



# REDTAIL RIDGE REPORT

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



October 2018

## Calendar of Events

Oct 1	Davanni's Night 4-8 PM (Savage)
Oct 2	PTC Meeting 6:30 PM Media Center
Oct 4	ELC Parent Info Night @ 6:00 PM Media Center
Oct 7-13	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 11	Butter Braid Orders Due
Oct 14-20	National School Lunch Week National School Bus Safety Week
Oct 17-22	No School E-12
Oct 24	Picture Retake Day
Oct 25	Reading Intervention Parent Night 6:00 Media Ctr
Oct 29-Nov 2	5th Grade ELC Trip
Nov 4	Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 5	Davanni's Night 4-8 PM (Savage) PTC Meeting 6:30 PM Media Center
Nov 6	Election Day
Nov 7	Butter Braid Pick Up 4-6 PM Gym
Nov 8	Early Release Day 1:50 PM
Nov 9	No School E-12
Nov 11-17	American Education Week
Nov 12	2nd Quarter Begins
Nov 13	Conferences 4:15-6:15 PM
Nov 15	Conferences 4:15-8:15 PM
Nov 19	Conferences 4:15-8:15 PM



Redtail Ridge Families,  
It has been a great start to the year. Students are forming close relationships with classmates, teachers, and staff and everybody is finding a home at Redtail Ridge. Thank you for your efforts to ensure your child comes to school each day ready to learn. It is the partnership between families and the school that provide the best learning and school experiences for children. Already this year we would like to thank our families for supporting our school community as we try to continually improve our approaches to meeting our district mission to educate all learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community. We are excited for this school year and thankful for the incredible families and students we get to work with every day.

## Reminder . . .



Wednesday, October 17th through Monday, October 22nd, No School Grades E-12

**PTC MEETING**  
Tuesday, Oct. 2nd  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
In the Media Center



## Morning Drop-Off and End of the Day Pick-Up Reminder

### ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students walking to school or who are dropped off at school should arrive at school NO EARLIER THAN 9:05 A.M. Staff is not available to supervise students prior to that time.

### CHILDREN PICKED UP AFTER SCHOOL BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

If a child is being picked up after school, a note from a parent or a guardian **MUST** be given to their classroom teacher the day they will be picked up. If a child informs us that he/she is to be picked up after school, but does not have a note, he/she must board the school bus if the parent is not here at dismissal.

### CHILDREN PICKED UP AFTER SCHOOL BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

Anytime a child will be picked up by someone other than a parent/guardian, **A NOTE MUST** be given to the classroom teacher stating the time, date, and person authorized to pick their child up. For security reasons, your child will not be released to anyone other than the parent/guardian unless they are stated in writing on the note sent to the office by their classroom teacher.

**A written, signed note is preferred to an email or phone call, as the teacher is able to send the note to the office with attendance, and then keep the note when it is returned, as a reminder of the pick-up and time. Also, if the teacher is absent the Guest Teacher would not receive the email. Phone calls regarding pick-ups require an interruption in the classroom during instruction time to inform the teacher and student, and are discouraged.**

*Thank you for helping us to keep the daily drop-offs and pick-ups for our 680+ students organized and our students safe.*

## MAP Testing

Students in grades 2 - 5 will have scheduled times to complete MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) reading and math testing. The Fall testing window is September 17—October 12.

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!***

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## MCA III Test Results

Last spring, the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) were once again administered to students across the state of Minnesota. At the elementary level, students in grades 3-5 were assessed in the areas of reading and math. Grade 5 students were also assessed in science. Individual student results will be sent home with students in early October.

## Early Release Days



The ultimate worth of professional development for teachers is the essential role it plays in the improvement of student learning. Research

states that the best way to improve student achievement is to increase our teachers' effectiveness.

In order to provide professional development opportunities for our staff, three early release days have been built into the district calendar this year. **Please be aware that November 8th, January 24th and March 28th will be early release days for students.**

At Redtail Ridge, students **will be released from school at 1:50 p.m.** on early release days. Please remember to work these days into your family's schedule in order to provide for your child's daycare needs. We appreciate your cooperation!

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## Congratulations!

