



REDTAIL RIDGE REPORT

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April 2018



Calendar of Events



- Apr. 5 End of 3rd Quarter, Early Release (1:50 PM)
- Apr. 6 No School—Grading Day
- Apr. 9 4th Quarter Begins
- Apr. 12 Conferences 4:15—8:15 PM
- Apr. 16-20 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Apr. 17 Conferences 4:15—8:15 PM
- Apr. 19 Conferences 4:15—6:15 PM
- Apr. 21 Service Day Saturday
- Apr. 23—27 Administrative Office Professionals Week
- Apr. 30—May 4 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week
- May 1 School Principals' Day
- PTC Meeting 6:30 PM
- May 7 Elementary Art Show @ Redtail Ridge 5:30—7:30 PM
- May 9 National School Nurse Day
- May 10 Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- May 16 Incoming Kindergarten Experience
- May 28 Memorial Day, No School
- May 31 Redtail Ridge Night at Target Field 7:10 PM

March seemed to fly by at Redtail Ridge as it was packed with excitement and learning. Along with spring break to restore our engines, we had concerts, picture days, pancake breakfasts, and more! One memorable event was our Teacher Olympics to celebrate the successful fundraising and reading in the month of February. Check out this short collection of pictures of the event linked here.

<https://quik.gopro.com/v/va82zJ9YKL/>

One specific focus of our teachers this winter and spring has been creating student friendly learning targets. Students learn best when they can identify the goal of each lesson and how they will demonstrate their learning. You can support this work by having conversations at home about student learning. Instead of just asking what children did today, try asking “What were your learning targets today?” Or “How did you show your teacher what you learned?” Almost all of our learning targets start with the words “I can,” so you can use those words to help facilitate that conversation.

Thank you again parents and families for everything you do to continue to support your students and our school. As we begin the fourth quarter and our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders start taking the MCA assessments, we appreciate your efforts to continue to prioritize learning at school and home as you help them stay prepared for learning each day.

Spring Dress Code

We take pride in the appearance of our students. Most likely the school's standards for acceptable attire are nearly identical to parents. Now that warmer weather is approaching, students can begin wearing shorts if temperatures are 60 degrees or warmer.

As is written in the Parent / Student Handbook, students who come to school dressed inappropriately, will be asked to call parents for a change of clothing. The students go out for recess before lunch for 20 minutes and their classroom teacher may take them outside for additional recess breaks-coats and/or heavy sweatshirts are also expected to be worn as well. Thanks for your help in this matter.



EARLY RELEASE (1:50) on Thursday, April 5th
NO SCHOOL on Friday, April 6th

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Staff members are looking forward to your visit for parent-teacher conferences on **April 12th, 17th & 19th.**

If you haven't yet signed up please follow the link below.

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Redtail_Ridge_Elementary

If you have any questions or concerns regarding conferences please call the Redtail Ridge Office.

Reward School
★ 2012

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Reward School
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SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade MCA Reading and Math Testing dates are **April 2nd through May 4th.**

5th Grade Science Testing dates are May 4th through May 11th.
Teachers will inform you as to when their classrooms will be testing.

Please arrange appointments so your student is present for testing on these dates. THANK YOU!

February—C.A.R.E.S. Student of the Month

The following students were identified by their classroom teacher as the C.A.R.E.S. student of the month for March. Congratulations!

Andrew MacInnis	Ivy Do	Audrey Clemens	Triston Preston	Kai Greene
Zach Washleski	Abby Otte	Zach Jacobs	Tiana Nguyen	Brooklynne Thorson
Ella Wassing	Greta Wahlstrom	Kherington Sturm	Katrina Johnson	Keriya Ean
Thaddeus Parrish	Teagan Slattery	Brady Shaban	Taylor Tate	Anna Trachsel
Veronica Cisel	Chase Noreen	Ali Torres	Madison Harty	Addison Coughlin
Emmalyn Hawks	Tyler Beaton	Claire Docken	Charlie Shadis	
Lucas Hallberg	Eva Slagle	Cece Hernandez-Soto	Evelyn Timmerman	

Yearbooks

If you haven't already ordered your yearbook make sure to follow the link below. Yearbooks are \$20.00. Use code **10418418** when ordering.

ybpay.lifetouch.com

Choir Concert

The Choir Concert will be on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the Redtail Ridge Gym.



**Upcoming PTC Meeting:
Tuesday, May 1st
@ 6:30 PM**



Davanni Pizza Fundraiser



The next Davanni's FUNdraiser in Savage is on Monday, April 16th between 4-8 PM. 20% of your order will be donated back to our school. Thank you for your support!

The month of April has been designated as Volunteer Appreciation Month. We sincerely appreciate the numerous volunteers who have given so freely of their time to the students and staff at Redtail Ridge Elementary.

