

Red Smith Raptors Raptor News & Notes

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Dear Parents (Guardians),

PTO will be sponsoring our third annual "Think-A-Thon. This is a major fundraiser for our school. PTO has set a school-wide goal of \$10,000. Last year's money went to technology purchases for our classrooms. Please look for information to come home in the Tuesday envelopes. This year's event will be held February 15th. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and/or volunteer the day of the event to read questions to our youngest learners.

The new drop off and pick up procedures on Fagerville will begin this month. Brochures have been created as a resource for parents. Additionally, information has gone home on the timeline for educating parents. Please take the time to become informed. More information can be found in this newsletter. You can also call the main office at 391-2425 and request a brochure. Our goal is to create a safe way for children to come and leave school.

The Red Smith K-5 staff will begin next month creating classroom placements for 2012-2013 school year. Please look for information in this newsletter on the guidelines you need to follow if you are going to make a teacher recommendation for your child. All requests do need to be in writing and either hand delivered or mailed to the main office. Due to our district email filter, I will not be able to guarantee that I will receive all email requests. Scheduling students in grades 6-8 can be complex due to student course requests and limited hours in the day to schedule specific classes. As a result, I will not be able to take parent requests for grades 6-8 teachers.

As always, thank you for being involved in your child's educational experience. Red Smith teachers and staff appreciate the time and energy you devote to our school community.

Sincerely,

Andrea Landwehr, Principal



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Dates to Remember :

- Feb. 1 **One Hour Late Start**
- Feb. 7 PTO Meeting
6:00 pm
- Feb. 15 Think a Thon
- Feb. 17 Elementary Dance
- Feb. 23 End of Elementary 2nd
Trimester
- Feb. 24 End of Middle School
4th Grading Period
No Middle School
- Feb. 29 **One Hour Late Start**

It's time to Register for 4 and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 School Year

Please bring with you your
child's **birth certificate**,
Immunization record and a
**document to verify your
address.**



Recently the Vision and Hearing Screening Nurse from the Brown County Health Dept. came to Red Smith to do vision screening. Vision screening was conducted for grade K, 1, 3 and 5 on all students including those who wear glasses and any children requested to be tested by their teacher or parent/guardian. The screening is a test for distance vision. It is not a substitute for a professional eye exam. A child who passes may have other visual problems. If symptoms such as squinting, headaches, frowning or frequent blinking are noted, a complete eye exam is recommended. The National Society to Prevent Blindness recommends that children have a professional eye exam prior to entering school and up to every year after that. We would like to take this opportunity to say “**Thank you**” to the following volunteers who came to assist us: **Michelle Vine** and **Ellen Brzezinski**,

We appreciate you taking the time to volunteer. Thank you again!

Brown County Public Health Nurse



Green Bay area middle schools *Computers and Careers in Business classes* recently teamed up to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Business Education classes from Edison, Franklin, Lombardi, Red Smith, and Washington middle schools formed companies and created business plans, logos, and slogans. With the goal of raising money for Make-A-Wish Foundation, students applied their business and marketing-related skills while operating their gum ball business during lunches and after school. The students achieved a profit of \$2,305.38—all of this money was donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Reminder

The Red Smith School Jazz Band and Show Choir will be on their annual world elementary tour on Friday, Day 2, February 10th. They will be ready to perform for our Elementary Staff and students starting at 1:40 pm in the Middle School Gym.

Mr. Mark DeMuth,
Music Dept Chair



Criteria Used for Classroom Placements

In the spring of each year, teams of administrators and teachers devote time and energy into creating well balanced classrooms for the following school year. The following is criteria that the team uses to assist them with creating a “just right” classroom composition.

- ◇ Academic ability
- ◇ Social/emotional skills
- ◇ Student self-regulation
- ◇ Interpersonal skills
- ◇ Gender

If you are going to make a request for a specific classroom placement, please include the following:

- ◇ Student’s name
- ◇ Current teacher
- ◇ Classroom you are requesting for 12-13 school year
- ◇ Include in your request specific reasons related to your child’s learning on why you are requesting the specific classroom placement.

Requests need to be in writing. Emails do not always make it through the district’s filter.

