



# THE RAPTOR REPORT

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## A Message From The Principal

Dear Families,

Each year as we wrap up a school year, we take time to celebrate and enjoy our accomplishments. May usually brings warm days, field day, a Someone Special BBQ, and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration. While most of our “traditional events” didn’t occur this May, we did actually create some new events and celebrated nonetheless. Although it may have seemed “different” than the norm, it was still wonderful!



Here are some highlights ~

- Teachers and staff were showered with virtual love and tangible gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week. We were quite impressed with the student videos we received! The PTO gifted us each a cupcake. Thanks for your appreciation! We even noticed someone left us a sidewalk chalk “thank you” message out the east door of the building.

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### A Message From The Principal *continued*

- 5<sup>th</sup> graders received congratulation signs in their front yards to celebrate their time at Rice and to wish them well as they move on to middle school. What fun we had placing the signs in students' yards and causing a commotion in the neighborhoods as we honked and cheered them on.
- The extraordinary 5<sup>th</sup> grade team still managed to pull off a wonderful video for students, honoring their transition.
- Families came to pick up their belongings and were cheered on by staff! We were SO HAPPY to have families drive through. Seeing everyone in person was such a thrill for us. There were tears, smiles, air hugs, and thankfulness as we came together to close the year.
- I am happy to report the end-of-year staff video still came off without a hitch! Thanks to Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Davis too, for the work it took to orchestrate, edit, and produce another hit.
- And a new twist, the Rice Parade. We hope families enjoyed one last good-bye and a demonstration of our gratitude, commitment, and love for our students! We will see you again soon...I am counting on that!

Wishing you all good health, special family time, and some lazy days of summer! Keep those kiddos reading.

Love,

Melissa

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## From the Health Office

Please use the links provided below to access the PSD Medication Forms for next school year. PLEASE have all required forms filled out and signed by both you and your child's health care provider BEFORE school begins in the Fall. Make sure to bring your child's medication along with the forms. Prescription meds must be in the original packaging with your child's name and correct dosing.

Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Medication Authorization:

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student\\_services/health/Authorization\\_Release\\_to\\_Administer\\_Medicine.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student_services/health/Authorization_Release_to_Administer_Medicine.pdf)

Emergency Medication self-carry (inhaler/epi-pens): MUST be reviewed by Nurse to approve

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student\\_services/health/Carry\\_and\\_Self-Admin\\_Medicine--ASTHMA-ALLERGY.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student_services/health/Carry_and_Self-Admin_Medicine--ASTHMA-ALLERGY.pdf)

Asthma Health Care Plan

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Severe Allergy Health Care Plan

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student\\_services/health/Health\\_Care\\_Action\\_Plan\\_Allergies.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student_services/health/Health_Care_Action_Plan_Allergies.pdf)

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## From the Health Office, continued...

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Migraine Health Care Plan

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Seizure Health Care Plan

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Basic Health Care Plan

[https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student\\_services/health/Health\\_Care\\_Action\\_Plan\\_Basic.pdf](https://www.psdschools.org/sites/default/files/PSD/student_services/health/Health_Care_Action_Plan_Basic.pdf)

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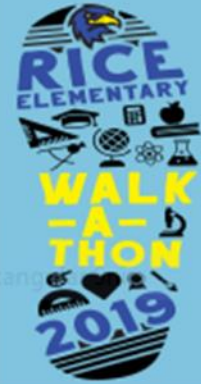
Helping youth and families find answers, options and support.



## Rice Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) End-of-Year Report

Thank you to our amazing students, staff, volunteers, and families for your dedication to Rice! We have SOARED once again with your commitment and efforts! We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Congratulations and well wishes of continued success to our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

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## Thank YOU for your support!

### TOTAL MONEY RAISED:

OVER **\$35,000!!!**

### WALK-A-THON

**\$34,446!!!! WOW!**

Students raised: \$28,076

Businesses gave: \$6,370

Other donations and small fundraisers, such as Box Tops, Domino's Dough Raising Nights, and Milk Caps contributed to our draw-dropping grand total!

### PTO FUNDS SUPPORTED:

Teachers' budgets  
Eco Week  
Field Trips  
Ice Cream Social  
Thanksgiving Celebration  
Winter Craft Night  
Science Night  
Teacher Appreciation  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration  
Spirit Gear  
Math Games  
New Tablets & Software  
Enrichment Coordination  
and more!

