



Dear Ragersville Families,

Thank you to all our families who helped make our Pepperoni Roller sale such a success. Our Kindergarten class was our top-selling group this year. As you may have seen, Ragersville Elementary has been selected as a recipient of the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Award! This is a very prestigious award given to schools around the country. We are honored and blessed to have received this recognition of our community's investment in our school. We are planning a community celebration on October 20th. More information will be sent home for this event. Fall pictures will be this Thursday, Oct. 5th.

First, we have Parent Teacher Conferences coming up next Thursday, October 12th. Teachers have sent home invitations for these conferences. A strong connection between home and school is vital to our students' success. Our next conference date is November 16th. Just a reminder that on **October 12th we will have a 2-hour Early Dismissal.**

October 12th also marks the end of the 1st Quarter of the school year. Report cards will be sent home with students the following Friday, October 20th. Please let us know if you do not get your student's report card that day.

We want to say thank you to the Sugarcreek Fire Department for hosting a Fire Prevention assembly for us on October 25th. They have volunteered their time to teach and interact with our students about fire safety. Students will get hands-on experience with our fire department's turn-out gear and trucks.

Our PTO is once again sponsoring our annual Book Fair which will run from November 7-9th. Students will get a preview day on Monday, Nov 6th, and have a chance to buy books Tuesday through Thursday. We will also be having our Grandparents breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. We will be sending home a flyer for this event in the coming weeks.

Our initiative to encourage students to read or have someone read to them outside of the classroom has had a good start. We are asking our parents to continue encouraging their children to read at home. We have partnered with the Tuscarawas County Library which allows students to select books to check out, as well as updating our library to

include more popular titles. Research shows that students who read for pleasure have higher academic achievement and have better mental health. We have set up an incentive program to encourage students to read more each month through the AR (Accelerated Reading) Program. You can help your child find AR books at www.arbookfind.com. Students are encouraged to read inside and outside of the classroom but can only take the quizzes while at school.

This month we will be focusing on the word Accountable in our CARE acronym (Courteous, Accountable, Respectful, and Effort). Teachers will be handing out rewards for students who exemplify being accountable. Their name will then go in a drawing for a t-shirt at the end of the month. Thank you for your support and Go Pirates!

Yours in Education,



Sedric Gerber
Principal Ragersville Elementary

October Events

- October 5 Fall portrait day
- October 11 PTO Meeting at 7:00
- October 12 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- October 12 Parent Teacher Conferences by invitation
- October 12 End of 1st Quarter
- October 13 No School-Teacher Inservice
- **10/14 Share a Christmas Applications Due (Forms in the Office)**
- October 20 Grade Cards go home
- October 20 National Blue Ribbon Celebration
- October 24-25 3rd Grade Fall State Reading Test
- October 28 7:00 Ragersville Community Halloween Party
- October 31 end of wearing shorts
- November 7-9 Book Fair

September Students of the Month

- K - Myles Ball
- 1 - EmmyLou Yakley
- 2 - Tygan Gordon
- 3 - Edgar Gonzalez Ramos
- 4 - Andyn Yoder
- 5 - Jaden Mast
- 6 - Layla Schwartz

NEW Student Pickup Procedure

With the recent changes in our various shuttles, we would like to try and run our Parent Pickup from 3:20-3:30. Starting Monday 10/9 we will be dismissing students who are being picked up through the cafeteria doors, to your vehicle by the trash hopper. We will leave the upper spots open for the buses if they get in early. Our hope is to have all of our pickups out in under 10 minutes. If you can not be here before 3:30 we will dismiss your student after the buses pull out. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

Staff Spotlight for October

Jody Schlabach

Jody has been in education for 23 years and of those years she has been at Garaway for 22 years! Mrs. Schlabach stated that her favorite part of her job is working with students and watching them grow. Mrs Schlabach enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys traveling to new places, camping, bird watching, gardening, and canning. Mrs. Schlabach believes that our community of wonderful people and families is what makes Garaway special and also the fact that her entire family is an alma mater of Garaway.

Macall Jarvis

Mrs. Jarvis has served all 18 years of her teaching experience here at Garaway. Mrs. Jarvis' favorite part of education is helping students get to the aha moment. She loves helping students accomplish difficult tasks and concepts and seeing how that can springboard a student to even greater success. Outside of school Mrs. Jarvis keeps busy with her four children, reading and working in her flower beds. Mrs Jarvis feels Garaway is special because she is a graduate of Garaway and her children attend Garaway.