



Ripley Central School

"Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

3/8/24

Dear RCS Families,

We enjoyed a fantastic week at school, and a notable highlight was the visit from Mr. Morton. Adding a touch of rural charm, he brought along one of his adorable lambs from the farm. The timing was serendipitous, given that March entered with the gentleness of a lamb. It leaves us curious and excited about what Mr. Morton might bring next month – perhaps a lion to contrast the calm entrance of March?

This Saturday, Mrs. Kondrick will lead a group of students to Lake Shore High School for the WNY Regional Maker Faire. Ripley students who are members of the after-school Maker Club, will showcase their innovative projects, including a hovercraft, electronic bugs, slow stitching, colored tiles, and they will also demonstrate the creation of paper circuits. This event provides a fantastic opportunity for families to witness the creativity of our students. The bus is scheduled to depart from RCS at 9:00 am. Doors to the Faire open at 10 am, and free tickets can be obtained at:



Additionally, on the same day, Mr. Rowe will guide another group of students to the WNY Girls in Sports Event in Jamestown. This exciting event offers participating students the chance to engage in various sports activities such as Volleyball, Running, Golf, and contribute to a special community service project. Attendees will also enjoy lunch and receive a complimentary t-shirt and swag bag. The bus will depart from RCS at 8:45 am, promising a day filled with sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Kindly note and mark your calendars that next week will feature four school days for students. Please be aware that there will be no school on Friday. During this time, our dedicated teachers will be actively engaged in planning for the remainder of the academic year, ensuring a well-prepared and enriching educational experience for all students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours in education,

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 9
WNY Girls in Sports

WNY Maker Faire 10 am
Lake Shore HS

Monday, March 11
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Wrestling Practice 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12
Volleyball Practice 4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 13
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Wrestling Practice 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 14
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Volleyball Practice 4:30 pm

Friday, March 15
No School
In-Service Day

Monday, March 18
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Wrestling Practice 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19
Volleyball Practice 4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Wrestling Practice 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 21
Musical Practice 4:30 pm
Volleyball Practice 4:30 pm

Friday, March 22
Musical Practice 4:30 pm

"If you do not sow in the spring, you will not reap in Autumn." ~Irish Proverb

Step Up

Develop strength to face something difficult.

*This month we are focused on helping students understand that courage is not a magical remedy for fear. Instead, courage is a choice to push through fear, self-doubt, and anxiety to do things that feel hard or frightening. **We are partnering with you this month to grow your child's courage.** This month's activities will help your child understand that courage can equip them to make a positive impact at home, in school, and in the community.*



1 ENGAGE: Courage Role-Play

Discuss having the courage to do the right thing. As a family, role-play situations with your child where they might have to demonstrate courage. For example, role-play what it would look like if they saw a friend being rude to someone else at school. What would they do? How can courage help them stand up for what is right?



2 EMPOWER: Roles at Home

Create a list of household chores. Assign the various chores to each family member. Discuss any additional tools or support needed to accomplish each job. Have a weekly family check-in to celebrate success in completing each job by taking turns giving each family member an affirmation. Rotate chores and ask what additional support is needed.



3 EXCEL: Try Something New

Ask each family member to share something positive they want to do but have been afraid to try. Discuss what fears are getting in the way and steps to overcome those fears. Encourage everyone to try something new this month. Don't forget to celebrate each family member when they do!

Conversation Starters

♥ Think of a friend at school you consider to be courageous. What are some ways they show courage?

♥ Describe a time when you were fearful at school, but you were able to overcome it because of your courage. What helped you to be courageous?

♥ Think of a recent failure at school. What was a lesson you learned from this experience?