The Raptor Way

Congratulations to our Weekly Raptor Reward Winners!



Raptor Reward Winners for the Week ending:

January 6th – Elementary – Ethan Tompkins, Sophia Will, Jesse Garrity
Middle – Sam Tinoco, Joseph Corsten, Chue Her

Jan. 13th – Elementary – Abigail Haase, Olivia Gallagher, Natalie Plascencia, Leigha Foat, Adam Reichwald, Taylor VanRoy, Cassondra Tappa
Middle – Michelle Galvan Plascencia, Jordan Boyd, Alexis Smith, Brody Moya, Brenden Schauer, Dante Hart, Nicole Mielke

Jan. 20th – no drawing

Jan. 27th – Elementary – Immanuel Yang, Linnea Morris, Alayna Smith, Brendan Adam, Lauren Prigge, Cassidy Gallagher, Aubrey Berkovitz, Leigha Foat
Middle – Matthew McCubbin, Connor Lasee, Kaitlyn Flauger, Quinn Miller, Anthony Krutz, Zachary Komorowski, Alec Willems, Brynne Luther

The Raptor Way Rules:

Respect

Responsibility

Safety



Sport Day



Twin Day

Student Council News

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events!

February 3rd- Sport Day- wear your favorite sport or activity apparel

February 14th- Red, White and Pink Day

February 29th- Twin Day- Get together with friends and dress alike!

It's a Beach Party Dance

Elementary Dance- February 17th, after school until 5:00

A parent must accompany their child. Lots of fun beach party accessories will be available for sale at the dance. You can also get your picture taken on our beautiful tropical beach. We will have them developed at Walgreen's that night so barring any break down, they will be ready to take home before you leave. Wear your favorite summer apparel but remember, no swimwear!!

Middle School Dance- March 16th.

Remember Student Council meets the second and fourth Monday.

Student Services~ Connections



4K- 6th gr. Counselor:

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Leah Oleniczak
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8th grade parents:

Many of you have already called our Student Services office to schedule your student(s) Individual Planning Conference. With almost 130 8th grade students, these conferences are scheduled until the end of April, and possibly into the beginning of May. My goal is for 100% student participation and 100% parent participation. I will still meet with a student if his/her parent is not available to attend.

This is not a traditional conference where we discuss your child's grades and/or behavior. At this age, each student's development about his/her future is all over the board. Some students will not have any ideas about his/her future while others will have the next twenty years mapped out. Either way is fine. The goal of their IPC (Individual Planning Conference) is to have a conversation about their strengths, to give information about opportunities in high school, and to inform you, their parent, of the resources that we often share with your child but may not be shared with you. Service Learning Hours will be discussed as well as the summer transition class called "Freshman Forward." For those students who are attending a school outside of the Green Bay School District, you are welcome to participate in this conference as there is information that is still applicable.



6th and 7th grade parents:

Thank you for your support in helping your student with his/her selection of electives for the 2012-2013 school year. Within the next month or so, your student will enter their electives, in order of preference, through Infinite Campus. Prior to logging off, a staff member will review their information to ensure it matches the paper copy that was signed by you, their parent/guardian.

As always, please email me with questions you may have, cmvillarruel@gbaps.org, or my direct line is 391-2587. Prior to the end of the school year, you and your student will receive a listing of the specific ELECTIVE classes that were requested (not his/her schedule). If there have been changes in terms of staffing a particular elective, resulting in its cancellation, you will be notified. I have told your child that I don't like surprises and am dedicated to letting all of you know about changes prior to coming back in the fall.

Infinite Campus is new for all of us and with anything new, there have been some growing pains and some challenges. Our scheduling system has changed and, as a result, our District Office is working diligently to support our efforts in getting everyone scheduled for next school year.

