



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

January 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

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January 7
FFA Banquet

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Building/Grounds
Board Meeting

January 11
4K Screening

January 24 & 25
HS Exams

January 26
No School

Concert Choir Caroling

by Ellen Martin



Selected singers from the River Ridge Concert Choir spread their holiday Christmas cheer as they went caroling to local businesses, including nursing homes in Lancaster and Prairie du Chien.

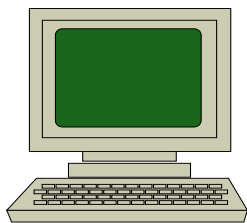
Additional Parking Spaces Available

by Dr. Jeff Athey

When our winter music concerts were held on December 15 and 18, we noticed that a number of parents/guests parked their vehicles in the bus lane in front of the school as well as on County Highway P or across the road on the quarry property. In case you didn't know or are unaware, we do have additional parking spots located on the south side of the high school. These spaces were created this past summer as part of the construction project. Furthermore, additional parking is available down past the transportation building/softball diamond west of the high school. For anyone who parks back there when we have such events as music concerts, Missoula Children's Theater, graduation, etc., it is possible to enter the school through the double doors by the weight room/instrumental music room in addition to coming in through the front doors on the north side of the building. We are looking into signage that will help make it easier to guide parents/visitors to these parking areas. Please keep this in mind for future River Ridge activities.

Mission Statement

The River Ridge School District will strive to provide a safe, challenging environment for each individual student by promoting excellent staff development, encouraging meaningful parent involvement, and earning strong community support through honesty, integrity, and open communication.



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2017 High School Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday – January 24

1st hour – 8:00-9:30
3rd hour – 9:40-11:10
HS Lunch – 11:15-12:00
5th hour – 12:05-1:35
7th hour – 1:45-3:15

Thursday - January 25

2nd hour – 8:00-9:30
4th hour – 9:40-11:10
HS Lunch 11:15-12:00
6th hour – 12:05-1:35
8th hour – 1:45-3:15

1. Buses will run at regular time on Wednesday, January 24, and Thursday, January 25.
2. Students are not required to be in school until their first scheduled exam. Once in school, students are to stay until exams are completed for the day. Students should report to study hall if not taking an exam. Seniors have open campus but must sign in and out from office if they leave the campus.
3. All students should sign in if they arrive after 8:00 a.m. Students should sign out if they leave before 3:15 p.m. Students that arrive late or leave before 3:15 should have signed permission slips turned into office by Monday, January 22.
4. A student may not leave the exam area until the 90-minute period is over. There will be no loitering in the hallways.
5. Students are expected to be in the classroom on time when the bell rings to begin the exam.
6. Any student missing any exam time must make arrangements with the teacher for make-up time. Grades are due to the office by 3:30 PM on January 29.

RRAP News

by Nicky Drone

RRAP (River Ridge Active Parents) would like to thank everyone for a successful 4K-4th grade fundraiser. The money earned helps pay for our annual Halloween dance, which was a ton of fun this year! Also, we pay for field trips for 4K-8th grade, holiday cookies, 100th Day celebration treat and other requests as they come in. We will be holding a 5th-8th grade fundraiser in early Spring.

Happy New Year from all of us from RRAP!



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The River Ridge School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

District Administrator
 P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P
 Patch Grove, WI 53817
 Telephone No. 608-994-2715

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.



Emergency School Closing Information

Although we make every effort to keep pupils in school for the full session once school has started, certain circumstances may require our school schedules being adjusted. During the school year when it becomes necessary to close the school early due to inclement weather or an emergency, it is imperative that you make previous arrangements with your children in the event that they are to go to a neighbor's or relative's house or if someone else will be picking them up at school. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD and be sure you discuss the plan thoroughly with your child. If there is a change in the procedure during the school year, please make sure your child is aware of the change.