### SPECIAL THANKS:

To all of our committed Rice volunteers and our fabulous PTO Members, which include: Jessica Anderson, Anna Antuna, Betsy Ballard, Steph Diamond, Molly Goodman, Erin Jerome, Rebekka Kinney, Megan Larson, Gaylene Moldt, Holly Phillips, Jackie Portz, Megan Rislav, Tammy Steinmetz, Hilary Swiers, and Kate West.

A big THANKS to our school staff who assist with PTO: Melissa Duve, Aaron Vogt, Dolores Thornley, Kristy Lavelle, and Maria Anderson.  
Thanks for all of your support!  
~Jenn Pfipsen, PTO Chair

If you are interested in learning more about Rice Elementary's PTO for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year, please reach out to us via email at [RiceRaptorsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RiceRaptorsPTO@gmail.com). Thank you!



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## PE

Hello Raptors and Happy Summer Break!



Well, we made it, and we Rocked it! It wasn't always easy, but we persevered and made the very best of the situation presented to us. Learning happened and we stayed connected as best we could.

As many of us have realized over this different normal, getting outside and moving our bodies and eating healthy have been essential for our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Continue to take care of yourselves by moving outside, eating your fruits and veggies, and enjoying time with your families. Be kind to yourselves and others whenever possible, have fun, and **READ lots!!**

**5th Graders:** CONGRATULATIONS!!! Fitness, healthy eating, and wellness are my passions and sharing what I know with you has been my pleasure over the past 4 years. You are in control of your own health and you have learned many life-long health and fitness skills to help you choose from. It is your responsibility to continue

making health and fitness a priority. Best of luck on your journey in life!

I look forward to seeing you all when that time comes. Until then, be well everybody.

Take care,

Mr. Hannen

## Art

Hello Rice Raptor Families,

Wow! I can hardly believe school is over and we are entering the summer. I was so happy and see all the smiling students at the pickup of school supplies including their artwork! If there are any issues, we can fix them when we return to school. I hope parents and families can find joy in their student's artwork at home. I still miss them, their energy, and enthusiasm for creating in the classroom and LOVE when they send me emails of what they are creating at home! My HOPE is that they continue being creative and active throughout the summer. I hope that I get to see them all very soon back in the Art room in the Fall!

Take care, stay well, and create lots,

Mrs. Tennyson

[btennyso@psdschools.org](mailto:btennyso@psdschools.org)







## Integrating Technology & the Media Center



### **Thank You!**

Wow – this has been one of the most interesting ends to a school year. A huge shout out and thank you to students, families, and staff for the hard work, dedication, problem solving, creativity, and support you’ve put in over these last few months. I have been inspired and encouraged to see how we all can work together, adjust and be flexible under very unusual circumstances. Thank you to all the families that returned library books, Battle of the Books, laptops and other materials. J

### **Summer Reading Lists**

Need book suggestions for your kids? Here are a few summer reading lists.

[Association for Library Service to Children](#)

[Reading Rockets](#)

[Imagination Soup](#)

[Great Schools](#)

[Educational World](#)

### **Summer Reading Programs**

**Wellington Public Library – [A Summer to Imagine](#)**

Join the excitement starting June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Poudre River Public Library – [A Summer to Imagine](#)**

The fun begins May 20<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **World Book - Online**

Many of our classes have been using the **World Book Encyclopedia** online this year. This is a great reference resource and has many fun activities too.

To access the World Book databases from home:

URL: <http://worldbookonline.com>

User: poudre

Password: poudre

You can also get to it by going to the PSD homepage, click on the Student tab, click on Online Databases.

### **Discovery Education**

PSD students have access to Discovery Education. It offers a breadth and depth of digital media content that is immersive, engaging and brings the world into the classroom to give every student a chance to experience fascinating people, places, and events. All content is aligned to state standards and supports classroom instruction. First through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students log in the same way they log in to the computers at school – their username is their student id# - their password is their PIN #. Most grade levels have used it this year. Below is the link to log in.

[PSD Discovery Education](#)

### **Get more brain wrinkles!**

We encourage student to keep their brains active and healthy during the summer. It’s a great time to get outside and ride bikes, exercise, play board games, read, practice math facts, be scientists, go camping, take a family trip, write a story, play some brain games, and have fun doing it! Enjoy your summer break and we can’t wait to see you when school starts again!

