



# Ripley Central School

*"Home of the Eagles"*

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

9/22/2023

Dear RCS Families,

This week our primary focus has been on the Ripley Character Trait of Thankfulness. As today marks the official end of summer and tomorrow heralds the arrival of autumn, I find myself filled with profound gratitude for the splendid weather that this season brings. I hope that you and your family will have the opportunity to savor the delights of apples and grapes as they ripen during this time of year.

With the cooler weather approaching, our bus drivers would like to kindly remind parents of an important safety consideration. Although children may spend a relatively short time on the bus, unforeseen situations can arise where they may need to disembark and be exposed to the weather, especially during bus emergency drills conducted earlier in the week. To ensure their safety and comfort, it's essential that children are equipped with weather-appropriate clothing. Please let the school know if clothing is an issue and we will work with families to outfit students with coats and other necessities.

A big thank you goes out to all the families who took part in the Yearbook Mum Sale. Mums will be ready for pickup this upcoming Wednesday at the bus garage between 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM. Feel free to stop by either before or after dismissal to collect your orders. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for this upcoming Monday at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. We want to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in joining our PTO as we are continually seeking new members. The PTO plays a pivotal role in enriching the RCS experience for students and families by organizing enjoyable events and providing valuable support. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there!

At RCS we expect every student to dedicate a minimum of 15 minutes to independent reading Monday through Friday. For younger students, we strongly encourage parents or older siblings to read a story to them nightly. If meeting this expectation poses a challenge, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are committed to assisting students in selecting appropriate books or providing access to audiobooks to support their reading journey. Cultivating a reading habit is a fundamental step toward securing future academic success.

Yours in education,

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, September 23**

First Day of Fall

**Monday, September 25**

PTO Meeting 5:30pm  
Cafeteria

**Wednesday, September 27**

Mum Pickup  
2:30-4:30pm  
Bus Garage

**Thursday, September 28**

Girl Scout Recruiting Event  
5:00pm  
Small Gymnasium

**Friday, October 6**

Emergency Drill Day  
Dismiss 10 minutes early

**Thursday, October 12**

RCS Fall Fest

**Friday, October 13**

Progress Reports Distributed

**Monday, October 9**

School Closed

**Friday, October 20**

Early Dismissal at 11am

*"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." ~ Maya Angelou*