

Red Smith Raptors Raptor News & Notes

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Dear Parents (Guardians),

Thank you for all of your support and commitment to your children and our students.

The third annual Think-A-Thon was held on February 15th. Red Smith families raised pledges over \$8,000.00. I would like to thank Vicki Hunt, Jenny Nichol, Kay Bader, Melanie Graph and Nicole Deprey for organizing this year's event. Their time and effort has been greatly appreciated! Many of you have been involved in the planning of this technology fundraiser. Thank you for another great year! The plan is to continue to buy iPads for our youngest students' classrooms and mini laptops for our older students.

Thank you to all of the parents who are following the new drop off and pick up process. We have received a lot of feedback from parents who feel the new process has created a safe and systematic way for our elementary students to arrive and leave school. I do realize that some parents do not appreciate the new process and have been vocal in the morning with teachers. We have moved the drop off/pick up zone to the third sign located at the very end of the small side walk that links to the playground and back door of the school on Fagerville. The parking area will start at the 4th sign. This was done to support parents who want to park and walk their students to the door. Please remember that the new process is not to inconvenience you as parents. It is to provide safety for all students.

Just as a reminder, at the end of this month, teachers will begin the process of creating balanced elementary classrooms. Please see more information in this newsletter regarding parent recommendations for classroom placements. Due to additional factors that go into creating middle school schedules, we do not accept recommendations for class placements in grades 6-8. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to call me.

Thank you again for all you do for the Red Smith school community!

Sincerely,

Andrea Landwehr, Principal



Dates to Remember :

- March 3 PTO Spring Carnival
- March 6 MS Evening Parent - Teacher Conferences
- March 8 MS Parent-Teacher Conferences
No Middle School
- March 9 NWEA Convention
No School
- March 12 MS Evening Parent - Teacher Conferences
- March 13 PTO Meeting
6:00 pm
- March 16 Middle School Dance
- March 26-30 Spring Recess
No School

There is still time to register for **4 and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 School Year.**

Classroom placements and staffing will begin soon so register ASAP.

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



2012 RED SMITH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

DATE: APRIL 12th
TIME: ALL DAY



Please ask your child if they are interested in doing the science fair. Encourage and help them with their project! Go to Mr. Auger for a sign up sheet and ideas for a project! There is a permission slip that needs to be signed by a parent or guardian on the sign up sheet. Applications are due on March 19th.

The Music Department will be selling cookie dough for their spring fundraiser until March 16th. Please contact Mr. DeMuth or Mr. Tolksdorf if you have any questions or would like to participate in the music programs fundraiser.

Dear Parents,

Good News! The Green Bay YMCA begins registration for their Summer School-Age Child Care (ages 5-12) and Teen Adventure Program (ages 11-14) on February 12, 2012. Weekly activities for both programs include field trips, games, swimming, physical activity and much more. Call the YMCA at 436-9675 for more information. Let your child(ren) experience the fun and excitement of YMCA Summer Programs.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The cookie dough fundraiser will be delivered on **April 4th**.

Jazz Night **April 10th** 7pm in the MS Gym: jazz band, show choir, and selected solo and ensemble performers. "Free Public Performance"

7/8th grade Orchestra Festival **April 17th** at East High School

7/8th grade Band Festival **April 18th** at Washington Middle School

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 by **March 30th**. Emails do not always make it through the district's filter.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

The Raptor Way

Congratulations to our Weekly Raptor Reward Winners!



Raptor Reward Winners for the Week ending:

Feb. 3 – Elementary – Abigail Braley, Kamdyn McCracken, Alyssa Farvour, Ismael Bravo Garcia, Immanuel Yang, Aubrey Berkovitz, Mitchell Kopish, Corrine Gersek, Maia Quass

Middle – Jesse Chervenka, Lucas Hutchison, Tehya Hibbard, Quinn Miller, Maya Turner, Loryn Jadin, Nicole Mielke, Taylor Kozlovsky, Coy Wanner

Feb. 10 – Elementary – Kenadee Seidl, Savanna Schommer, Lauren Titus, Nick Huckins, Katrina Mommaerts, Abigail Zlatohlavek, Casey Kouba

Middle – Andrew Peterson, Peighton Milton, Dominik Cook, Anarel Valenta, Anthony Krutz, Jordan Boyd, Megan Graff

Feb. 17 – Elementary - Jade Yang, Aubrey Berkovitz, Aryana Martinez, Brooke Scheld and Benjamin McDonald

Middle - Mackenzie Carr, Justin Pierquet, Taylor Kozlovsky, Kelbryn DeBauche, Dominik Cook