**Have fun reading,  
Mrs. Thornley & Ms. Marcom**

## Music Information



Dear Students and Families,

We miss you so much at Rice! I especially miss making Music with you, dancing, reading stories, and just being together in the Music room. I hope that you have the chance to participate with the remote music classes. Please use the link below to find lessons for each grade level each week:

[Remote Music Classes with Mrs. Davis](#)

Thank you to those who have been sending me messages that your student has been participating with me in Music while we are apart!

### Performances

Because our fourth, first, and kindergarten performances were cancelled, we will most likely have those in the fall (for the new fifth, second, and first grade students).

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Laura Davis

Music Teacher

## Early Childhood

We want to thank our parents for supporting their little remote learners. We look forward to seeing our returning students in the fall and good luck to those going on to kindergarten. Have a great summer!!

~ Ms. Mary, Ms. Mindi

~ Ms. Cindy, Ms. Stacey, Ms. Leeann



## Kindergarten

Dear Kindergarten families,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are very thankful for your support and teamwork as our year comes to an end. We did it! Now you have many resources to revisit as you help your student continue to practice the skills that will be needed for a successful transition to first grade. Here is a list of more ideas to use over the summer break.



1. Read to your child and discuss stories daily!
  2. Have your child read to you daily!
  3. Reread the Read on Your Own books that we sent.
  4. Play a sight word game...see ideas that have been sent in your online learning lessons.
  5. Play a board game, card game, dice game, or any game that will help you to engage in conversation as you practice literacy and math skills.
  6. Have your child keep a journal about things you are doing over the summer.
  7. Play the nonsense or real word roll and read games so they are stretching and blending often. It will help them blend fluently.
  8. Count to 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s and read the numbers on the 100s chart.
  9. Play first to 100 games.
  10. Practice the addition and subtraction facts to 5 using the flash cards and orally.
  11. Practiced the addition and subtraction facts to 10 using the flash cards and orally.
  12. Practice making 5 and 10...ideas given in previous newsletters.
  13. You can use a deck of cards to play top it (like war), making 5 or 10 concentration, go fish, and they can use them to put them in sequential order.
  14. Make time to allow them to read a recipe, measure, and count as you cook in the kitchen. This is a great place to sequence, too.
  15. Use letter cards to make words and then have them check their sounds by stretching them and blending them back together.
  16. Write at least a few sentences of a story a day to practice good sentence structure, punctuation, and spacing.
  17. Practice word work using examples you saw in our word work daily Seesaw videos.
  18. Visit the online learning lessons to practice the phonemic awareness and phonic skills.
- Visit these websites for independent practice and stories for you to share and discuss. Enjoy!

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://www.abcya.com/>

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index.php>

<https://studio.code.org/courses>

It was a different, but awesome year. Have a great summer! Good Luck in first grade ☺!

Thank you,

Lyn Karnes, Sari Bosch, Gretchen Lenzner

**First Grade**



Congratulations FIRST Graders! You did it! We are so proud of the work you did in school and in remote learning. We have watched you learn and grow throughout this year and it makes us so sad and happy to see you go to SECOND Grade!

Over the summer keep reading and using your EPIC account to get new books. Reading is so important to do every day at least 20 minutes. Play hard, get outside and enjoy summer as much as possible.

Online Learning Activities if you need some down time inside:

EPIC! Books

Starfall

Prodigy Math

So many more: Take a look on Student Bookmarks on the Rice Webpage.

We will miss you!

Love,  
Mrs. Ferreira, Miss Faling, and Mr. Kintzley

**Third Grade News**

Third graders- it is a year that will go down in history. Your third-grade teachers are so proud of all that you have done during remote learning. Your attitudes have stayed positive and your motivation was high. It was because of you that we ended the year strong! It was bittersweet to see everyone at the supply pick up and the Rice celebration parade. Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Connally and Mrs. Dent are excited to officially say, "Congratulations! You are going to SOAR in fourth grade."

Parents- it has been an interesting and sometimes trying end of third grade for you as well, but you've done it! Thank you for all of your support and patience this year. We appreciate you and the extra effort you've taken to ensure your child's success during remote learning. We know this was no small task and commend you on all of your efforts!



