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Dear Platte River Families,

Appreciation is the Character Trait everyone at Platte River is focusing on in the month of November. When I slow down long enough, I recognize and appreciate just how fortunate I am to serve as principal here at Platte River Elementary. I appreciate all the families who support the school and I am amazed daily by the dedication and creativity of the teachers and support staff.

Thank you for your attendance and participation during Parent/ Teacher conferences on October 26-27. If you were unable to make those dates, please contact the school to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher or arrange for a phone conference.

It's getting colder with each passing day. To have kids prepared for the cool weather, please make sure they leave the house in the morning wearing a sweater or coat. Days are getting shorter too. It may be dark when students are dropped off in the morning and/or picked up in the evening. Please drive cautiously in the parking lot and always accompany your child.

We continue to be guided by our motto, "Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe" here at Platte River. Please continue support of this concept at home – this is a partnership that begins with you. We are grateful for your confidence in us as a staff and school to meet the academic needs of your child! My goal is to serve you, the community, and the students. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call my office or arrange a time to come in and talk.

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PLATTE RIVER TEAMS AND CLUBS

6th Grade Girls Basketball Teams: Monday and Friday 4:00-5:30 – Coach Peltier

3rd/4th Boys Basketball: Tue+Thu 5:00-6:30

1st-5th Grade Cub Scouts Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

3rd/4th Grade Girls Basketball: Fridays 5:30-7:00 at Platte River (other practices at Betsie Valley too)

3rd-5th Grade Odyssey of the Mind Team: Coach Jass has distributed both schedules to the teams

5th grade Girls Basketball: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-7:00

Some important dates in the month of November:

November 7 NO SCHOOL

November 9 PR PTO Meeting 6:30pm

November 11 Report Cards Sent home

November 18 K-1st Thanksgiving Musical at 3pm

November 23 Half Day – No Lunch Served

November 24-25 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

You can follow what's happening at Platte River Elementary by going online to benzieschools.net Click 'calendars' then click 'Platte River Elementary.'

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Platte River Elementary

Mission Statement:

The school community of Platte River will provide opportunities in a responsible, respectful, and safe environment to empower students to learn and succeed in today's society.

The Character Trait of October was Helpful. The following students demonstrated Helpful behavior throughout the month and will be recognized at Character Café Friday, Nov. 4:

Mrs. Fought's Kindergarten Class: **Katie Taillard**

Mrs. Noffsinger's First Grade Class: **Lilly Converse**

Mrs. Rosa's Second Grade Class: **Zack Hendrick**

Mrs. Jass's Third Grade Class: **Olivia Potts**

Mrs. Burch's Fourth Grade Class: **Grace Heiges**

Mrs. Vanderlinde's Fifth Grade Class: **Edgar Roman**

Mrs. Micinski's Sixth Grade Class: **Gabby Barron**

Ms. Wynkoop's Sixth Grade Class: **Caleb Stowe**

Mr. Grimes Sixth Grade Class: **Brooklyn Barker**

Mrs. Roeske's Sixth Grade Class: **Mackenzie Wysocki**

FOODCORPS CORNER

Our FoodCorps service member, Julia Paige, is a native of Northwest Michigan and has a varied background that includes being a professional pastry chef and studying sustainable food systems at the University of Michigan. Throughout the year, Julia will be conducting taste tests in the cafeteria at lunch times.



The Results are In! Platte River Elementary students loved the **applesauce** they tried in their taste test on Wednesday, October 25th. We're looking forward to November's taste test of winter squash on 11/22!

BOX TOPS...SAVE...SAVE...SAVE



Please remember to save those BOX TOPS!
There is a year-long competition between classes going on all year. Those are regularly counted and cut here at the school. Send these in to school with your student.
THANK YOU!

Holiday Book Sale & Craft Preview at Benzonia Public Library!

Saturday, November 12, 10am-3pm.

Enjoy delicious refreshments while browsing whimsical and unique crafts by the Repurposeful Librarians and a wide assortment of gently used books and puzzles.

As a special gift, our **Friends members get one free book.** (*Sign-ups accepted during the sale.*) Proceeds benefit BPL Programs.

During school hours, the only doors used for entrance of guests are the main doors. These doors are locked during school hours. To gain access into the building, please use the buzzer located next to the doors on the wall. The office staff can review images on the camera and open the door through a remote unlock button. Please come into the office to sign in and get a visitor's badge.

The PTO at Platte River is excited to get going with another year of events and fundraisers. Please feel free to attend the first meeting on November 9th at 6:30pm.



Parking in front of school is prohibited from 7:00-9:00am & 2:15-4:00pm. Thank you!

Please use the parking lot on the east side of the building, next to the basketball court.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Interested in joining the ski club this year?

Wednesdays from January 4 to March 8, 2017. Prices vary based on the package selected.

Mrs. Gray and Ms. Wynkoop are Platte River's Ski Advisors. Please call 325.3063 for a packet to be sent home with your child.

Bussing for 6th graders is available \$15 for the season.

*Make checks payable to CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN for the ski club. Make checks payable to Benzie Central Schools for bussing.