Ripley Central School

"Home of the Eagles"

Learn today. Lead tomorrow!

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Dear Families,

It was a productive and eventful week at Ripley, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience as we navigated a small hiccup with the 5th-grade math testing. Fortunately, students were able to get back on track and resume their assessments this past Thursday. Looking ahead to next week, the testing schedule remains busy; 5th graders will be taking their science tests on May 5th, while 6th grade students will move into their math testing on May 6th and 7th.

We also want to extend a huge congratulations to our 6th graders who participated in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. This year's theme was "How I Show Patriotism," and we were honored to have Dave Bower from the Ripley VFW join us to present the awards. A special "hats off" goes to Addy, who earned third place and a $50 cash prize for her hard work. This spirit of achievement fits perfectly with our recent wrap-up of Perseverance Month, where many of our Crew meetings focused on the inspiring ways students have shown resilience and determination in their own lives.



As we look toward the end of the school year and into the summer, please remember to send in your registration forms for Eagle University. This fantastic six-week program is designed to foster a love for reading and prevent the "summer slide" by keeping students engaged and having fun. Eagle U will operate three days a week and includes breakfast, lunch, and transportation for all participating students. It is a wonderful opportunity to ensure our students have a blast while staying sharp over the break.

Please keep these important reminders on your calendar: The PTO Mother's Day basket pick-up is scheduled for May 6th from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm at the Large Gym Entrance. Additionally, please note that on May 15th, students will be dismissed early at 11:00 am to allow for staff development. Finally, May 19th, will be our annual budget vote from 2:00-8:00 pm along with our annual Art Show and Book Fair.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I'll see everyone on Monday!

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"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is." – Jessica Harrelson

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 4
Girls on the Run 4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5
5th Grade Science State Test
PK4 Crafts 4:30 pm
Let Me Run 4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6
6th Grade Math State Test
Community Service 4:30 pm
Horse Club 6:15 pm

Mother's Day
Basket/Certificate Pick-up
2:45-3:45 pm – Lg. Gym Lobby

Thursday, May 7
6th Grade Math State Test
PK4 Crafts 4:30 pm
Let Me Run 4:30 pm

Friday, May 8
Girls on the Run 4:30 pm

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Be Leadworthy

Live with honesty and excellence.

*This month, we are challenging students to choose to do the right thing, no matter who is watching. We each aim to live with the ability and willingness to exist with honesty and excellence. **We want to partner with you to highlight your child's integrity.** As you do this month's activities, look for opportunities to celebrate your child's integrity and character growth.*



1 ENGAGE: Create a Top Ten List

Ask each member of your family to write a trait, a behavior, or an attitude that demonstrates integrity or honesty on a sticky note. Put all the notes on a wall or table and develop a family definition of integrity based on your responses. Altogether, brainstorm ten ways that personal integrity makes a difference. Consider how it impacts your family, school, community, and world. Facilitate a discussion about what happens when integrity is compromised.



2 EMPOWER: Be an Integrity Scout

Ask your family to watch out for any positive behaviors – such as integrity or honesty – that they observe during the week. At the end of the week, encourage everyone to share their observations. Then, ask each family member to write affirmations to individuals who exhibited positive behaviors and deliver them. Finish the activity by having everyone describe what they learned by looking for positive behaviors.



3 EXCEL: Live it Out

Ask each family member to share a time when they didn't act with integrity. Perhaps they were dishonest or didn't treat someone with empathy and respect, or maybe they didn't step up when something wrong was happening. Whatever it is, commit to owning the behavior and apologizing to the person or people your behavior may have impacted. Come back together as a family and share what happened when you apologized.

Conversation Starters

- When have you demonstrated integrity, even though it was difficult?
- How does breaking a promise impact your relationships? Your integrity?
- What do you think it means to be true to yourself?

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