Redtail Ridge Report

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March 2020

Calendar of Events

Mar. 2-6 National School Breakfast Week
   School Social Work Week
Mar. 2 PTC Meeting 6:30 PM in Media Center
Mar. 3 Presidential Nomination Primary
Mar. 5 Spring Picture Day
   Butter Braid Pick Up 4-6 in Gym
Mar. 6 Wear green today for PTLS Awareness
   (more information later in this newsletter)
Mar. 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar. 12 Kindergarten Music Program 6:30 PM
Mar. 13 Family Fun Night 6-8 PM
Mar. 19 PTC Noodles Fundraiser Night 4-7 PM
Mar. 20 Yearbook Orders Due
Mar. 23-27 Spring Break
Mar. 31 1st Grade Music Program 6:30 PM
Apr. 2 End of 3rd Quarter. Early Release Day at 1:50 PM
Apr. 3 No School
Apr. 6 4th Quarter Begins
Apr. 7 PTC Meeting 6:30 PM in Media Center
Apr. 9 Conferences 4:15-8:15 PM
Apr. 14 Conferences 4:15-6:15 PM

Redtail Ridge Families,

With the recent warmer temperatures, we are all feeling a bit of spring fever. Classrooms have been able to get outside for extra recess and are taking advantage of some outdoor learning. Be sure to get outside and enjoy the weather!

The service learning project on February 14th was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated supplies! We are so proud of our students' hard work filling with the assembling of backpacks. We were able to fill 28 backpacks and over 50 ziplock bags full of supplies! We will be donating these supplies to local charities to provide some necessary supplies for school and learning!

Just a reminder as winter (hopefully) comes to a close and spring arrives, we will continue our focus on attendance. February has been a particularly tough month for attendance due to illnesses. Staying home from school is the right thing to do when you have symptoms that are contagious. As educators, we expect those absences, but we continue to encourage families to be aware of the absences they can control such as appointments and vacations. When combined with sick days, these absences can have a big impact on student progress.

We are looking forward to a wonderful month of learning!

Barb Yetzer and Lindsay Comstock

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture day is coming up on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Lifetouch will photograph only those students who have pre-paid for pictures in Grades 1-5; it won't be whole classes like in the fall. If parents of students in grades 1-5 wish to order pictures please use the following link:

http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/EVTNWM8HT

They plan to photograph all of the Kindergarten students with their cap/gown for a "Graduation" themed picture. Kindergarten parents do not have to purchase pictures packages to receive this photo along with their graduation certificate. If parents wish to order Kindergarten graduation pictures or one with a spring background please use the following link:

http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/EVTC8J8ZR

Don't Forget . . . .
Spring Ahead . . .
March 8th

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Staff members are looking forward to your visit for parent-teacher conferences on April 9th, 14th & 16th. We will again use PTCFast.com to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences. You will receive an email with a link to sign up for conferences later this month. If you do not have internet access, please call the Redtail Ridge office at 952-226-8000 for assistance.
If you have a child who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2020, 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.

PTC MEETINGS
March 2nd & April 7th @ 6:30 PM in the Media Center

SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade MCA Reading and Math Testing window dates are April 6th through May 1st.
5th Grade Science Testing window dates are May 4th through May 8th.
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!

Kindergarten Registration

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

Olivia Wagner  Will Eidem  Rylee Bril  Alaric Wefel  Kate Schoenbauer
Nyla Gavin  Wyatt Monserud  Hapsa Amin  Moses Wilkens  Lucy Sumner
Carter Pflaum  Eli DeRusha  Tegan Stavsvick  Lucas Hallberg  April Lunde
Dan Slowinske  Sloan Norris  Adyson LaValley  Natalie Ith
Greta Wahlstrom  Alexis Noble  Maddie Stone  Mackenzie Eisenach
Alli Romann  Eli Timmerman  Ethan Totten  Alia Priebe
Jaxx Benson  Isabelle Clayton  Tahani Kadiye  Andrew MacInnis

Music Programs

The Kindergarten Music Program is on Thursday, March 12th and the First Grade will be having their music program on Tuesday, March 31st. Both programs will be in the Redtail Ridge Gym at 6:30!