Lost and Found

We have many items in the Lost and Found located on the lower level near the Kindergarten Pod. If your child is missing a mitten, hat, coat, snow pants or any other clothing item, please be sure to check this area. We also have small items such as glasses, jewelry and headbands located in the Main Office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will be offering the prepackaged school supplies through **School Tool Box** for the 2018-19 school year. It will be online ordering only and all the supplies will be delivered to your home! Watch for information to be sent home in early May.



April 2018 Nurses' Notes



Spring is here and it is time to think about Spring Safety!

Smoke alarms- Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors- Like smoke alarms, CO alarms battery should be tested every month and replaced at least once a year. Make sure vents of your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

Family Emergency Plan- Every family should have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review and practice that plan with family members.

Get Rid of Unwanted Medicine- Bring all unwanted and/or expired medications to a Prescription Drop Box near you. This service is free and convenient. Proper disposal will insure medications will not get into the wrong hands and be destroyed in an environmentally safe way. Prescription Drop Boxes are located at:

Savage – Front vestibule of the Savage Police Department
6000 McColl Drive.

Prior Lake – Front vestibule of the Prior Lake Police Department
4649 Dakota Avenue S.E.

Window safety- Remember screens can keep bugs out, but they do not keep children in. Follow some of these suggestions to keep our children safe!

- Always supervise children and keep play area away from windows.
- If children are present, keep windows closed and locked. If they are open, make sure children cannot reach them.
- For double-hung window on the upper floor, open the top sash for ventilation and keep the bottom sash closed.
- Keep furniture away from windows and do not allow children to jump on beds or other furniture.

Chemicals and cleaning products: CDC recommends keeping toxic products such as cleaning solutions in their original packaging, out of sight and out of reach of curious children. If chemical was inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin, immediately call the Poison Help at 1(800) 222-1222 for assistance. Calls are free, confidential and answered 24hrs a day.

National Autism Awareness Month

April is National Autism Awareness Month. This year's goal is not to only bring Autism awareness to all but to work to ensure acceptance and inclusion for those living with autism. We encourage schools and community to truly appreciate and value the unique talent and gift individuals with autism bring. Support Autism Awareness Day by wearing the colors of the autism puzzle ribbon on April 2nd. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of the people and families living with autism. Learn more about autism at Autismsociety.com.



Twins Night



Redtail Ridge students and families have an opportunity to attend the Minnesota Twins Game vs the Cleveland Indians on Thursday, May 31st at 7:10 pm. The ticket ordering deadline is Friday, April 27th. Please see the form at the end of this

Kid's Company Registration

Kids' Company registration is available online for both the summer and the 2018-19 School Year programs. For more information or to register, please visit www.priorlakesavagece.com.

Student Placement Form

A Student Placement Information Form is available for parents who wish to identify characteristics of their child to help in the making of classroom assignments for next year. The form does not allow for the request of a specific teacher. Forms are available in the Redtail Ridge office.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 5 or before September 1, 2018 and have not registered for Kindergarten, please contact the District office at 952-226-0043.

If your student has not had a preschool screening, please contact ECFE at 952-226-0975.

Frequently Dialed Extensions

Attendance (24 Hrs).....	226-8001
Main Number	226-8000
Health Office	226-8006
Community Ed	226-0080
Kids Company.....	226-0090
P.L.A.Y.....	220-6055
or www.playinfo.org	
District Office	226-0000
Transportation.....	226-0050
Bus Dispatch.....	440-1166

You may access the Redtail Ridge website at: www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us
 Go to: Our Schools, then choose Redtail Ridge Elementary. You can access the Staff Directory, Lunch Menus, Calendar, Newsletter and much more!

SCHOOL CLOSING



For information on emergency school closings or delayed starts tune into WCCO radio (830 am) & TV (channel 4), KARE 11 TV (channel 11), KSTP-TV (channel 5), KMSP/FOX TV (channel 9).

The announcement would indicate that all **Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools** are closed or beginning late. Officials attempt to make this decision as early as possible in the morning. The message will also run on the school district website: www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us.

In rare instances, we may need to dismiss students early. If the need should arise, please be sure you have a family plan to cover this situation so children are not left unattended. Sharing this plan with your children is important and will alleviate their fears if Redtail does close early.



PLSAS Online Tools

Find these links in our Parent Portal on the website: www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/parents

Infinite Campus Student Information System that houses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bus stop schedules •Official grades •Gr. 6-12 class schedules •Attendance •Contact information •Health information 	FeePay COMPREHENSIVE FEE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM Register and pay for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Activities •Meals •Community Ed. classes •Kids' Company •Circle of Friends Preschool •Field trips and more 	schoolgy Teacher, student and parent communication tool: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Classroom updates •Assignments •Calendar •Study guides •Quizzes/tests •Interactive discussions
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Biking to School



Only students who have access to school by a walking/bike path are allowed to bike to school. A note from their parent/guardian must be sent to school, indicating the specific days they are allowed to bike. Students must abide by the end of the day dismissal procedures-waiting until buses have left the premises before leaving. There is a bike rack which students must use-a lock is recommended.



LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Collection is Easy! Please continue to save your **Campbell's Labels for Education!**
 Check out their website at: www.labelsforeducation.com
 Thank you for your support.