Feb. 24 - Elementary: Madison Busch, William Piontek, Aidan Slattery, Ava Gauthier, Aubrey Berkovitz, and Madeline Morrissey

Middle: Victoria Moon, Danielle VandenHeuvel, Judy Yang, Sage Tillmann, Wes Fermanich, and Ernesto Colon

The Raptor Way Rules: Respect Responsibility Safety

Student Council News



On March 1st we kick off the penny war. Here's how it works. There are three collection jars in the LMC, one for elementary, one for middle school and one for staff. They will also be brought to the lunch room. Pennies count toward your total; silver and paper money count against your total. You can also drop silver and paper money in other people's jars so it reduces their total. How sassy is that? The group with the highest total wins the penny war and the coveted trophy. All donations go to 'Pennies for Patients' with leukemia and lymphoma. The war goes from Thursday, March 1st until Friday, March 23rd, so bring in those pennies for a great cause.

It's coming; The Red Smith Middle School Beach Party Dance. That's right. Friday, March 16th is the Beach Party Dance. There will be so much to do and so many cool, fun things you can buy. We will have duck races for cancer and prizes, leis, shutter shades, tattoos, necklaces, sticky lizards, candy, pizza and soda. Besides the dance, you can sign up with your friends to play volleyball in the small gym. The sign-up sheet is in the LMC.

Since we don't have school on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 16th is Wearing of the Green Day!

Student council will not meet Monday, March 12th due to parent-teacher conferences. We will meet Tuesday, March 13th, instead.

Student Services~ Connections



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8th grade parents:

If you have not made an appointment for your child's Individual Planning Conference, please call 391-2510. Students without an appointment will be assigned a time.

Information about summer school is to be made available on March 19th. The only information I have at this time is that there are two sessions. One session will run from June 11-29. Session two will run from July 9-July 27. Each session will be Monday-Friday, from 9am –noon.

Those 8th grade students who are traveling to Washington DC/New York at the end of the year will need to sign up for the second session of summer school. There have been questions about whether or not students could sign up for the first session, but due to the dates of the 8th grade trip, it will not be possible.



Stay Substance Free This Spring Break

By Patrick Ryan, program director, [Libertas Treatment Center](#)

With spring break just around the corner, students are counting down the days to a much needed week away from the books. But for some, it's an unsupervised time exposed to drugs and alcohol or other high risk activities. When planning your spring break activities, here are some tips on how you can have a substance free vacation:

- Spend time with your family
 - Use your common sense
 - Stick together with friends you trust
 - Volunteer with a group of your friends for a community organization
 - Let your parents know your plans and how they can get a hold of you
- Never be afraid to leave if you're uncomfortable

If you need extra advice on how you and your friends can stay drug and alcohol free, share your concern with your parents and your school guidance counselor. They can give you advice on how to be a good role model for your friends and how to avoid getting into an uncomfortable situation where drugs and alcohol may be present.

Libertas offers inpatient and outpatient programs to treat adolescent and adult drug and alcohol problems. For more, visit www.libertasgb.org

Did You Know? Everyone's tolerance for drugs is different. You can't predict the effect that a drug can have on you even if it's a small amount.

Classroom guidance focus for March

Elementary:

Personal Safety / Prevention Education
& Careers

6th Grade: Diversity Appreciation



Grade:	Activity / Resources:
Kindergarten	Willow Tree Presentation ~ <u>Your Body Belongs to You</u> (book)
1 st Grade	When I Grow Up I Want to be Me ~ <i>Whose Tools?</i> activity
2 nd Grade	Willow Tree Presentation ~ <u>The Safe Touch Rule</u> (video)
3 rd Grade	When I Grow UP ~ <i>The Career Hush</i> game
4 th Grade	Willow Tree Presentation ~ <u>Yes, You Can Say No</u> (video)
5 th Grade	Career Game & Red Hot Jobs
6 th Grade	A Place at the Table • <i>Video from Teaching Tolerance</i>



- Are you a parent of a 5th grade student?
- Do you want your child to see what it's like to be their own boss?
- Do they like to meet new people?
Do they want to compete for \$1,400 in savings bonds?

Then join us for the 8th Annual Biz for Kids Challenge!

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: NWTC's Student Center

Junior Achievement is looking for 5th graders like you to be part of a team of three students to act as an entrepreneur for the day and compete in an event to plan a new restaurant in Green Bay!

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 18, 2012. Kids will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For more information follow the link below.

