

Backpack Express
Raymond Elementary School
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The Backpack Express will be coming home on a weekly basis this year rather than once a month. The newsletter will be sent home on Tuesday of every week. The goal is to help keep our families more informed about what is happening in the immediate future. As a parent too, it's sometimes difficult to keep track of activities at the end of the month when I hear about them in the beginning. ☺

Communication Envelope

Every student will be receiving a white communication envelope. The envelopes will be sent home with the weekly information on Tuesdays. The goal is to help eliminate all of the excess paper the sends home often times on a daily basis. In order for the system to work, the folders need to be signed and returned to school by Thursday of every week. Many families have already had folders come home last week, if the folders are laying around you house, please return them to school.

Before School Supervision

The playground is NOT supervised before 8:00 AM. Please do not drop your child off before 8:00 AM. When kids are left unsupervised they often find activities to fill their time that tend to get them in trouble.

Bus Route Changes

If your child needs to change their bus route, please contact the school office before 2:30PM. Notes are delivered to the classrooms after 2:30 PM. The end of the school day is very congested. If you have a permanent change in address or a new bus stop, please contact the transportation garage at 942-3302. The answering machine takes about 15 rings to click on, so you will need to let it ring a long time.

Back To School Night/Scholastic Book Fair

Back to School Night will be held next Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM. The families will meet in the gym first for an overview of the school year and then head to the classrooms. Back to School Night is a wonderful opportunity for your child to show off what they have been learning about in class. We hope to see you all there!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be starting next Monday in the library. All of the students will create a wish list of books that they will bring home. All of the money we earn from the book fair is used to purchase books and supplies for our library. The book fair will also be open for the Back to School Night. The kids always love Book Fair time.

Recorders/Music Books

Students in grades 4-6 will be learning to play recorders during music this year. The program will be a wonderful introduction to band in 6th grade. Students will be receiving an order from shortly so that recorders and music books can be purchased. The cost will be right around \$12.00. Mr. Scott is the new music director for the school district and I'm sure he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Important Dates to Remember

September	14	Back To School Night – 6:30 PM
	21	Early Release Day – 12:30 PM NO PM Preschool
October	6	PTA Meeting – 6:30 PM in the Library
	7	Staff Training Day – No School
	11-14	Fall Conferences – Early Release 12:30 PM
	19	School Pictures
	26	Early Release – 12:30 PM NO AM Preschool

“Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you will never cease to
grow.”

~ Anthony J. D'Angelo