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Boxtops are found on **General Mills products**. Please collect and send these boxtops to Redtail Ridge.

MILK MOOLA & Land O'Lakes

These **milk caps** bring in 5 cents each for schools. Please send them along with your students to Redtail Ridge.

TYSON PROJECT A+ LABELS

Raise funds for your school quickly and easily. Simply collect labels from participating **Tyson**® products from your grocer freezer's section and give them to your school. The labels can be redeemed for cash to be spent however and wherever your school needs it.

Save Ink Cartridges

Redtail Ridge is collecting ink and toner cartridges. Please send any used ink cartridges you may have with your child to school. We will bring them in and use the money to help fund our Junior Naturalists and environmental programs at school.

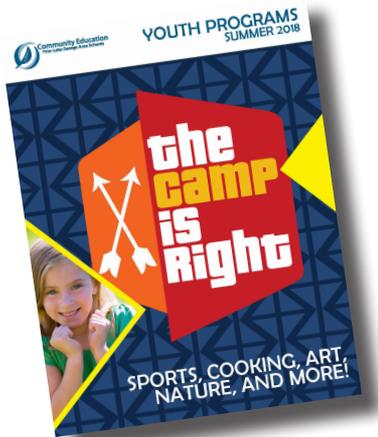
Please send smaller inkjet cartridges in baggies, and toner cartridges in bags or their packing box.

Thank you for your support !

Classes for Youth!

- Awesome Cartoons (Gr. K-5)
- Coding - Scratch Video Games Gr. 2-5)
- Junior Dance (Gr. 3-5)
- Tennis (Ages 4-11)
- Run for It! (Gr. 1-5)
- Nature Warriors (Gr. K-2)
- Golf (Gr. 1-3)
- Mindfulness, Yoga & Fitness Fun (Gr. K-5)
- Fantastic Forces (Gr. 1-5)
- Art Splash(Gr. K-5)
- and more!

Summer Youth Camp
Registration is now open. See
whats happening this summer.



Classes for Youth!

- How to Start Your Own Business
- Furniture Upholstery: Foot Stool
- Breaking Up with Sugar
- Staging Your Home to Sell
- Beginning Cake Decorating
- Make & Take Kitchen Herb Pot
- American Sign Language
- Courageous Conversations
- No Mistake Watercolor
- How to Win with Investment Properties
- Simply Organized Photos
- Knowing Your Muslim Neighbor
- and more!

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Summer Swim Lessons
Register at www.priorlakesavagece.com

Session I: June 11 to 21
Session 2: June 25 to 28 and July 2 to 6 (Not July 4)
Session 3: July 9 to 19
Session 4: July 23 to August 2



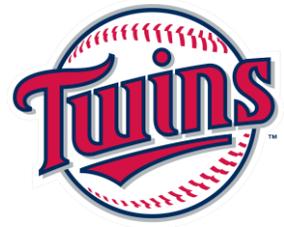
Swimming Strong since '71
PriorLakeSavageCE.com

Find all of our classes and events online at www.priorlakesavagece.com



Redtail Ridge Night at Target Field!

Thursday, May 31 7:10 pm
Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Indians



Dear Students and Parents,

We're going to a Twins game! Your entire family is invited to take advantage of the tickets being offered to families of Redtail Ridge Elementary. Let's all take this great opportunity for our community to get together outside of the classroom, have fun, meet other Redtail Ridge Elementary families, and cheer for the Minnesota Twins!

Students and family members can purchase Twins tickets for the price of \$27.00 for the seats in "Treasure Island Cove" and \$58.00 for seats in the Home Plate Box. Payment is required to order and tickets will be sent home with your student at least two weeks before the game.

Transportation to and from the game **will not** be provided. Students must be accompanied by an adult!

Ticket Order Instructions:

- Choose your tickets.** Our seats are in sections the Deck section and the Home Plate Box section. A map of the stadium is located on the Minnesota Twins website. The choir will sing during the 7th Inning Stretch in Target Plaza.
- Return completed order form and exact payment (cash or check) to Redtail by Friday, April 27th.** You may send your order form and payment to school with your child or drop off in the office. Orders will be received and given seating priority by the date they are received. **Please check with your student to make sure they remembered to turn in their order.**

NOTE: There is extremely high demand for tickets to this game and the number of seats allocated to Redtail Ridge Elementary is limited. Orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot guarantee that all orders will be filled and any requests that were unable to be filled will be returned to your student as soon as possible.

Please direct any questions to Amy Zbikowski at azbikowski@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us.

Minnesota Twins Ticket Order Form

Deadline: April 27, 2018

(Please print legibly)

Student Name/ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email: _____

Ticket Section (Circle One): The Deck \$27 Home Plate Box \$58

Number of Tickets Ordered: _____

(There is no limit. However, in the event of high demand, orders over 10 tickets may be restricted in order to serve more families. You will be contacted via email should this occur.)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Checks Payable to Redtail Ridge Elementary