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A Word From Our Principal

Dear Raymore Families,

How quickly this first month of school has flown! Teachers and students are hard at work learning with our exciting new *Pathways to Reading®* and *Good Habits Great Readers®* reading and writing programs, and we are celebrating together as students set and reach personal learning goals!

I am excited to share that preliminary results indicate Ray-Pec School District will be Accredited with Distinction in Performance for the sixth year in a row! Once again I'm excited to report that Raymore Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets in both our state Communication Arts and Math Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test! The percentage of students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced achievement levels combined with those who met their "Growth Target" exceeded the requirement AND the state average! I am very proud of the fine work and achievement by our students and teachers!

	Communication Arts	Mathematics
AYP Requirement for 2011	75.5%	72.5%
Raymore Elementary Results	78.4%	79.5%

According to years of research compiled by Dr. Larry Lezotte, schools where all children successfully learn share certain key characteristics that have come to be known as the Seven Correlates of Effective Schools. Among them, positive, effective home-school relations were key to student achievement. Your support of what happens in the classroom and help at home have helped us achieve the above results! We look forward to seeing kids soar to even greater heights this year!

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At the end of each quarter, we will once again honor students' achievement and great character traits throughout the year with our S.O.A.R. awards. We look forward to celebrating those and first quarter progress with you on October 19-20 at Parent-Teacher conferences.

I encourage each of you to consider joining our Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA). This organization helps in many big and small ways to support your child. A $5 membership, when pooled with others, allows PTA to pay for many of our field trips, popcorn parties, VIP Pancake breakfast, and much, much more! Please consider supporting PTA as they support your child here at Raymore Elementary.

I want to encourage you to have your child arrive to school at 8:20 a.m. each day. We begin our breakfast and morning assemblies right away and dismiss to class at 8:30. Arriving at 8:20 a.m. helps them have the smoothest, most successful start to their day. In addition, we encourage parents to allow their child to remain in learning until 3:45 p.m. We make the most of every learning minute! (Note: Please avoid signing your child out early and need all changes in dismissal to be communicated with staff by 2:30.) Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your presence at Meet The Teacher Open House, Parent Information Night, Culver's Night, Paradise Park Night, and even during lunch! Your involvement in these events helps strengthen our school. We look forward to seeing you at other events this fall.

Respectfully,

Ms. Michelle Hofmann, Principal

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Our Mission: *"All Raymore Elementary and Early Learning Department students will achieve maximum success through a community committed to consistent, high expectations, collaboration, and instilling a lifelong love of learning.'*

WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome our staff new to Raymore Elementary this year:

- **Mrs. Heinrich (Attendance Secretary)**
- **Mrs. Kelch (2nd grade Teacher)**
- **Mrs. Fisher (Speech/Language Teacher)**
- **Mrs. MacKay (Special Services Teacher K-2)**
- **Mrs. Henry (Special Services Para)**
- **Mrs. J. Green (Focus Teacher)**
- **Mr. Mullins (New Day Lead Custodian)**

I am very excited to have them join our learning community!

READATHON!!!

Our Readathon ends September 30th when our final reading minute slip for week four is due. Our students have been reading like crazy and we have been so happy to reward them for that with Sonic, McDonalds, Culvers, and Dairy Queen coupons. Please thank those local businesses for us if you can!

Then collect those reading pledges! Remember, 100% of money raised for Readathon stays at Raymore Elementary. Ask your family, and other school/student supporters to consider writing a check to PTA for Readathon, it's tax deductible! Our goal is $5000. We spend more than that on field trips every year. Please help us meet our budget goals.

Questions, contact Sonja Abdelgawad at abdelgawads@att.net

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Payton Ball, 4th grader in Mrs. A LaSala's class, for winning the spirit wear design contest. Payton's design will be featured on 2011 / 2012 spirit wear. Way to go Payton!!

