



# THUNDER RIDGE ELEMENTARY RAPTOR REVIEW

Issue 2 | Date: September 2019

## KEY DATES

**Sept. 4th: Westlake Parade 6 p.m.**

All Raptors are invited to walk with Mrs. Jensen in the Westlake Homecoming Parade. Wear school colors!

**Sept. 6th: Spirit Assembly**

**Sept. 11th: School Store starts!**

Our Student Council sells pencils, pens erasers, toys, and more during lunch recess (11 p.m.-12 p.m.). All items are \$0.25 to \$1.50. All proceeds go to Student Council for their conference and items for the school. Last year, they bought another bike rack for the school!

**Sept. 12: Day of Caring**

**Sept. 13: Raptor Laptor Information Sent Home**

Students are encouraged to collect donations for the school during the 2 weeks prior to Raptor Laptor. More details to come!

**Sept. 18: Vision Screening**

**Sept. 19: Room Parent Luncheon**

**Sept. 19: Family Math Night 5:30-7 p.m.**

**Sept. 23-27: Fitness Week**

See PTA Newsletter for details

**Sept. 27: Raptor Laptor**

**Sept. 30: Picture Day**

**Oct. 4: 1st Raptor Reading**



<https://www.newtribez.net/photo/6186/education-is-the-kindling-of-a-flame/>

## SAVE THE DATE

On October 11th after lunch, we will participate in our first Reunification Drill. In some emergencies, it is not safe for students to reenter the school building. Because of this, we want to have a drill to practice reunifying students with their parents at an alternate location (nearby church).

More details will come through a flier and Monday Memo closer to the date. For now, [please make sure that you have your information plus any emergency contacts updated in Skyward.](#)



Need Help? Contact the secretaries at 801-610-8727.

## SAFETY FOR ALL

Safety is one of our top priorities. Over the last year, we have made some changes in order to keep our students as safe as possible.

During the 2018-19 school year, Alpine School District began the process of increasing safety measures for our building. They started by installing key card door locks, which allows us to program the locks on all the doors.



This school year, we will have only one front door unlocked during the school day and one back door unlocked during morning and lunch recesses. Any open doors can be locked instantly with the push of a button in the office!

Our next step is to add cameras and install a buzz-in system next year. Be ready to show I.D. before being buzzed in by the secretaries.



Also, our school participates in the SAFEUT app. It is meant to provide 24/7 crisis intervention and emotional support in any type of crisis. Individuals can call or chat with a Crisis Counselor. If a tip has been turned in that is life threatening, it goes directly to emergency personnel. If it pertains to school, then Mrs. Jensen is notified. The app is free to download.

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Our amazing PTA kicked off the year with a wonderful Meet the Teacher Extravaganza night as well as a fun and energetic M&M's song and dance at our first assembly. Thanks!

## FAQ'S

### What time does school start?

A track: 8:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
 B Track: 9:15 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
 AM Kinder: 9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 PM Kinder: 12:35 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

### What happens on Mondays?

Students get out an hour early so teachers can collaborate.

A track: 1:15 p.m.  
 B Track & PM Kinder: 2:30 p.m.  
 AM Kindergarten: no change

### When does my child have recess and lunch?

#### Lunch Schedule 2019-2020

Grade	Recess	Bell	Lunch
SMG			10:50-11:20
6th	10:55-11:11	11:11	11:13-11:30
2nd	11:06-11:21	11:21	11:23-11:43
4th	11:14-11:30	11:30	11:32-11:49
3rd	11:27-11:43	11:43	11:45-12:02
5th	11:33-11:49	11:49	11:51-12:08
1st	11:47-12:02	12:02	12:04-12:24
Giant Steps			12:10-12:35

### What do I do if my child is sick and I need to excuse an absence?

- ▶ Call the office at (801)610-8727
- ▶ OR Email: putykanski@alpinedistrict.org

### Why do I need to come to the office and show I.D. when checking out my child?

We have your child's safety in mind. As per ASD policy, please be prepared to come in with your I.D. Thanks!



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. JENSEN

Hello Raptor Families,

We have taken a big leap into a new school year. Teachers and students are getting settled in, and we have started some great learning. We have loved incorporating the 6 C's into our daily work, and it is exciting to see the increased engagement and understanding that they bring. We are focusing on two C's in particular this year: **character** and **citizenship**.

Character is comprised of showing kindness and respect to self and others, and developing resilience and perseverance. We are starting by focusing on **kindness to self and others**. We hope to help each child, and adult, realize that we have the capacity to be aware of others and to respond in ways that build others up.

By the end of this month, all students and teachers will have heard the book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? I have challenged our raptors to watch for **acts of kindness** and share those through notes delivered to our "**Bucket Filling Mailbox**" in the office. I can't wait to share some of those notes with you!



## RAPTOR LAPTOR A FAVORITE THUNDER RIDGE TRADITION

### *What is it?*

Each year, our raptors participate in what we fondly call our 'Raptor Laptor'. Students collect donations to help earn money for our school and then run or walk. Feel free to come run alongside or cheer on your students on September 28th!

### *How do we use the money last year?*

Last year we raised money for safety measures and instructional programs and materials. As mentioned on the previous page, Alpine School District was simultaneously working on adding safety measures to our school. That allowed us to purchase iPads for K-2 classrooms, books for Take Home Reading Library, and a TV and Apple TV for our media center all with the funds earned from Raptor Laptor. Thank you!

### *How do we plan on using the money this year?*

We want to increase our technology with iPads for K-2 and Chromebooks for 3-6. We would also like to add playground equipment to our kindergarten and preschool playground.