Best Wishes and Congratulations to Kindergarten Teacher, Theresa Steffen. She was married over the summer and is now Mrs. Alvarez!



Congratulations to Tuyet Nguyen, our District Nurse, and her husband John. They welcomed a baby boy, Tristan Lam Nguyen, on September 20th. Liam was 6 Lbs. 6 Oz. and 18.5 inches long.

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## Wolfride 2018

We are already in heavy planning for our 5th graders upcoming trip to Wolf Ridge. We are leaving for the week long trip on **Monday, October 29th and returning home Friday, November 2nd.**

Wolf Ridge parent information night is **October 4th in the Redtail Ridge Media Center from 6:00—7:00 PM.** There will be a presentation from the school nurse and the fifth grade teachers, followed by a question and answer session.



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## Attendance Procedures

Regular, on-time attendance is necessary for our student's academic success. It also promotes positive work ethic for employment skills and future success.

**Please be reminded that parents / guardians are required to notify the office via a note or telephone call prior to 9:45 a.m. on or before the day their child will be absent for any reason.**

Our voice mail attendance hotline (952-226-8001) is open 24 hours a day. Failure to call may result in an unexcused

absence for your child. Students are considered tardy if they arrive at school after 9:20 a.m.

We hope that you read the procedures included in our Parent / Student Handbook. The handbook outlines the reasons that will be accepted for excused absences and examples of unexcused tardies and absences.

In order to provide the very best education for your children, they need to be in attendance. Missed assign-

ments can be completed. However, it is extremely difficult to replicate instructional activities, discussions, small group work, etc. that have taken place while your child was absent from school. Although we know that illnesses cannot be avoided, we hope that you will make every effort to schedule family vacations during the summer or one of the our scheduled school breaks. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

## PTC Notes & News!

THANK YOU Redtail Ridge Families for your support this first month of school! Our Box Tops contest has bought in more than 2000 Box Tops! The contests ends October 1 so keep sending them in! Contest forms were sent home the first week of school. Top three classes that bring in the most Box Tops will win a popcorn party!

At the September PTC meeting we voted to fund the following: science notebooks for a 1st grade classroom and ukuleles for music to give Mrs. Z a complete classroom set.

Our Butter Braid fundraiser kicks off at the end of September! Funds raised from the sale will go towards classroom supplies, field trip scholarships and transportation, technology subscriptions for classrooms, and more!

We hope to see you at an event or a meeting soon! Our October PTC meeting is Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm in the media center. Email us at [RedtailRidgePTC@gmail.com](mailto:RedtailRidgePTC@gmail.com) for more info or to be added to our volunteer list. Thanks again for your support!

### Davanni Pizza Fundraiser



The first Davanni's FUNdraiser of the 2018-19 school year is on Monday, October 1st between 4-8 PM in Savage. 20% of your order will be donated back to our school. Thank you for your support!



### Fundraiser Delivery

Butter Braid orders are due on Thursday, October 11th. Delivery will be on Wednesday, November 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Gym.



Thank you to all of the Redtail Ridge families who participated in the MVEC Beat the Peak energy challenge. The Redtail Ridge team won first place in the energy reduction program for the second year in a row which means we will receive a cash prize of \$7500.00! We will be using these funds for soft seating in the open pod areas.

## October 2018 Nurse's Notes

The cold and flu season will soon be upon us. Please consider getting your flu shot to protect yourself and those around you. Frequent hand washing is also a strong defense in preventing illness. If your child does become ill, please remember the following before sending them to school:

- If the student has had a fever of **100 degrees** or more, the student should **stay home for 24 hours** after the temperature returns to normal without medication.
- If the student has **vomited or had diarrhea**, he/she should **stay home until 24 hours** after the last episode.
- If the student has any rash that may be disease-related or the cause is unknown, check with your health care provider before sending him/her to school.
- If the student has open/drainning skin sores, or inflamed/drainning eyes or ears the student should stay home until seen by your health care provider.

### Annual Health Forms:

Please make sure you have returned your child's annual health form to the Health Office. It is very important to turn these in each year. Remember to sign the correct spot for the Health Office to share or not share health information with necessary staff.