Green Out!

Don't forget to wear green on Friday, March 6th for Potocki-Lupski Syndrome (PTLS) Awareness Day to show support for one of our very own Redtail Ridge students. You can find more information later in this newsletter.

Butter Braid Pick Up

Don't forget to pick up your Butter Braid orders on Thursday, March 5th between 4-6 PM in the gym. If you are unable to pick up your order on this date, please make arrangements for someone else to get it for you. No orders can be left overnight at the school since they are frozen. Thank you!

Yearbooks

Don't forget to order your yearbook soon! Yearbooks are $20 and the deadline for ordering is March 20th.

Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and use Yearbook ID Code: 10418420

Please see the flyer later this newsletter for more information.
National School Breakfast Week

March 2nd - March 6th is National School Breakfast Week. Breakfast at Redtail Ridge will start at 8:30 AM. Please sign in at the office before you go down to breakfast. We hope to see you then!

Come join PLSAS Child Nutrition Services for Breakfast! We will be serving delicious and nutritious special meals this week to celebrate the most important meal of the day!

We want to extend an invitation to you, your students and their siblings to join us for breakfast at your child’s school. The menu can be found on SchoolCafe and breakfast times vary by school. Student breakfast meals are $1.80 and adult breakfast meals are $2.25.

We Hope to See You at Breakfast!

SPAN is the Prior Lake-Savage Chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT). Our mission is to support and advocate for academically advanced students, their parents, and their educators. Our last meeting of the school year will take place on Friday March 6 at 10am at the Prior Lake Lunds’ Caribou (16731 Hwy 13; Prior Lake, MN 55372). The meeting will be an informal one where you can stop by and talk with SPAN Board members about anything...concerns about your high-ability child, high school and middle school scheduling, whether your child should attend SAGE, support for you as a parent, etc. We continue to look for parents who would like to join our SPAN Board. Contact span.priorlake@gmail.com with questions/concerns.

School Social Work Week

The week of March 2nd-6th has been set aside as School Social Work Week. We are so appreciative of Jaime Toenies-Semling, our School Social Worker, for all of the caring support she provides to our students every day! Thank you Mrs. Toenies-Semling!!

Winter and the Playground

In order for a child to play in the snow at school, he/she must have snow pants and boots on. Students without snow pants and boots are required to stay on the asphalt. Of course, we do not allow any snowball throwing at school.

Students will be going outside for recess unless the “Feels Like” temperature drops below –5 degrees or it is steadily raining. Each elementary will use the KARE 11 website to determine the “Feels Like” temperature.

Frequently Dialed Extensions

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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!
NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Food allergies have become more prevalent, affecting 4-6% of US children. Although symptoms and severity of allergic reactions to food can be different between individuals, peanuts and tree nuts account for some of the most serious allergic reactions. In trying to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students, we encourage families to be mindful when sending outside foods and snacks into school. Also, please remind your students to never share or trade foods with other students. Thank you in advance in helping keep all children safe and remove one more health barrier that keeps some children from reaching their full potential.

Please Help Us Prevent the Spread of Illness at Redtail Ridge

'Tis the time of year when lots of illness is being spread! We've definitively seen an increase in illness, as usual, during this time of year. Please remember to have your child:

- Cover their nose and mouth with elbows rather than hands when coughing and sneezing, and to dispose of tissues in the trash can promptly.
- Practice good handwashing (Ask them to hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice while they're washing!)
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
- Bring home their water bottle regularly so that it can be washed at home.

and **most importantly, please:**

- Keep your child home when he/she is sick. General guidelines are outlined below.

It is also greatly appreciated that when you report that your child is home ill to the attendance line, you leave all symptoms your child has (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, etc.). Our Health Services team strives to help kiddos stay healthy by tracking communicable diseases throughout the district. We follow the Minnesota Department of Health's guidelines for reporting, as it is vital step in controlling the spread of communicable diseases.

