



# Ripley Central School

*"Home of the Eagles"*

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

12/8/2023

Dear RCS Families,

We had a wonderful week at RCS, highlighted by Santa's Workshop that took place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A heartfelt thank you extends to the PTO and the dedicated volunteers who contributed their time and effort to assist with the wrapping. Creating an opportunity for all students to shop for loved ones involves considerable work, and it's heartening to witness the abundance of smiles as students head home with their carefully wrapped packages.

Our students embarked on a delightful stroll to the Ripley Public Library where they joyfully decorated trees in preparation of this weekend's Christmas in Ripley festivities. Each grade level showcased their creativity by adorning a unique tree. For those seeking family-friendly fun, this weekend's events are conveniently listed in the column to the right.

We're eagerly anticipating Mr. Morton's visit to RCS this upcoming Monday. His previous visit in November featured the charming pet turkey, Roger. It will be fascinating to discover which furry or feathered friend(s) accompany him this month. Mr. Morton's monthly visits, where he shares captivating information about his animals, have been warmly embraced by all students.

Looking ahead, the PTO has a delightful treat in store with a Family Movie Night (How the Grinch Stole Christmas!) scheduled for next Friday at 6:00 pm (12/15/23). Entry is free and complimentary popcorn will be provided. Additional snacks will be available for a nominal charge. We extend a warm invitation to the entire family. Please join us for this enjoyable evening.

As my office shares a wall with the music room, anticipation is building for the upcoming Winter Concert. Students in grades 1-6 will showcase their talents on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 pm. All are invited to attend and I sincerely hope to see you there.

Make sure to check out the Capturing Kids' Hearts Newsletter printed on the back of this letter. This month's character focus is 'Responsibility'. The newsletter will support tips and conversations that you can have with your children based on this month's theme. Have fun!

Have a great weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, December 9**

Christmas in Ripley

Meeder's Pancake  
Breakfast 6-11 am

Noah's Ark open  
10 am-12pm

Ripley Public Library  
Vendor Sale 10 am – 4 pm

Lakeside Golf Course  
Golf Ball Ornaments  
11 am – 4 pm

Meeder's BBQ Chicken  
11:30 am - gone

Santa Parade 12:30 pm

Visit with Santa, Ripley  
Firehall 1-4 pm

Main Street Pizza, Cookie  
Fun 12-4 pm

Let There Be Light Band,  
Presbyterian Church  
2-4 pm

### **Wednesday, December 13**

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

BOE Meeting 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, December 14**

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

### **Friday, December 15**

PTO Family Movie Night  
*How the Grinch Stole  
Christmas*  
Large Gym @ 6:00 pm

*"Responsibility means that we own our thoughts, words and actions."*

# Do Your Part

Own your thoughts, words, and actions.

*This month, we're challenging your students to reflect on their experiences and take responsibility for how they choose to learn and grow from these experiences. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop your child's sense of responsibility.** As you reflect as a family, celebrate your accomplishments, identify areas you may want to improve, and consider new ways to serve others in the days ahead.*



## 1 ENGAGE: 100 Family Memories

100 Family Memories. This December, challenge your family to list 100 family memories from the year, big and small. As memories come to mind, add them to the list. At the end of the month, share and reflect on these memories as a family. Celebrate the good ones, talk about the lessons you may have learned from the hard ones, and think about how you have grown this year.



## 2 EMPOWER: One Word

Instead of writing a long list of resolutions or goals for the new year, ask each family member to focus on one word. Set aside time and ask each family member to share their word and why they chose it. Get creative and make a sign or decorate a notecard with this word to remind you.



## 3 EXCEL: Neighborhood Sunshine Walk

Neighborhood Sunshine Walk. As a family, write a few notes of encouragement to uplift or affirm those in your community. Take a walk in your neighborhood or apartment building and leave these notes of encouragement on windshields, doors, or mailboxes to spread a little sunshine.

## Conversation Starters

♥ What is your favorite memory from this past year?

♥ What are three important things you have learned in school so far?

♥ What is one thing you want to learn to do next year?