### Head Lice Information:

As always, please remember to check your student for head lice periodically throughout the year. Information about head lice is available on the Health Services website: <http://209.123.98.149/about-us/departments/transportation-operations/health-safety/index.aspx> If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Health office for a hard copy.

# New Staff!

We are pleased to welcome the following staff members new to Redtail Ridge this year:

- **Sarah Bale**-Building Substitute Teacher
- **Melissa Benson**-Child Nutrition
- **Courtney Buck**-Behavior Specialist
- **Marie Cavallaro**-4th Grade Teacher
- **Miranda Cole-Wasgatt**-Special Education Teacher
- **Alex Head**-DAPE
- **Jill Lacher**-Special Education Team Leader
- **Lisa Lagergren**-Lifeskills Teacher
- **Stephanie Ozols**-Child Nutrition
- **Amie Wollin**-Special Needs Nurse

We are excited to share staff that will assume new positions at Redtail Ridge:

- **Jennifer Hansen**-previously taught 1st grade and will be looping with her class teaching 2nd grade.
- **Kelly Stufft**-previously taught 4th grade and will be a 1st grade teacher.
- **Mark Nissen**-previously taught 4th grade and will be a 3rd grade teacher.
- **Betsy Shasky**-previously taught a second grade homeroom and will be our Reading Intervention teacher.

## 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 <a href="http://www.playinfo.org">www.playinfo.org</a>	
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](http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)

Click on Our Schools and choose Redtail Ridge.

Information includes, Staff Directory, , lunch menus, Newsletters, and much more.

## SCHOOL FORMS DUE!

For the well-being of your child, please remember to turn in your updated emergency information as soon as possible. If your child becomes ill or injured at school, this information, along with current telephone numbers, are critical for our health office and office staff!

If there are any legal proceedings regarding the welfare of your child, please make sure our office has a copy of the appropriate legal papers as well.

Please turn in your Parental Release Form and submit the End of Day Plan form if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

## Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be on **Wednesday, October 24th**. All unwanted pictures should be returned and given to the photographer on retake day.



### 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

## 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.

## Collect My Coke Rewards

We now collect My Coke Rewards found on Coca-cola brand beverages. The My Coke Rewards have a point value that can be redeemed for products to help students become active learners. Make sure to



### LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Collection is Easy! Please continue to save your **Campbell's Labels for Education!** Check out their website at: [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)



Community Education offers fun and learning for all ages and abilities! We hope you find something you will enjoy...keep learning!

**October 2018**



## Classes for Youth!

- Chem-Mystery (Gr. 1-5)
- Beautiful Drawings (Gr. K-5)
- Chess (Gr. K-5)
- A Series of Unfortunate One-Acts (Gr. 1-5)
- Science Comes Alive (Gr. 1-5)
- Fitness Boot Camp w/Meditation & Yoga Fun (Gr. K-5)
- Fencing (Gr. 2-12)
- Cupcake Mania 2.0 (Ages 5+)
- Machine Maniacs (Gr. 2-5)
- Junior Robotics (Gr. 1-5)
- Spanish (Gr. K-5)
- Girls: Made with Code (Gr. 3-7)
- JAVA Minecraft Mod Development: Superhero Armor (Gr. 3-7)
- Mad About the Masters (Gr. K-5)
- Fall Frenzy Art Sampler (Gr. K-5)
- Read and Run (gr. 3-5)
- Coding- Scratch (Gr. 2-5)
- Advanced Minecraft: Crazy Command Block (Gr. 3-7)
- Writing a Strong College Essay (Gr. 10-12)
- Prepare for the ACT (Gr. 11-12)
- Creative Gift Making (Gr. K-5)
- Spanish Immersion: After School Style (Gr. K-5)
- Tae Kwon Do Karate (Ages 5+)

## Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27  
 2:30-5 pm  
 Twin Oaks Middle School  
 Lower Level



Enjoy games, prizes, inflatables, treats, individual and family costume contests, a haunted house and more!

At the door: \$5/Ages 1-12  
 (Infants and Adults Free)  
 Parent Supervision required for children under 9.

Canned goods and monetary donations accepted



Questions? Want to volunteer? Please call Bobbi at 952.226.0081.