River Ridge Athletic Booster Pasta Supper

Save the date:
 February 10, 2018 at Tranel's



River Ridge Athletic Boosters Club is a volunteer group dedicated to working together to help support the entire athletic program at River Ridge School District. We provide financial support for items beyond what the school district's athletic budget can provide and will benefit all athletes. A popular way for our booster club to raise money is with our 50/50 raffles that are held at football, volleyball, wrestling and basketball games. Parents of any athlete are welcome to sign-up to help sell 50/50 tickets or any other fundraiser that is held. Funds raised go towards providing improvements and additions to our athletic program, keeping our weight room updated, scholarships, printing of the sports schedules, meals for athletes to compete in state events, state plaques that are placed in the high school gymnasium, etc.

Thank you to all parents who provide remarkable support! Your time and donations are truly appreciated!!

School Performance Report

If you would like a copy of the School District Performance report, please contact the school at 608-994-2715. You can also go to the following website to look at the information <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

River Ridge Holds Local Spelling Bee – 2017

by Sue Kuenster



The 5th through 8th grade Scripps National Spelling Bee was held on Monday, December 11 at River Ridge. Sixteen 5th - 8th grade students competed in the local competition: 5th graders - Jimena Hernandez-Perez, Kaden Love, Maya Drone, Noah Perry; 6th graders - Landon Trautsch, Matthew Nies, Caden Hampton, Ethan Stoney; 7th graders - Mackenzie Esser, Alexia Doyle, Aidan Gage, Gabriel Duran; 8th graders - Sam Reuter, David Nies, Owen Hamilton and Caitlin Herrick. Mrs. Heidi Serres organized the event. The pronouncer for the spelling bee was Mrs. Serres, and the judges were Mrs. Tamie Hoffman, Mrs. Wendy Scherer and Mrs. Deb Martin.



The top 3 finalists: Alexia Doyle, Gabriel Duran, and David Nies will represent River Ridge in the Sectional Spelling Bee at UW-Platteville on January 23, 2018. Sam Reuter is the alternate and will attend the sectional bee should a finalist be unable to attend. Congratulations to all the participants and winners! Good Luck to Alexia, Gabe and David in the Sectional Spelling Bee.

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Dates to Remember:

Eighth Grade High School Registration

January 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM
(Students/Parents)

2018-19 Registration

January 16-18, 2018

ACT Test

February 27, 2018
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

ACT WorkKeys Test

February 28, 2018
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

KEEP COLLECTING

River Ridge School District is continuing to collect:

1. Box Tops
2. Pop Tabs -from the tops of cans- this helps family's stay at the Ronald McDonald House
3. Moolah milk tops and labels- from Kwik Trip and Kwik Star
4. Land O'Lakes Caps
5. Malt O'Meal Cereal Bags (need the whole bag)
6. Country Hearth (UPC label-Loaves4learning)
7. Golden Guernsey Dairy--Cash for Kids--milk caps
8. Prairie Farms--milk caps

There are drop off bins at the buildings, or you can give to Lisa Clark.



Middle School Boys' Basketball Tournament by Nicky Drone

The middle school boys' basketball tournament was held on Saturday, December 16. It was a great turnout with 17 teams in grades 5th-7th. Thank you to these businesses for sponsoring the tournament champs t-shirts for the winning teams:

Culver's, Lindsey Ludvik Photography, Peoples State Bank and Top Notch Construction & Design LLC. Also, thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to help make this tournament a success!



5th Grade Tournament Champs
St Mary's



7th Grade Tournament Champs
Bangor



6th Grade Tournament Champs
Darlington



Help us raise money with delicious food delivered to your door.

You have been invited to support our Schwan's Cares™ fundraiser for River Ridge 2018 Post-Prom Fundraiser.

Shop online from over 300 high-quality foods that go from the freezer to table in minutes. With Schwan's® foods, a quality meal is always within reach.

When you order by Apr 27 2018, a percentage of your order will be contributed towards our fundraising goal!

