



Ripley Central School

"Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

1/26/24

Dear RCS Families,

This Tuesday marked the much-anticipated start of Ski Club, overcoming the less-than-ideal weather conditions that had persisted the preceding two weeks. Despite the earlier setbacks, students eagerly embraced the opportunity, starting with a lesson before putting their newfound skills into practice on the Bunny Hill. This eight-week program is designed to introduce students to the world of skiing, offering both instruction and hands-on experience to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for this sport.



Throughout this academic year, students in grades K-6 have been actively participating in the Reader's and Writer's Workshops. These programs provide a dynamic teaching model, offering students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in authentic reading and writing experiences. The workshops are thoughtfully designed to encompass various elements, including dedicated time for instruction, book selection, reading, and writing about books. This initiative seamlessly aligns with our balanced literacy block. Both students and teachers have shared positive feedback, highlighting the program's effectiveness in offering increased choice and differentiation. We have also been celebrating student growth as running records are being completed.

My favorite holiday is just around the corner. I can't help but anticipate the upcoming Friday, which marks Punxsutawney Phil's 138th prognostication. It's amazing to consider that Phil has been making weather predictions for a remarkable 138 years, although he doesn't appear to have aged a day, looking perpetually youthful at around 2 or 3 years old. The tradition of Groundhog Day traces back to Pennsylvania's earliest settlers and stems from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition. According to this belief, if a groundhog emerging on this day sees its shadow under clear skies, it will retreat to its burrow, signaling six more weeks of winter. Conversely, if it doesn't spot its shadow due to cloudiness, an early spring is on the horizon. The prospect of an early spring sounds pretty great right now. Let's embrace the optimism and start thinking spring!

Yours in education,

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Upcoming Events

Monday, January 29

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm
Maker Faire ASP 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30

Maker Faire ASP 4:30 pm

Ski Club

Wednesday, January 31

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Basketball Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 1

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Basketball Practice 4:30 pm

Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Monday, February 5

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm
Maker Faire ASP 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6

Maker Faire ASP 4:30 pm

Ski Club

Wednesday, February 7

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Basketball Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 8

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Basketball Practice 4:30 pm

Friday, February 9

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

"The time is always right to do what is right." ~Martin Luther King Jr.