

## Ripley Central School

## "Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

12/1/2023

Dear RCS Families,

This week our Ripley Character Trait focus centered on the theme of Thankfulness. At RCS we find ourselves surrounded by numerous reasons to express gratitude. The return of everyone to the building, revitalized and reenergized, is indeed a valuable gift. I hope that you had the opportunity to share moments with your loved ones and took a moment for reflection on the blessings that enrich our lives. Fight the urge to count down the days until Winter Break and, instead, make each day count!

I would like to express gratitude for the tradition of Student-Led Conferences at RCS. Thursday marked an occasion where students had the opportunity to showcase their learning from the first trimester. Engaging with their parents, students articulated their strengths and outlined their next steps in the learning process. Personally, I had the privilege of attending a few conferences and it was awesome to witness these young learners skillfully exhibit their acquired knowledge.

A heartfelt thank you extends to all the individuals who took the time to attend and support our children during this event. The consistent participation we experience for this event underscores the value and success of this practice. Your presence contributes significantly to the educational journey of our students. Thank you!

Keep an eye on the upcoming events column to the right as December is full of exciting activities for the whole family. Mark your calendars for the opening of Santa's Workshop on December 5, where every item will be priced at a nominal two dollars this year. The shop provides students with the opportunity to select thoughtful gifts for their family members. The shop will be open this coming Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

RCS students will be taking a walking field trip to the Ripley Public Library next Friday. Each grade level will create a theme and decorations for their tree. This is a great opportunity to highlight this wonderful community resource to our students. A big thank you goes out to Rhonda Thompson and her staff for reaching out to offer this opportunity to our students once again this year. I can't wait to see what the kids come up with.

Yours in education,

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## Upcoming Events

Monday, December 4 PTO Meeting 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 5 Santa's Workshop 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6 Santa's Workshop 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Macrame Club Holiday Crafts 3:15-4:30 pm

Thursday, December 7 Santa's Workshop 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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Wednesday, December 13

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BOE Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 14
Macrame Club
Holiday Crafts
3:15-4:30 pm

Friday, December 15
PTO Family Movie Night
Large Gym @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20 Holiday Crafts 3:15-4:30 pm

Holiday Concert 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 21 Holiday Crafts 3:15-4:30 pm