Here are two ways to support us:

Order Online

1. Visit schwans-cares.com/c/36160
2. Click "Shop Now".
3. Select team member (if applicable).
4. Start Shopping!

Order By Phone

Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide, Campaign ID 36160 and, Fundraiser ID (if applicable).

Success is not
final, failure is
not fatal: it is the
courage to continue
that counts.

Winston Churchill

West Grant Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 4, 2018

The West Grant Lions Club, which serves the River Ridge area, will hold its annual pancake and sausage breakfast at River Ridge High School on Sunday, February 4, serving from 7:30 to 11:30 AM. The West Grant Lioness Club will also hold a bake sale that morning.

Featured on the menu will be pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee.

In the past, the Lions have donated to the West Grant Rescue Squad, local fire departments, Operation Santa Claus, Wisconsin Badger Camp, scholarships, senior class awards banquet and local community projects as well as helping to support Lions eye clinics and hearing projects.

Substitute Teacher Training

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Check-In: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.)

CESA #3 – Conference Rooms C & D
Fennimore, WI

College graduates and Associate degree-holders can be hired as substitute teachers. To help decide if substitute teaching is something you would like to pursue, Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3 (CESA #3) in Fennimore is offering a Substitute Teacher Training Seminar.

A 2-year associate or 4-year bachelor's degree in any area is necessary for you to participate in this training. Individuals with a bachelor's degree can work as substitute teachers and then complete the training; Associate degree-holders must complete the training before working as a substitute teacher.

The seminar will introduce participants to the field of substitute teaching by covering the general expectations of a substitute teacher, pertinent information on health issues, successful discipline techniques, hints for working with students who have special needs and more.

For further information and/or to receive a registration form, please contact Kate Hennessy at the CESA #3 office, (608) 822-2149. The cost is \$65.00, which includes materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Registration is required. Space is limited, please register early.

Don't Forget!

**No School
January 26**

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

January 2018

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Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites

My First Coding Book

(Kiki Prottzman)

Your child doesn't need a computer to learn about coding! The puzzles, flaps, and games in this nonfiction book make coding fun. Complex terms become easy to understand, and colorful illustrations add to the enjoyment.



Ladder to the Moon

(Maya Soetoro-Ng)

Suhaila wishes she could meet her grandmother, who died before she was born. Her wish comes true when Grandma Annie travels down a magical ladder. The pair go on a fantastical journey to help people in need. A dreamlike folktale about empathy. (Also available in Spanish.)



On the Spot: Countless Funny Stories

(Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Lea Redmond)

This clever rhyming book invites readers to join in the storytelling. Each page has a fill-in-the-blank spot where your youngster can place a sticker or small object—and it becomes part of the tale. Read the book again using new items, and get an entirely different giggle-worthy story.

How People Learned to Fly

(Fran Hodgkins)

People tried many ideas on the path to inventing the airplane. Your child will love these fun facts about the history of flight. An activity at the end invites readers to experiment with creating their own airplanes.



Vocabulary builders

“Fancy” nouns, clever verbs, awesome adjectives—all kinds of words make up a good vocabulary. Here are ways to increase the number of words your child knows, making her a stronger reader, writer, and speaker.



Bring nouns to life

Your youngster has probably sat on an *ottoman*, but she may not realize that's what it's called. When she hears or reads a “fancy” noun (person, place, or thing), encourage her to write it on a sticky note. Have her use the note to label the object. She could stick *bureau* on her dresser, or label the hallway with *corridor*.

acting out a word from the list—whoever guesses it goes next.

Act out verbs

This charades game will teach your child interesting new verbs (action words). First, brainstorm a list of verbs (*run, hop, sing, sweep*). Include ones she doesn't know like *chuckle* or *stomp*, explaining what they mean. Take turns

Add an adjective

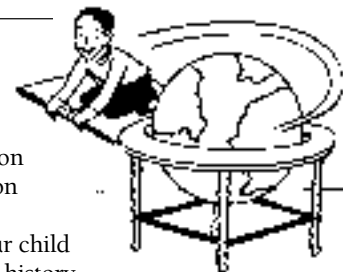
Have your youngster find an object and choose an adjective (descriptive word) for it. *Example:* “This is a *purple* hairbrush.” Then, you take the item and add a word, perhaps an unusual one (“This is a *sturdy* purple hairbrush”). Pass it back and forth until you can't come up with another adjective. Play again with a new item.♥

Read around the world

Turn your youngster into a world traveler by helping him learn about other countries through books.

