

# Red Feather Lakes Elementary

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## Next Week's Schedule

- Mon 4/12 – Music
- Tues 4/13 – Music
- Wed 4/14 – Art
- Thurs 4/15 – Makerspace
- Fri 4/16 – No School
- Mon 4/19 – No School  
No Preschool

## Student's Snail Mail:

Remember to check your student's backpack for important papers coming home today!



## Looking Ahead

- 4/16 – No School
- 4/19 – No School  
No Preschool
- 4/28 – Superhero Day
- 5/4 to 5/6 – CMAS for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



K/1 and 2/3  
enjoy an  
afternoon of  
snowshoeing



Preschool celebrated Unicorn day today –  
tomorrow K-5 celebrates National Unicorn day



## Tomorrow! Unicorn Day

Let's wear our  
fanciest Unicorn  
attire tomorrow

## Student Feeling Ill?

Review these  
[District Guidelines](#)  
about symptoms  
and [returning to learn](#)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/16 Ren and Gabbie
- 4/18 James, Mrs. Jayroe
- 4/25 Elena



- 4/26 Savannah, Hunter,  
and Coach Uhrich
- 4/29 Ms. Spanos





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 				1 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	2 Morning Special P.E.	3
4	5 Afternoon Special Music	6 PTO Meeting via Zoom 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Special Music	7 Morning Special Art	8 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	9 Afternoon Special Life Skills National Unicorn Day!	10
11	12 Afternoon Special Music	13 Afternoon Special Music	14 Morning Special Art	15 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	16 School Not in Session Happy Birthday Ren and Gabbie!	17
18 Happy Birthday James & Mrs. Jayroe	19 School Not in Session Teacher Workday	20 Afternoon Special P.E.	21 Afternoon Special Life Skills	22 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	23 Afternoon Special P.E.	24
25 Happy Birthday Elena F.	26 Morning Special Music Happy Birthday Savanah, Hunter & Coach Uhrich	27 Afternoon Special P.E.	28 Afternoon Special Life Skills Superhero Day	29 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech Happy Birthday Ms. Spanos	30 Afternoon Special P.E.	

[Breakfast and Lunch Menu's](#)



## Save the Date: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation !

Save the Date! 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dates and times have been set. We are still finalizing details (and the number of guests allowed per student) dependent upon State COVID requirements and will communicate with families once a final plan is set in place. For now, 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please mark your calendar for the following date and time:



**Red Feather 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

## A Letter from Principal Schachet for our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade families

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Earlier this week your student's teacher started communicating with you regarding state assessments. This is a recap of that same information and a reminder of your student's options during this testing period.

This spring, Poudre School District will administer statewide assessments. At the Mountain Schools this applies to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. These tests provide valuable information for our school and teachers, who use the data to understand where students are in their learning and tailor instruction accordingly. The district also uses these results to measure overall student academic progress and identify opportunities for improvement.

Normally, students in third through eighth grade participate in Colorado Measures of Academic Success assessments (CMAS) in both English language arts (ELA) and math. This spring, the state legislature and U.S. Department of Education reduced the number of CMAS tests students will be required to take. Depending on their grade they will now only be required to take either English language arts or math.

Mountain Schools Testing Dates	Grade	Required Test	Optional Test
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	English language arts	Math
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Math	English Language Arts

Your student has three options:

1. **Your student can take just the required test for their grade.** No further steps are required. Your student will test on their required subject at school during the testing dates outlined above.
2. **You can opt your student in to do both the English Language Arts and/or Math in addition to the required testing subject** (this is the optional column above). To opt your student in to the optional testing subject above please follow the directions on this form: [Opting Students \\*In\\* to Additional CMAS ELA and Math Assessments](#). **The deadline for this form is tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**
3. **You can excuse your student from all state assessments.** To excuse your student from state assessments, you may complete a Parent Excusal form digitally by logging into [ParentVUE](#) and accessing Services Tracker. Instructions and screenshots on how to do this can be found [here](#). You may also print a PDF version of the "2020-21 Opt Out of State Testing Form" and return it to your school. Forms are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#). **The deadline for this form is tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

If you decide to opt out, we strongly encourage you to keep your student home on our scheduled testing days, due to COVID-19 protocols. Absences will be excused. For further details, please call your school.

If your child is ill on a testing day, they should not come to school and follow the [Return to Learn guidelines](#) or [PSD COVID-19 protocols](#). Families may contact us to discuss makeup options.

For more information about state assessments, visit the Colorado Department of Education [website here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Tom Schachet  
PSD Mountain Schools  
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# A Letter from PTO

Dear Red Feather Lakes Elementary Family,

First of all wahoo! We have almost made it through the 2020/2021 school year! In preparation for wrapping up this crazy year, the PTO is requesting your input and/or assistance with the following items:

## 2020/2021 Red Feather Lakes Elementary School Yearbook

The PTO is working hard on this year's yearbook. Our goal is to have all personalized student messages and business advertisements that will be included in the 2020/2021 yearbook compiled by mid-April.

- To meet that timeline, please submit any personalized student messages and business advertisements you want included to Ashley Johnson at [ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com) by April 15, 2021.

The personalized message is free, and the business advertisement is \$15. Those wishing to place a business advertisement will be sent an invoice through PayPal.

The printing costs for each yearbook will be \$15. If you would like to provide a voluntary purchase of your child's yearbook, we can email you an invoice through PayPal. The PTO will ensure every student receives a yearbook, but your contributions allow us to stretch the PTO budget to do more for the kids.

## PTO Board Member Elections

It is also time for us to elect PTO board members.

- Please submit your nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to Ashley Johnson at [ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com) by April 15, 2021.

Any parent, guardian, or other adult standing in loco parentis (*acting in the place of a parent*) for a student of Red Feather Lakes Elementary is eligible to serve on the PTO. We will compile all nominations received and hold the election using google forms the beginning of May. Elected board members will serve on the PTO from August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Ashley Johnson*

Ashley Johnson  
PTO President  
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307-797-4036

Put a personalized message in  
the yearbook for your student:

**It is Free!**

All you need to do is send your  
personalized message to Ashley  
Johnson at  
[ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyjohnson7.3.11@gmail.com)  
by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

*For details see the purple section above*





Red Feather Lakes Elementary School  
Golf Tournament & Fundraiser  
4 Person Scramble & Silent Auction  
Sunday, August 22nd

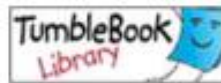
SAVE THE DATE

**Fun Fact: Students helped created this amazing piece of artwork! It is in our hallway and is about 4 feet by 3 feet. Ask your student which part their class helped create.**



# Keep Kids Reading

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(or <https://bit.ly/3m51Uix>)

# Red Feather Lakes Community Library

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Need assistance? 970-881-2664 or [help@redfeatherlibrary.org](mailto:help@redfeatherlibrary.org)

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