



Ripley Central School

“Home of the Eagles”

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

12/4/2020

Dear RCS Families,

I hope each of you had a nice Thanksgiving Break. Students finished their second round of i-Ready testing prior to the break and we saw growth from September’s testing. We are still working on closing the gaps that were created by the school’s almost 6-month closure. Please make sure that your child(ren) are completing their nightly reading homework. If a student reads for 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year, and will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade. This small daily commitment leads to big gains for your child’s future. We currently have a reading challenge going for the month of December and this commitment could also lead to a pizza party as well. Thank you for your continued support.

Student Led Conferences will be taking place Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening. Students will be dismissing early on the Thursday and Friday (12/3 & 12/4). We will be conducting virtual SLC’s in an effort to keep everyone safe. Each of the students in grades K-6 have recorded a special video of themselves discussing their 1st trimester learning. These student videos will be shared during each SLC. The Zoom links have been sent out to parents via Seesaw. You will simply click the link at your child’s conference time to virtually participate. Please contact the school if technology is an issue and we will make arrangements so that you are able to participate.

The school received a second generous \$50 gift from Ripley resident Barb Kittle. The donated money will be used to fund a reading competition for the month of January. The homeroom with the highest participation rate with their nightly reading for the month of January will receive a Pizza Party. Please make sure to sign off on your children’s reading logs so that their hard work is recognized. Students are currently competing for a December pizza party. A big thank you to Ms. Kittle for making this possible.

Next Friday is an early dismissal day for teacher professional development. PK AM students will attend next Friday 12/11/20. The PK PM students will attend during January’s ½ day scheduled for 1/8/21. K-6 students will begin dismissing at 11:40.

Due to the current pandemic we’ve had to cancel many of the traditions that make this time of year special (the Holiday Concert, Senior Citizen Luncheon, and Santa’s Workshop). During the month of December, we will continue to take advantage of getting the students outside for some winter fun. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed for these adventures. Please contact the school if your child needs winter gear and we’ll get it to them.

Yours in education,

Mr. Micah Oldham
RCS Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 12/11/20
Early Dismissal @
11:40 am

AM PK student
attendance
8:00 – 10:00 am

Thursday 12/17/20
Board of Education
Meeting at 6:30pm

Wednesday 12/23/20
No School -
Winter Recess

Joy lies in the fight, in the attempt, in the suffering involved, not in the victory itself. ~Mahatma Gandhi