Find all of our classes and events online at  
[www.priorlakesavagece.com](http://www.priorlakesavagece.com)



## Opiates in MN: Narcan Training

Surgeon General  
urges more  
Americans to  
carry opioid  
antidote.

## Protect from an Overdose Narcan Training

Learn about current opiates on the street and prescribed opiates, what local opioid trends are, how to recognize opioid use versus opioid overdoses and how to use the opioid overdose reversal drug, Narcan. All attendees will receive a Narcan kit upon receiving this life saving training.

Instructor Stephanie Devich is a Certified Prevention Professional, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and has trained and dispensed over 7000 Narcan kits throughout the state of Minnesota. She currently works at Valhalla Place a Medication Assisted Treatment program that works with opioid dependent patients and is starting her Master's degree in Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling at St Mary's College.

**Monday, October 1**  
**6:30-8 pm**  
**Twin Oaks Middle School**  
**\$19/person or \$29/pair**

Pre-registration required.  
To register visit [www.priorlakesavagece.com](http://www.priorlakesavagece.com)  
or call 952-226-0080

All Participants  
receive a  
Narcan Kit



## Classes for Adults!

- Laughter Yoga
- Conversational American Sign Language Part 1
- Simplify Your Photos, Videos & Digital Life
- Knowing Your Muslim Neighbor Part 1 & Part 2
- Knowing Your Muslim Students
- Retirement Planning Today
- Fraud! Scams and How to Avoid Them
- Just Breathe
- Essential Oils: Pregnancy, Labor, Delivery & Postpartum
- CPR/AED & First Aid
- Travel Show
- Palette Up! Poppies in Watercolor
- Kombucha
- Hand Stamped Holiday Cards
- Glass Mosaic Welcome sign or Holiday Stocking Hanger
- Lefse
- Truffle Party



Check in - 9:00 - 9:20 am

Sessions | 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Recognizing Early Warning Signs in Children and Adolescents**  
<https://ews-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**Understanding Early Episode Psychosis**  
<https://ueep-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**Eating Disorders: How to Identify Them and Support A Loved One**  
<https://eatingdisorders-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**The Quest for Resiliency - Moving from Stressed Out to Chill**  
<https://resiliency-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

Lunch | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch provided when pre-registered.  
Browse resource tables during this time and learn to assemble an optional advisory binder.

**Location:**  
Prior Lake High School  
7575 150th Street West  
Savage, MN 55378

Free CEU's  
or COA  
available

Sessions | 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

**Mental Health Crisis Planning for Families**  
<https://crisisplanning-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**Special Education: Helping Students Succeed**  
<https://specialeducation-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**Mental Health 101 for Cultural Communities**  
<https://mh101-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

**Understanding the Children's Mental Health System**  
<https://childrensmhsystem-priorlake10-13.eventbrite.com>

If you need childcare (ages 3 & up) while you attend, please contact Sara Corpron by October 1 at [scorpron@namimm.org](mailto:scorpron@namimm.org) or call 651-410-6147

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For more information, contact Liz Babkin at 651-645-2948 ext. 109 or [ebabkin@namimm.org](mailto:ebabkin@namimm.org) For additional events visit: [www.namimm.org](http://www.namimm.org)

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. NAMI Minnesota offers education, support and advocacy.



The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals on tour promoting their (fictional) cookbook and lifestyle guide. This performance includes a variety of segments on healthy living the Lutheran way including: the Lutheran "food wheel" (all roads lead to hotdish); a Lutheran rap ("Eat Like a Lutheran"); and Lutheran beauty tips (you, too, can be a SEXY LUTHERAN!) In addition, audience volunteers compete for cans of corn in the fast-paced game show POTLUCK. Using music, comedy, and some help from the audience, these gals share some age-old wisdom for living a long and healthy life, the Lutheran way. And of course, you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'em! This must-see one hour show will be followed by a hot dish luncheon.

**Saturday, November 3 @ 10:30 am**

Shakopee High School | 100 17th Ave W | Shakopee

**Tickets: \$24**  
Includes show and lunch



Purchase online at [www.priorlakesavagece.com](http://www.priorlakesavagece.com),  
in person at Community Education located at  
4540 Tower St SE, Prior Lake  
or by calling 952-226-0080