Together, look at a world map, and list the seven continents. Next, find library books set on each (a Japanese fairy tale, a nonfiction book on Australian animals).

As you read, talk about what you learn. Your child may discover tidbits about a country's culture, history, and traditions, and even learn a word or two of the language spoken there. When you've finished reading, he could make a tally mark beside each continent on his list. How many books can he read for each continent?♥



Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

What's the source?

Share these ideas for keeping track of sources when your youngster writes reports for school. He can jot each fact on the front of an index card and list the book's title and author on the back. Or he could print out articles and highlight information he plans to use. The URL will be right there at the bottom of the page.

Winter wear

Not too cold, not too hot—your child will concentrate better in school if she's comfortable. Encourage her to dress in layers so she can remove or add as needed. For example, she might wear a sweater over a T-shirt or a vest on top of a blouse.

Developing diligence

When your youngster gives a job his wholehearted effort, he's being *diligent*. To demonstrate, suggest that he fold a few shirts before putting them in a drawer and then just throw in the rest. Ask him if he has done the job right. Point out that diligence will give him better results (unwrinkled shirts).

Worth quoting

"Hold on to a true friend with both your hands." *Nigerian proverb*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A: At the bottom.



Together time

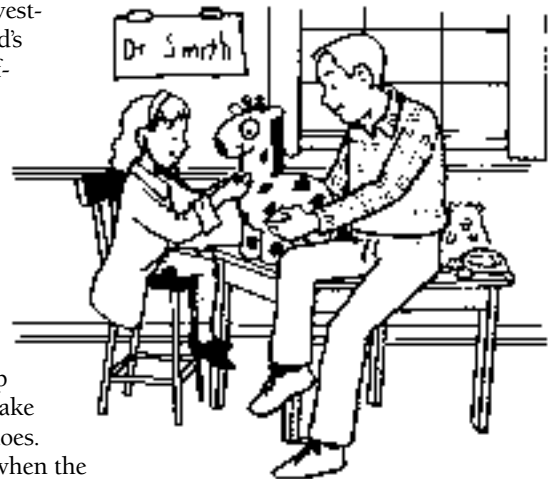
Family time is a worthy investment that can boost your child's communication skills and self-esteem. As a result, she may learn more and behave better in school. Try these ideas for fitting in more time with your youngster.

Maximize minutes

Sharing simple, everyday moments may lead to conversations about school or friends. Ask your child to help you with dinner. She could make the salad while you peel potatoes. Or sing along with the radio when the two of you are in the car or listening to music at home.

Have "play dates"

Join your youngster when she plays. She might teach you the rules for Trouble or Mousetrap, or you could show her a card game you liked at her age. Or pretend with her—maybe she'll be a veterinarian and you'll bring stuffed animals for checkups. Taking turns and role-playing build social skills she needs in school.



Plan ahead

With your child, list special activities you both enjoy, such as going to a flea market, visiting a nature center, or watching a basketball game. Put these on a calendar so you'll plan on them. She'll see that her company is important to you.

Tip: Silence or put away your phone to give your youngster your undivided attention while you chat or play.♥

Celebrate history

For a child, even yesterday can seem like a long time ago. Bring the past into the present for your youngster with these do-it-today activities.

● Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This civil rights leader helped to change the world.

How can your family make a difference? Have each person draw a star on a sheet of paper, then cut it out and write one way to help others on each of the star's points. *Examples:* "Make a meal for a sick neighbor." "Play with a classmate who doesn't have a lot of friends."

