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Dear Raymond Elementary Families,

As the holiday season draws near, we are reminded of the true spirit of Christmas: a time of generosity, compassion, and connection. At Raymond Elementary, we believe that kindness is at the heart of this special season, and it's a value that perfectly aligns with our COMETS core values: *Curiosity, Ownership, Mindfulness, Empowerment, Tenacity, and Safety.*

Kindness starts with curiosity. Encouraging children to ask questions and seek to understand others' feelings and experiences opens the door to empathy and builds bridges between diverse perspectives.

Kindness involves taking responsibility for our actions and words. Whether it's an apology for a mistake or a thoughtful gesture to brighten someone's day, practicing kindness shows ownership of how we treat others.

Being mindful helps us recognize how our actions impact those around us. When students pause to consider how someone else might feel, they develop the ability to be thoughtful and compassionate in their interactions.

Acts of kindness empower both the giver and the receiver. When students show kindness, they learn that their choices and actions have the power to make a positive difference in someone's life.

Kindness requires tenacity. Whether it's standing up for someone who needs help or continuing to show patience and understanding, kindness often asks us to persevere even in challenging situations.

A culture of kindness creates a safer school community where everyone feels valued, respected, and accepted. Kindness helps students feel secure and supported, which is essential for learning and growth.

We encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of kindness and explore ways to practice it together at home, at school, and in the community. Small acts of kindness—like a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word—can have a ripple effect, making Raymond Elementary a place where everyone thrives. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of kindness and embodying our COMETS values. Together, we can empower our students to be kind, curious, and compassionate leaders.



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DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 4 - DAIRY QUEEN LUNCH (GRADE 1, 2, & 3)

DEC 5 - DAIRY QUEEN LUNCH (GRADE 4, 5, & 6)

DEC 6 - PD DAY (NO SCHOOL)

DEC 11 - SUBWAY LUNCH (GRADE 1, 2, & 3)

DEC 12 - SUBWAY LUNCH (GRADES 4, 5, & 6)

DEC 17 - CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT (5:45 PM)

DEC 17 - GRADE 1 CHRISTMAS CONCERT (6:30 PM)

DEC 18 - HOT LUNCH FORM CLOSES

DEC 18 - A1 PIZZA DAY (GRADES 1, 2, & 3)

DEC 19 - A1 PIZZA DAY (GRADES 4, 5, & 6)

DEC 19 - UGLY SWEATER DAY

DEC 20 - LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

JAN 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES

