



# Ripley Central School

“Home of the Eagles”

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

1/7/2021

Dear RCS Families,

I hope each of you had a nice Winter Break and are rested and recharged for the winter push. This is the time of the year when we typically see the largest amount of student growth due to the consistency of the school’s schedule. We are still working on closing gaps that were created during the 6-month layoff this past spring and summer. You can help us close these gaps by making sure that your children are completing their reading homework nightly. Every student in grades PK-6 is expected to be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes nightly (either independently or with an adult). This is an opportunity to create quality time with your younger children, as well a time for older students to practice personal responsibility. We have a new reading challenge that will be running through the month of January. The classroom with the highest percentage of students completing their nightly reading will earn a pizza party. Congratulations to Mrs. Meredith’s 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning the challenge in December!

Tomorrow will be a half day of student attendance. Students will begin dismissing at 11:40. **Our AM Pre-kindergarten students will not be attending school tomorrow. Tomorrow will be a day of attendance for our PM Pre-kindergarten students.** The PK day runs from 8:00-10:30am. RCS will have one half day on the second Friday of each month for the remainder of the school year. Our next half day will be on Friday, February 12 (for planning purposes).

Each month we have school-wide virtual Crew Celebration to recognize:

1. The homeroom with the best attendance
2. The homeroom with the most school spirit
3. Highlight of the RCS Character Strengths (Respect, Responsibility, Thankfulness, Grit, and Leadership)

Tomorrow we will recognize our Attendance and Spirit champions. Don’t forget to wear your blue shirts for Blue Shirt Friday.

I would like to end this week’s letter by recognizing our PTO for putting together the goodie bags that were sent home with students prior to break. All of the contents were packed and then stored in a decontamination room prior to being sent home with students. I would also like to thank Meeder’s restaurant for providing a \$20 gift card for each RCS family. Thank you for continuing to support our Ripley students and families.

Have a great weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

### Friday 1/8/21

½ Day of School

Afternoon PK Students  
will attend from 8:00-  
10:30am

### Monday 1/18/21

No School

MLK Day

### Wednesday 1/20/21

BOE Meeting 6:30pm

### Friday 1/22/21

January Progress

Reports Distributed

*“I think goals should never be easy, they should force you to work, even if they are uncomfortable at the time.”*

~Michael Phelps