● **Create a personal history museum.** History isn't just about others—your family has its own history, too! Let your child turn a box into a museum filled with items that remind family members of "historic" moments. He might include his T-ball award or a photograph of his little sister in a school play.♥





January 2018

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Happy New Year!



Breakfast Notes
Breakfast is served with the choice of fruit and milk daily.

Two Entrées will be offered each day. Students may choose one. The second option for PK - 4th grade is a yogurt lunch (consists of 4 oz. yogurt, peanut butter sandwich, vegetable, fruit and milk) and the second option for 5th - 12th is a chef salad.
Each meal must have a combined 1/2 cup total of vegetables and/or fruit on the tray in order to qualify for a reimbursable lunch.
WG - Whole Grain
WW - Whole Wheat

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 No School	2 No School	3 French Toast Sticks & Sausage	4 Cereal & Toast	5 Breakfast Cake & Yogurt
Pancake Wrap & Trix Yogurt	9 Breakfast Biscuit	Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Steamed Carrots Fresh/canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Garlic Toast Milk Choice	Delish Subs Tortilla Chips w/Cheese & Salsa Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice
8 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Corn Dinner Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	10 Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a bun Twister Fries Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	11 Cheese Omelet & Toast	12 Breakfast Pizza	13 Cereal & Muffin
15 Cereal & PB&J Grahams	16 Breakfast Cake & Yogurt	Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Tossed Salad/Salad Bar Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	18 Breakfast Biscuit	19 Cereal & Toast
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Applesauce/Fruit Juice Milk Choice	17 Pancakes & Sausage	Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	19 Breakfast Biscuit	20 Cereal & Toast
22 Scrambled Eggs & Toast	23 Breakfast Pizza	24 Cheese Omelet & Toast	25 Fruit Smoothie & Cereal Bar	26 No School
Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	24 Tacos Buttered Corn Tossed Salad (K-4) Salad Bar (5-12) Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Tossed Salad (K-4) Salad Bar (5-12) Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice	Chicken & Gravy over Biscuits Peas Fresh Fruit/Fruit Salad Milk Choice	
29 Cereal & PB&J Uncrustable	30 Pancakes & Ham	31 Cereal & Pop Tarts		
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Applesauce/Fruit Juice Milk Choice	Cheeseburger Macaroni Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Garlic Breadstick Milk Choice	Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Baked Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Choice Milk Choice		

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day No School	2 No School 5:30 PM HS GB @ DeSoto 6:00 PM HS BB @ Boscobel	3 School Resumes 5:00 PM Policy/Curr. 6:00 PM Staff/Emp. Relat.	4 4:30 PM MS GB @ PDC 6:00 PM HS GB vs Highland	5 6:00 PM HS BB @ Belmont	6 5-8 GB Tourney @ RR 9:30 AM Wrestling @ Lancaster 10:00 AM BB @ Bameveld
7 6:00 PM FFA Banquet	8 6:00 PM HS BB vs Wauzeka-Steuben	9 4:30 PM MS GB @ MFL 4:30 PM MS BB vs Fennimore 6:00 PM HS GB @ Belmont 6:00 PM Wrestling @ Clayton Ridge	10 5:00 PM Biding/Grounds 6:00 PM Board Meeting 7:00 PM 8th Gr. Registration	11 8:00 AM 4K Screening 4:30 PM MS GB vs Wauzeka/Steuben 6:00 PM HS BB @ Cassville	12 6:00 PM HS GB vs Benton	13 8:00 AM Wrestling @ Weston
14 Dorian Choral Festival	15 Dorian Choral Festival 4:30 PM MS GB vs Lancaster	16 2018-2019 Reg. 6:00 PM HS BB vs Potosi	17 2018-2019 Reg.	18 2018-2019 Reg. 4:30 PM MS GB vs Cassville 5:30 PM MS BB vs Cassville 6:00 PM BB @ Platteville 7:00 PM Wrestling - Home	19 6:00 PM HS BB vs Highland	20 MS GB Tourney @ PDC 9:00 AM BB @ Darlington 9:00 AM Wrestling @ Riverdale
21	22 4:30 PM MS BB @ Highland 6:00 PM HS BB @ Seneca	23 Geography Bee 4:30 PM MS GB vs Potosi 6:00 PM HS GB @ Potosi	24 HS Semester Exams	25 End of 2nd Quarter 4:30 PM MS BB @ Fennimore 5:00 PM Wrestling @ Ithaca 5:30 PM HS BB vs PDC 6:00 PM MS GB @ Wauzeka 6:00 PM HS BB vs Shullsburg	26 No School Records Day 6:00 PM HS GB - TBA	27 MS BB Tourney - PDC 9:00 AM Wrestling @ Lancaster 10:00 AM HS BB @ Argyle
28	29 4:30 PM MS BB vs MFL 6:00 PM HS BG vs Lancaster	30 6:00 PM HS BB vs DeSoto	31			