<http://jabrowncounty.org/biz-4-kids-event/>



Great Discussions

Submitted by Susan Meaney- Supportive Resource Teacher

One gifted 8th grader from each of the GBAPS Middle Schools who love to think deeply and discuss important world issues have been invited to participate in the CESA 7 GT Great Decisions Discussion Series during second semester. Topics of interest and dialogue include Middle East Realignment, Promoting Democracy, and Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq. After reading the provided materials to prepare for the face-to-face meetings, students gather at St. Norbert College six times over the course of the semester. While there, they participate in conversations, ask probing questions, and share ideas. Representing Red Smith Middle School is 8th grader **Caralyn Collins**.

Letters explaining more about the Willow Tree personal safety presentations will be coming home with your child the first week of March.





PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
9 am, Pacific Time, Tues., Dec. 13, 2011

CONTACT: SAMHSA Press Office
Phone: (240) 276-2130

Facebook provides first-of-a-kind service to help prevent suicides

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline collaborate with Facebook to help those in crisis

Facebook is announcing a new service that harnesses the power of social networking and crisis support to help prevent suicides across the nation and Canada. The new service enables Facebook users to report a suicidal comment they see posted by a friend to Facebook using either the [Report Suicidal Content](#) link or the report links found throughout the site. The person who posted the suicidal comment will then immediately receive an e-mail from Facebook encouraging them to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or to click on a link to begin a confidential chat session with a crisis worker.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/> is a toll-free suicide prevention hotline network comprised of 152 local crisis centers. The Lifeline is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and administered by Link2Health Solutions, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC). The Lifeline provides free and confidential crisis counseling to anyone in need 24/7 and has answered over 3 million calls since its launch in 2005.

“We’re proud to expand our partnership with Lifeline, and to provide those in crisis with even more options to seek help,” said Facebook’s Chief Security Officer, Joe Sullivan. “The Lifeline’s commitment to suicide prevention has enabled people on Facebook to get fast, meaningful help when they need it most, and we look forward to continuing our work with them to help save lives.”

“Facebook and the Lifeline are to be commended for addressing one of this nation’s most tragic public health problems,” said Surgeon General, Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, who serves with Sullivan on the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

“Nearly 100 Americans die by suicide every day – 36,035 lives every year. For every person who is murdered, two die by suicide. These deaths are even more tragic because they are preventable. We have effective treatments to help suicidal individuals regain hope and a desire to live and we know how powerful personal connections and support can be. Therefore we as a nation must do everything we can to reach out to those at risk

and provide them the help and hope needed to survive and return to productive lives with their family, friends, and communities.”

Crisis center workers from two centers in the Lifeline network, the Boys Town National Hotline and Goodwill of the Finger Lakes’ 2-1-1/LIFE LINE, will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to Facebook users opting to use the chat. The Lifeline currently responds to dozens of people each day who have expressed suicidal thoughts on Facebook.

“We have been partnering with Facebook since 2006 to assist at-risk users and are thrilled to launch this new service,” said John Draper, Ph.D., the Lifeline’s project director and MHA-NYC’ Vice President of Behavioral Health Technology. “Although the Lifeline on average handles 70,000 calls per month, we have heard from our Facebook fans and others that there are many people in crisis who don’t feel comfortable picking up the phone. This new service provides a way for them to get the help they need in the way they want it.”

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About the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (Action Alliance) is the public-private partnership advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. The Action Alliance envisions a nation free from the tragic experience of suicide. The Action Alliance was launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates on September 10, 2010, with input and support of many public and private sector stakeholders. For more information, see <http://www.actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org>.

About SAMHSA

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America’s communities.

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



2765 Sussex Rd., Green Bay, WI Phone: 920-391-2425

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.



Red Smith School Calendar

March

2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 6 th Gr Basketball- 3:30 – Girls @ Washington Boys vs Washington	2	3 PTO Carnival
4 Casimir Pulaski Day	5 6 th Gr Basketball-3:30 Girls vs Edison Boys @ Edison	6 Middle School Evening Parent/ Teacher Conf	7 6 th Gr Basketball-3:30 Girls @ Lombardi Boys vs Lombardi	8 No Middle School – Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences – Elem in session	9 NO School for all students	10
11	12 Middle School Evening Parent/ Teacher Conf	13	14	15 6 th Gr Basketball- 3:30 Girls @ Franklin Boys vs Franklin	16 Middle School Student Council Dance – 3:00- 5:00	17
18	19 6 th Gr Basketball – 3:30 Girls vs Lombardi Boys @ Lombardi	20 Spring Begins	21	22 6 th Gr Basketball – 3:30 Girls @ Edison Boys vs Edison	23	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	30 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	31