



Ripley Central School

"Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

10/6/2023

Dear RCS Families,

We held the October Crew Celebration this morning, and it was amazing to see the enthusiastic response from our students as they responded to the hand signals they've been using in their classrooms. During our time together, we discussed the Leadworthy concept known as 'self-direct,' highlighting its distinction from 'self-control.' I emphasized that students who exhibit self-directiveness are those who channel their energy towards positive actions and practices that align with their goals. To continue this conversation at home, we encourage you to explore this month's CKH parent newsletter, conveniently located on the back of this letter. Your involvement in these discussions is greatly appreciated.

We want to express our appreciation to the RCS PTO for their incredible generosity and support. Their commitment to providing t-shirts for both students and staff has become a cherished tradition that we value greatly. To streamline the process, we will be sending a text blast to all parents and staff on Monday, October 9th. Please click on the provided link and complete the necessary shirt size information. Your prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping with this wonderful initiative. Blue shirt Friday's will be a point of celebration and school spirit for the 23-24 school year.

During today's Crew Celebration, students in grades PK4-4 were provided with reading folders and reading logs to enhance their reading experience. At RCS, we believe that it's important to build a strong reading habit. This means that from Monday through Friday, students are encouraged to read independently or be read to for at least 15 minutes. As an added incentive, I encouraged older students to read to their younger siblings, creating a valuable bonding opportunity and a "two for one" learning experience.

To recognize and reward our dedicated readers, I have instituted a monthly initiative. Students who complete their nightly reading at least 80% of the time will be eligible for a special reward from the principal at the end of the month. We believe that fostering a love for reading at a young age is instrumental in nurturing lifelong learners.

We will be celebrating the season of Autumn this coming Thursday (10/12). Please send your children with warm clothes and mud boots/shoes as they will be going on a walking field trip to our very own pumpkin patch. A big thank you to the Knight Farms for donating the land and seeds to make this dream a reality. Fall Fest 2023 is going to be awesome!

Yours in education,

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Upcoming Events

Monday, October 9

School Closed

Fire Prevention Week

Sun, Oct 8 – Sat, Oct 14

Wednesday, October 11

Ripley Volunteer Fire Dpt.
Fire Safety Presentation

Thursday, October 12

RCS Fall Fest

Friday, October 13

Blue Shirt Friday

Grs. 3-6 Progress Reports
Distributed

Friday, October 20

Blue Shirt Friday

Early Dismissal at 11am

IMPORTANT

To streamline our dismissal process and ensure the safety and efficiency of our students' transitions, we kindly request that all dismissal changes be communicated by 2 pm. We have been experiencing an increasing number of last-minute changes towards the end of the day, which can disrupt our procedures. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." ~ Albert Camus