December 2017							February 2018						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	28	
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Who is responsible for transporting their children to and from school?
 Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the individualized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts *may* provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is **not guaranteed** and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 5 – April 30, 2018 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 8, 2018 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 15, 2018 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 29, 2018 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2018-19 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program
 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
 Toll-free: 888-245-2732
 Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
 Web site: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>



2018-19

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2018-19 School Year

**Full-Time
 Inter-District**

**Open
 Enrollment**

**In Wisconsin Public
 Schools**

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 Tony Evers, PhD, State Superintendent

You may apply for **open enrollment** from **February 5-April 30, 2018**

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old

kindergarten and early childhood education is limited.

Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2018-19 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2018. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.

- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.

- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.

- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can an application be rejected?

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education **space is not available** for the pupil; **special education or related services** are not available; or if the pupil has been **referred for a special education evaluation** but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been **expelled** during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was **habitually truant** from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not

offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: OCTOBER 25, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. REPORT AS TO NOTICE GIVEN – School District Clerk Cory Moravits presented proof of posting.

3. DECLARING MEETING OFFICIAL – The meeting was declared official by Board President Kenny Nies.

4. ELECT CHAIR PERSON OF MEETING – Karla Irish nominated Jason Cathman to serve as Chairperson. Kerri Schier seconded the nomination and it passed on a voice vote.

5. DESIGNATING CLERK OF MEETING – Chairperson Jason Cathman designated Cory Moravits as clerk of meeting.

6. READ MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING
Clerk Cory Moravits read the 2016 minutes. Dennis Mulrooney made a motion to approve the minutes. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Treasurer Jason Cathman read the treasurer's report. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kenny Nies seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

8. AUTHORIZATION OF AUDIT FOR SUCCEEDING YEAR – A motion to authorize audit for succeeding year was made by Karla Irish, Kenny Nies seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS – No new Business

10. TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION – A motion to adopt the the resolution was made by and Karla Irish and seconded by Adam Guthrie. The motion passed on a voice vote.

11. RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE – A motion to forgo the reading of resolutions was made by Adam Guthrie and seconded by Kenny Nies. The motion passed on a voice vote. Kenny Nies made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing accident insurance coverage. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

12. BOARD SALARIES – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the resolution to have no change in board compensation. Dennis Mulrooney seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

13. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – Kerri Schier made a motion to forgo the reading of the resolution. Karla Irish seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the school lunch resolution. Kenny Nies seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

14. RESOLUTION AS TO TEXTBOOKS – Adam Guthrie made a motion to forgo reading the resignation. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. Karla Irish made a motion to approve the resolution and Kerri Schier seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

15. BUDGET HEARING – Business Manager Kevin Kocer presented the budget.

16. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION – A motion to approve the resolution was made by Cory Moravits and seconded by Kerri Schier. The motion passed on a voice vote.