Elementary & 6th grade

Classroom guidance topics for February

Character education: Self-Knowledge & Management

Feelings / self-esteem

Self-control

Diversity appreciation



Be Mine

Kindergarten	<p><u>Glad Monster Sad Monster-</u> <u>A Book About Feelings,</u> by Ed Emberley & Anne Miranda ~Monster Feeling Faces</p>
1 st Grade	<p><u>I Like Myself!</u> by, Karen Beaumont ~Heart activity</p>
2 nd Grade	<p><u>Don't Feed Your Monster</u> by, Adolph Moser Ed.D. ~Monster poster activity</p>
3 rd Grade	<p><u>How Are You Feeling?</u> <u>Foods With Moods,</u> by Saxton Freymann & Joost Elffers • <i>Feelings activity- What to do when?</i></p>
4 th Grade	<p>Human Growth & Development Presentations ~dates & times will be sent home</p>
5 th Grade	<p><u>Mighty Times, Rosa Parks Video</u></p>
6 th Grade	<p>Open Door Youth Services Presentations • <i>Bully prevention</i> • <i>Effective communication</i></p>

The Horse and the Mule

Traveling together, a horse sported a fine coat and a magnificent saddle with ornate decorations, while a mule was burdened with a heavy load. Its coat was matted and filled with burrs.

"Oh, how I wish I could be as beautiful and graceful as you are," the mule told the horse. "I wish, too, that I was as unburdened and carefree."

A few days later, a great war broke out and the horse went into battle while the mule carried supplies. During a skirmish, the horse was gravely wounded and lay dying upon the ground when the mule came upon him. It was then that the mule realized that in being himself, he had fulfilled his purpose and been kept safe.

The Moral of the story: Be secure in who you are.

You may look at others and what they have and wish you had the same characteristics or were in the same place as they. Ultimately, how you feel about who you are determines your level of self-esteem. Even though there are things you want to change about yourself, these things make up who you are today. No matter what your defects or imperfections, accept who you are in the present moment.

Today I will appreciate who I am and what I have.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The new drop off and pick-up procedures on Fagerville are designed to keep all students safe upon arrival and departure of school. We developed these procedures with input from parents, staff, the Green Bay Police Department and the City Traffic Engineer. There has been many safety concerns with the way traffic is currently flowing.

The following are things that we need from you in order to accomplish our goals:

- Please allow extra time for you and your child to follow the new procedures.
- Please read and be aware of the new procedures prior to February 20th.
- Please read and understand the new signage that has been put up along Fagerville. (Additional signage will be posted throughout the month of February to facilitate traffic.)
- Discuss with your child if you would like them to stay on the playground until you meet them or stand on the sidewalk near the Loading Zone.
- Do not park across the street and motion for your child to join you.
- If you park beyond the loading zone, you are expected to pick your child up from the playground area.
- Be patient with us as we work out all of the challenges implementing a new procedure creates.

The following is the implementation timeline for the new procedures:

Week of February 13th-18th-Create an awareness and educate parents: handing out brochures, talking with parents about new procedures, educating staff.

Week of February 20th-Begin implementing procedures and continue to educate parents. Parent volunteers, staff and GBPD will be handing out brochures and redirecting drivers.

March 1st-Begin enforcement of procedures by GB Police Dept. and the Green Bay Parking Utility.

Please feel free to call school with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Andrea Landwehr

Drop Off/Pick Up Guidelines for Parents

Please see the brochure that is attached (Middle School) or handed out at conferences (Elementary).

Red Zone:

No stopping/parking.
Children and parents may not get out of the car.
Cars may not pull away from the curb.
Proceed forward to the loading/unloading zone.
Once you are in this line, please stay until you reach the yellow zone.
No parking/standing or stopping on Yorkshire per city ordinance

Yellow Zone:

Cars may only enter this zone from the line of cars coming from Sussex.
Drivers stay in vehicles.
Children move in or out of vehicles.
Cars may pull away from the curb.

Green Zone:

Students will not be allowed to proceed to this area of the sidewalk without a parent, unless they are walking home.
Parents who choose this area, must park, get out of the car, and pick up children from the playground or sidewalk designated as loading zone.
Children may not cross the street unless accompanied by an adult.

*Additional brochures are available in the main office. Please call 391-2425 to request one.

Elementary Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up on Fagerville Way



On the school side of Fagerville Way, the STUDENT LOADING AREA is located next to the NO PARKING signs.



Do not stop or load/unload next to these signs. Vehicles can line up in travel lane but not parking lane. Please remain in vehicle until you arrive at STUDENT LOADING AREA.

