emergency Drill Day  
Dismiss 10 minutes early

**Monday, October 9**

School Closed

*"In life, one has a choice to take one of two paths: to wait for some special day – or to celebrate each special day."*