17. ADJOURNMENT – Kenny Nies made a motion to adjourn. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY WISCONSIN: OCTOBER 25, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM

II. ROLL CALL – Present: Kenny Nies, Kerri Schier, Adam Guthrie, Cory Moravits, Jason Cathman, Karla Irish. Absent: Cory Raisbeck

III. STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Board President Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) *Set 2017-18 Tax Levy*- Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the tax levy of \$3,089,838.00. Karla Irish seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-0 roll call.

B) *Adopt 2017-18 Budget* – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the budget of \$14,484,019.00. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-0 roll call.

V. ADJOURN – Karla Irish made a motion to adjourn. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY WISCONSIN: NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER – Board President Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL – Present; Karla Irish, Kenny Nies, Adam Guthrie, Jason Cathman, Kerri Schier, Cory Moravits. Absent; Cory Raisbeck

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

IV. STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Board President Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

V. APPEARANCES – There were no public appearances.

VI. CONSTRUCTION SITE TOUR – Maintenance director Jim Wunnicke gave a tour of the new addition.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) *October 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes* – Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11, 2017 regular board meeting. Karla Irish seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

VIII. REPORTS

A) *Finance* – Kevin Kocer

i. **Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures** – Business Manager Kevin Kocer presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for October 2017. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement, pending the audit of 2016/17, for revenues of \$349,489.62 and expenditure of \$1,288,293.54. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

B) *Building and Grounds Committee Report* – Kenny Nies, Chair

i. **Discussion of Bloomington Site** – The board recommended to sell the entire property and lease the athletic fields, locker rooms, bathrooms, press box, and parking lot back from a potential buyer for a maximum of five years.

ii. **Maintenance Director's Report** – Maintenance Director Jim Wunnicke gave a maintenance report and a construction update.

C) *Policy/Curriculum Committee* - Committee Chair Kerri Schier gave a report on the November 1st meeting.

- i. **431 Student Attendance** (revised) - 2nd reading
- ii. **431 Rule Student Attendance Procedures** (revised) - 2nd reading
- iii. **443.1 Student Dress Code** (revised) - 2nd reading
- iv. **443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses** (revised) - 2nd reading
- v. **443.5 Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices** (to replace current 443.6) - 2nd reading
- vi. **443.6 Student Possession/Use of Weapons** (to replace current 443.5) 2nd reading
- vii. **443.6 Rule Student Weapons Policy Enforcement Procedures** (new) - 2nd reading
- viii. **345.6 High School Graduation Requirements** (revised) - 1st reading
- ix. **Motion to approve** - Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve policies 1-8. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

D) *Superintendent's Report* – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey informed the board that there will be an open house and tour of the new construction on December 9th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Patch Grove site.

E) *Technology Committee Report* – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey gave a report on the November 7, 2017 technology committee meeting.

C) *Special Education Aide Position* – Lindsey Groom – Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the hiring of Lindsey Groom. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

XI. APPEARANCES – There were no public appearances.

XII. INFORMATION

A) *Upcoming Meeting Schedule*

- i. **Technology Committee Meeting** – December 12, 2017 at 7:15 AM.
- ii. **Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting** – December 6, 2017 at 5:00 PM.
- iii. **Buildings & Grounds Committee** – December 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.
- iv. **Regular Board Meeting** – December 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

B) *Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items.*

- i. **Detention Policy Review** - Adam Guthrie requested a review of the detention policy.
- ii. **Letter for parking correctly** - Jason Cathman asked about reissuing a letter pertaining to parking in the correct spots.
- iii. **Discussion on records room** - Cory Moravits asked for some discussion of the records room.

XIII. ADJOURN – Jason Cathman made a motion to adjourn. Kerri Schier seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A) *External Site Planning* – FEH Design – Jason Cathman made a motion to begin the external site plan with FEH Design. Karla Irish seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

B) *Clarification of Para-Educator Support Staff Compensation* – The Technology Integrator/Classroom aide position received a \$2.50 per hour raise.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) *Resignations/Hiring/Maternity Leave*

B) *Maternity Leave* - Mallory Martin - Kerri Schier made a motion to approve the maternity leave of Mallory Martin. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

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