State Law

PARK or **PARKING** means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers. s.340.01(42m)

STOPPING, when required, means complete cessation from movement. s.340.01(62)

Summary

In a **NO PARKING** zone, a motorist can stop temporarily to discharge or receive passengers **AND** load or unload property to the curb.

In a **NO STOPPING** zone, a motorist can **NOT** stop temporarily to receive or discharge passengers.

Please Remember...

NO PARKING = Stop, drop or receive passengers, and go

NO STOPPING = No stop (unless police officer instructs or **STOP** sign exists), and go.

RED SMITH SCHOOL
GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures



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Andrea Landwehr
Principal

920-391-2425

Mike Reigner
Community Police Officer

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LEGEND

- PARKING zone. Drivers may park and leave vehicle
- NO STOPPING OR STANDING zone
- NO PARKING zone (Stop, drop/pick up, and go) and STUDENT LOADING AREA

Elementary Students

- 1** Enter school zone from the east end of Fagerville Way
- 2** Proceed or wait in the travel lanes of Sussex Rd and Fagerville Way until you arrive at the STUDENT LOADING AREA (between the 4th and 5th signs; shown in YELLOW)
- 3** STUDENT LOADING AREA. Drop off children next to or between the NO PARKING signs or west of school near the woods
- 4** Proceed westbound on Fagerville Way to Durham Rd. NO U-TURNS ALLOWED on Fagerville Way. Turn left or right onto Durham Rd and proceed out of school area.

Middle Students

- 5** Enter west driveway of large parking lot along Baywatch Dr
- 6** Continue to Door 13 to drop off and pick up students
- 7** Exit parking lot onto Baywatch Dr

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- ✓ Do not use Yorkshire Drive to access or exit school area
- ✓ No U-Turns allowed

If you would like to legally park and walk your child to or pick them up from the school building, please park on Fagerville Way west of the STUDENT LOADING AREA (past the 5th sign).

Any elementary students that need to wait for middle school siblings must wait with the elementary supervisor on the playground on Fagerville Way. Middle school students should then walk through the 1st floor to pick up their younger sibling on the playground.

There is NO adult supervision for students before 7:30 AM. Please do not drop off your children before this time.



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Red Smith School Calendar February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 One hour late start – K-8	2 Forensics @Bay View MS – 4:00 7/8 Gr Girls Basketball -3:30 – RS1 vs Edison1 RS2 @ Edison2; 5 th Gr Girls Basketball: Maroon @Howe; Gold vs Martin-4:00	3	4
5	6	7 6-8 Wrestling @ Franklin – 4:00; 5 th Gr Boys Basketball @McAuliffe-4:00	8 Kdgn & 1 st Grade to the Weidner Center	9 7/8 Gr Girls Basketball – 3:30- RS1 vs Franklin2 RS2 @ Franklin1;5 th Gr Girls Basketball: Maroon vs Sullivan; Gold @Wilder-4:00	10 Jazz Band/Show Choir Elem Tour	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 7/8 Gr Girls Basketball – 4:00 RS1 @ Lux-Casco1 RS2 vs Lux-Casco2	14 6-8 Wrestling DePere/Franklin @ Red Smith-4:00; 4 th Gr to Barkhausen, 5 th Gr Boys Basketball vs Webster-4:00	15 Think-a-Thon Susan B Anthony Day	16 7/8 Gr Girls Basketball – 3:30 RS1 vs Washington1 RS2 vs Washington2; 5 th Gr Girls Basketball-Maroon @Webster(W); Gold vs Webster(B)-4:00	17 Elementary Student Council Dance – 3:00	18
19	20	21 6-8 Wrestling @ Lombardi – 4:00; 5 th Gr Boys Basketball @Eisenhower-4:00	22 Washington's Birthday	23 End of 2 nd tri-merster for Elem; Forensics @Edison-4:00; 5 th Gr Girls Basketball: Maroon @ Webster; Gold vs McAuliffe-4:00; Middle School conf Sign-up	24 No Elem School; End of 4 th grading period for Middle School-Middle School in session; Middle School Conference Sign-up	25
26	27	28 6 th Gr Basketball 3:30 Girls vs Franklin Boys @ Franklin	29 One hour late start – K-8 Anti-Bullying Day			