



Ripley Central School

"Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

2/2/24

Dear RCS Families,

We hosted a Crew Celebration on Thursday morning, dedicated to acknowledging the accomplishments of our January Reading Champions, Attendance Champions, and Spirit Champions. Following these recognitions, we delved into discussions on the Leadworthy character trait for February, focusing on 'Kindness.'

During this session, students learned about kindness as the practice of being friendly and compassionate towards others. The entire student body actively exemplified this trait by extending heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Norton for his dedicated service to RCS. Students took the initiative to create banners and cards expressing their well-wishes for his upcoming journey.

As we bid farewell to Mr. Norton, whose last day is today, we extend our sincerest wishes for a fulfilling retirement. May his future endeavors be as enriching as his contributions to the students at RCS.



This week we were delighted to receive a heartfelt thank-you letter from the Erie VA Hospital expressing gratitude for the Christmas cards our students sent to veterans at the VAMC during the holiday season. At RCS the core value of service is deeply ingrained, and I take great pride in the compassionate spirit demonstrated by our students and staff in spreading holiday cheer to our veterans. Their thoughtful gesture has not only brought joy to the recipients but also exemplifies the ethos of service that defines our school community.

I hope that each of you has wonderful Groundhog Day! We will know Phil's prediction by the time you finish reading this letter. Think Spring!

Yours in education,

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Upcoming Events

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
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 8

Musical Practice 4:30 pm

Friday, February 9

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

Maker Faire ASP 4:30 pm

Ski Club

Wednesday, February 14

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Gymnastics 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 15

Musical Practice 4:30 pm
BOE Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, February 16

Musical Practice 4:30 pm

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

Spark the Heart

Be friendly and compassionate.

*This month we are challenging your student to be kind to others, even when it's hard. **We are partnering with you to help your child grow in kindness.** Most children learn new behaviors by copying those around them; we have a powerful opportunity and responsibility to teach kindness by example. This month, model kindness and empower your children to show compassion to those around them with these activities.*



1 ENGAGE: Self-Love Letter

Carve out ten minutes and challenge your family to write themselves a love letter. Follow these simple steps: 1.) Kick it off with "Dear Me," and don't stop writing until the timer goes off. 2.) Tell yourself how amazing you are and list some of your positive qualities. Younger children may need some help with writing or thinking. They may want to draw a picture instead. 3.) Share your letters as a family when you finish. Be sure to affirm each other as you share.



2 EMPOWER: Affirmation Boxes

Have each family member make and decorate their own "Affirmation Box" or bag to display in a central location in your home this month. At least three times a week, write a family member an affirmation and place it in their box. On the last day of the month, ask everyone to read their affirmations and feel the love!



3 EXCEL: Intentional Kindness

As a family, list 25 random acts of kindness you can accomplish this month. Then, make a plan for how you'll do each act. At the end of the month, reflect and celebrate. Encourage your child to share how it made them feel completing these random acts of kindness.

Conversation Starters

♥ Why do you think it's important to be kind to others? To yourself?

♥ Describe a time when someone was kind to you. How did it make you feel?

♥ What is something kind you have done for someone else? How did it make you feel?