## Second Grade

As we wrap up 2nd grade, it is impossible to ignore the unexpected way that we are finishing out this unique year, but also it is critical to take time to celebrate the successes. While many things were different in our last few months together, many things were a constant that continue to make us love teaching and knowing your children. We still grew our brains together, we made many new friends and grew stronger those relationships we already had, we learned how to work together as a community (in our class, a town, globally) to teach and show each other compassion, modeled to our children that EVERYONE is a lifelong learner through our flexibility and support of continuing education at home. We want to thank all of YOU for that. We realize, more than ever, the importance of working together to help our children grow. Our hearts are swelling with love for these amazing children that we have prepared and are sending to third grade.



Towards the end of year, we posted an activity that asked students, “What does Rice mean to you?” The inspiration came from a poem from our reading books during the last week of activities. We gathered the 2nd graders responses, and we’d like to share them with you: video link

Mrs. Steketee Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1717295910>

Mrs. Weedin’s Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1717097486>

Ms. Leatherman Link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1716012074>

Mrs. Symsack Link: <https://youtu.be/Ci7WqsdXZHw>

As we move into summer, it is critical to keep our brains active and to continue practicing the skills we’ve worked so hard to learn over the school year. How can you have fun and keep the love of learning throughout the summer?

### Here are a few ideas:

- Play board games and card games as a family. This is a great opportunity for your child to read directions and use cards to add or subtract.
  - Have a family challenge math problem of the week. Everyone tries to solve a three-digit addition or subtraction problem, then each person shares their strategy.
  - Use a ruler or yardstick to measure the plants and flowers in your garden. Keep a bar graph that shows the growth over time!
  - Randomly ask your child what time it is on an analog clock, which shows time with hands.
  - Create a daily or weekly journal time. Everyone in the family decorates their own notebook, sits down together for 10 minutes and writes about the day’s adventures.
  - When traveling in the car, instead of turning on a video for the kids, turn on an audio book. There are lots available from Poudre River Library.
- Continue or create a reading time together as a family. Be sure to schedule independent reading, as well as reading a book together as a family.

## Fourth Grade

### Staying Sharp over Summer

**DID YOU KNOW?** Over summer vacation your skills and knowledge ooze out of your brain. You can lose almost a month's worth of knowledge over the summer if you do not work your brain.

While it is important to take to time rest, relax, and play over the summer; it is also important to continue to take care of your brain. Our brains like to have a job to do, this job is thinking. Our brains and bodies also like to have routines, schedules, and structure. Plan to take an hour every day for your brain, even more time would be better.

### Ideas for Preventing the Daily Brain Ooze

#### Keep it FUN

Websites:

- ◇ <http://www.gamequarium.com/>
- ◇ <http://www.aplusmath.com/>
- ◇ <http://www.coolmath.com/>
- ◇ <http://www.funbrain.com/>
- ◇ <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>
- ◇ <https://www.scholastic.com/content/corp-home/covid-19statement.html>
- ◇ <https://www.timeforkids.com/>
- ◇ <https://ric.pedschools.org/quick-links>



#### Making Activities Meaningful:

With each of the activities listed, you not only can have a ton of fun but do some learning also. Writing is easy to include with either a summary, personal narrative, comic, or even to write a story from the object's perspective. Ever wonder what it would be like to be a flip flop for a day? You could create a scrapbook of the event, write a song, a poem, or even a rap.

#### If you need something to do over the summer, try these...

Go virtual tours of zoos and museums  
Read a book!  
Count your money  
Talk a walk  
Make lemonade and cookies  
Run through the sprinklers  
Paintbrush with water your driveway  
Read a book!  
Make a summer calendar  
Add and subtract things  
Go for a hike  
Read a book!

Memorize a summer poem  
Visit your relatives, safely  
Go to the library or online Poudre River Library  
Sit under a huge tree and look up!  
Go swimming  
Learn a new game  
Jump rope  
Ride your bike  
Pack a picnic lunch and go to the park  
Help dad or mom with cooking dinner, be sure to use math  
Sing a song

5th Grade

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**Congratulations 5th Graders!**

**We are so proud of you and  
wish you all the best!**

**We will miss you.**



Thank you for an amazing fifth grade year. We are so excited for the adventures you will have in the future.

Love,  
Miss Holmes, Mrs. Neill, and Ms. Whitehouse