

October 14, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As many of you know the holiday season can be a difficult time for some families who are facing tough financial situations. We recently offered the families in need the opportunity to take part in an Adopt-a-Family program through our district, but also specifically right here at The Raymore-Peculiar Intermediate Schools to assist those families with purchasing gifts for their children.

If you are planning on adopting a family during this holiday, please consider adopting a family at the Raymore-Peculiar Intermediate Schools, knowing you are helping a family right here in our community.

I do think it is important to note that all families will remain completely anonymous and confidential. Neither the family nor children names will be given; this includes both the family “being adopted” and the family “doing the adopting.” We feel this is important for a variety of reasons. All presents will be delivered to the school and we will be sure they get to the family. Please see below for more detail.

If you or someone you know is interested in adopting a family, please contact Brenda Mackender, school counselor at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 892-1762 or [Brenda.Mackender@raypec.org](mailto:Brenda.Mackender@raypec.org) or Piper Showen, school counselor at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, 892-1709 or [Piper.Showen@raypec.org](mailto:Piper.Showen@raypec.org) **by Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. After we have matched up the families, we will give you the information of your family, including the age, gender, clothing, and toy requests.

We thank you, in advance, for your help with this wonderful program. Please be sure to follow the steps below to ensure the most efficient and effective way, while maintaining confidentiality to deliver all presents in time for the holidays.

- The paper you receive with information regarding your “adopted family,” will include a number assigned to each family and letters assigned to each child (no names will be given).
- Please wrap each present and be sure to indicate the family number and child letter on the outside of each present.
- Please include a package of gift tags we can give to the parents, so they are able to write the child’s name on the outside of the present to make it more personal.
- **\*\*Please wrapped and dropped off at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School or Eagle Glen Intermediate Schools counseling office by Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kindness in helping another family!**

All of us here at Eagle Glen Intermediate School and Bridle Ridge Intermediate School wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!