Thank you for your awareness in helping to keep our students healthy!
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**Spring Break Reminder**

Just a reminder to check your child for head lice after the break with sleepovers, travel, etc. Information about head lice is available here: [https://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/about-us/departments/health-safety](https://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/about-us/departments/health-safety) Please notify the Health Office of any head lice cases you find and treat at home. This will help us monitor any cases appropriately at school.
**Best Value!**

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  - Cubierta personalizada  
  - Hardcover Upgrade $5.00 |
| ** PACKAGE D ** | $21.75 |  
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  - Zoom  
  - Adhesivos del anuario  
  - Hardcover Upgrade $5.00 |

**Extras**

- Personalized Yearbook Cover*  
  $6.00  
  Your student's portrait & name printed directly on the cover.  
  Cubierta personalizada. El retrato y el nombre de tu estudiante, impresos directamente en la cubierta.

- Zoom: Current Events Insert **  
  $2.00  
  An insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!  
  Zoom: Volante de los eventos actuales. ¡Un volante que exhibe los deportes, el entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año!  

- Autograph Insert**  
  $1.00  
  An insert for students to collect signatures and messages from friends and teachers.  
  Volante de autógrafo. Un volante para que los estudiantes recopilen firmas y mensajes de amigos y docentes.

- Yearbook Stickys  
  $1.50  
  Vibrant, removable stickers to personalize yearbook pages.  
  Adhesivos del anuario. Adhesivos vibrantes y removibles para personalizar las páginas del anuario.

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*Yearbook design varies by school. El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela.  
**Inserts must be affixed in the yearbook after arrival. Los volantes deben ser anexados al anuario después de su llegada.

- Prices include sales tax where applicable. Los precios incluyen impuesto a las ventas donde corresponda.
Hello! My name is Zachary. I am a second grader at Redtail Ridge and I have Potocki-Lupski Syndrome. Every year on March 8, Potocki-Lupski Syndrome (PTLS) Awareness Day is celebrated around the world by people wearing green. On this day, my family and I get to teach others about myself and what having PTLS looks like for me. PTLS is caused by a duplication of a very small section of information, on one half of the 17th chromosome pair.

PTLS causes my brain and my body to work a little differently than most kids. I can understand most of what people say, but sometimes have trouble communicating all of my thoughts, feelings, wants and needs. I am working on building my communication skills through therapy and support at school and home. PTLS also includes developmental delays in every area (including speech), needing glasses, having low muscle tone, slower physical growth (small for my age) struggling with balance and depth perception. Many people who have PTLS also have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) including me, which affects me in lots of ways, including controlling how I act when I have big feelings or my ability to focus for a long time.

I love to make new friends and to run, dance, listen to music, play with cars and sing. Some of the fun things about PTLS are my joyfulness, happiness and friendliness. I thrive within my routines and also love to give hugs.

I’m thankful for everyone who takes time to get to know me and especially friends who like to run with me at school. I hope to see you wearing green with me on March 8! If you want to learn more about my syndrome, you can read all about it from the PTLS Foundation at http://ptlsfoundation.org.
Please Note

Last day for non-school day registration and removal:

**Monday, March 9**

Register in FeePay:
www.priorlake-savage.feepay.com

Non-school days cannot be removed online, you must contact the Kids’ Co. office.

**KIDS’ COMPANY OFFICE**
(952) 226-0090  kidscompany@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us

**CONNECT WITH THE SITE**
Kris Ziskovsky, Site Leader
Redtail Ridge Site Phone: (952) 217-1259
kidscorr@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us

**MARCH**
MON I 23rd
TUES I 24th
WED I 25th

**Monday, March 23**
High Touch High Tech (On-Site)

**Tuesday, March 24**
Shakopee Bowl

**Wednesday, March 25**
Rad Zoo

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**
Kids’ Company Closed: March 26-27
Early Release: April 2
Non-School Day: April 3
To register for or verify if you have registered for non-school days in Eleyo, select the Kids’ Company photo tile.

Select the Account Management button.

Log into Eleyo.

Select the child’s contract.
Days listed here are Non-School Days you have registered for.

To register for upcoming Non-School Days, click here.

If you wish to remove any Non-School Days that you have registered for, please contact the Kids’ Company office at 952-226-0090 or lkraft@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us and let us know which dates you need to remove.

Thank you for choosing Kids’ Company.