PTA News

Welcome to the new school year! If you haven't already gotten multiple emails from me or seen my name on the Raymore Elementary PTA's facebook page, I am Allison Bruflat, the PTA president for 2011-2012. In our PTA we are working hard this year to communicate with our school families about events, volunteer opportunities, and the business of supporting our school. We need your help to make this a great school year!

***First I hope you've had a chance to join PTA. Your $5 membership not only supports our local PTA chapter it helps us pay for things like student field trips. Membership also gets you national discounts!**

***Second, I also hope you have joined our Google group, if not search for us, Raymore Elementary PTA at www.groups.google.com and request access.**

***Third, please check out our new website at www.raymoreelementarypta.pbworks.com There you can find links to meeting agendas and minutes, contact information for board and committee chairs, and see upcoming volunteer opportunities.**

Volunteering is never required with your PTA membership. But think, if every adult connected with our Raymore students gave one hour of their time to making 2011-2012 a great school year, we'd have over 500 man-hours of work done. According to some volunteer hour calculators that's the equivalent of $8500 worth of work! Do you have an hour to give? Supporting our students is priceless.

I hope to see you at any of the fantastic events coming up on our school calendar and feel free to contact me with any PTA questions.

Thank you,

Allison Bruflat

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BINGO FOR BOOKS

September 20th PTA is hosting our first Bingo for Books night. Starting at 6:30 (come sign in as early as 6:15) we will have a short PTA meeting to vote on our 2011-2012 budget, approve our updated bylaws, and introduce our board members. Then our Raymore Elementary staff will do a short presentation on I-Pick, the method our students use to pick 'just right' books which will be perfect for our bingo winners as prizes will be books! We hope to see you there. If you haven't rsvp'ed please email the number attending in your family to Allison Bruflat at pta.raymoreelementary@gmail.com so we are sure to have plenty of cards and prizes. Volunteers are also needed to sign people in, call numbers, and help students select their prizes. More information is available or you can sign up to help at www.raymoreelementarypta.pbworks.com or email Allison.

what's happening.....

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19	No School
20	Bingo for Books

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14	Family Movie Night
	Cookie Dough fundraiser starts
19-20-21	No School
26	Cookie Dough fundraiser ends
31	Fall Class Parties

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8	3rd Grade Program
10	PTA Board Meeting 6 pm
16-22	Fall Book Fair
17	Minute to Win It 6:30-8 pm
18	Thanksgiving Luncheon

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PTA Proposed Budget For 7/1/11 to 6/30/12

INCOME

Box Tops Income	$2,000.00
Cookie Dough	$3,000.00
Interest Income	$20.00
Membership	$1,200.00
Movie Night	$800.00
Papa Johns Income	$450.00
Paradise Park	$1,400.00
PTA Meetings	$50.00
Read A Thon	$5,000.00
Spaghetti Dinner	$800.00
Spirit Wear	$2,400.00
Summer Movie Passes	$450.00
School Supply Packs	$830.00
Trash Bags	$2,000.00

TOTAL INCOME $20,400.00

EXPENSES

Book Fair Expense	$100.00
Box Tops Expense	$100.00
CAMP Funds	$400.00
Cultural Arts	$500.00
Faculty Appreciation	$1,500.00
Field Day	$300.00
Field Trip ($7.50 per child)	$3,240.00
Field Trip Bus	$5,000.00
Fourth Grade Celebration	$550.00
Garden	$300.00
Hospitality	$100.00
Insurance	$345.00
Kindergarten Round-Up	$50.00
Leadership Education	$150.00
MAP Testing Snacks	$600.00
Membership to state & National	$1,020.00
Movie Night	$400.00
Operating Expense	$150.00
Popcorn	$120.00
PTA Council Scholarship Fund	$200.00
PTA Meetings	$50.00
Ray Pec Council	$50.00
Read A Thon	$1,300.00
Recess Equipment	$200.00
Reflections	$300.00
School Supply Packs	$675.00
Spaghetti Dinner	$350.00
Spirit Wear	$1,800.00
Summer Movie Passes	$250.00
VIP Breakfast	$300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $20,400.00