



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

November 2023

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**November 3**  
No School  
Teacher In-Service

**November 4-9**  
Library Book Fair

**November 8**  
Board Meeting

**November 7 & 9**  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**November 10**  
No School

**Novmeber 21-23**  
No School

## Leah Blazed Her Trail to State



On Friday, October 20, Freshman, Leah Patterson qualified for the Division 3 WIAA Cross Country State Championship held in Wisconsin Rapids. She qualified with a time of 20:39. Leah is the first girls state qualifier in school history. WIAA State Cross Country was held on Saturday, October 28. Congratulations, Leah!

## Football Team Qualifies for Playoffs

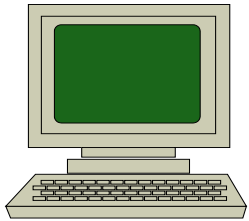


The Timberwolves punched their playoff ticket with a 4-3 season. The team defeated Highland in the first round playoffs to advance to the second round playoffs at Potosi/Cassville on Friday, October 27. Good luck to our football team.



## 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.



Visit our website at [www.rrsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us)

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The River Ridge Cross Country team was able to be the host school at Wisconsin Badger Camp for the first time on October 12 for the 2023 Ridge and Valley Conference Championship meet. The boys team placed second in the conference this season and the girls team finished third place. Leah Patterson made school history by being named the Ridge and Valley Female Conference Runner Of The Year. Leah won the meet and Luke Patterson finished 4th. Luke was named First Team All Conference for the third straight season. Freshman, McKenzie Taylor, ran well enough at the meet to earn a second team all conference award as well. Seniors Rylan Linder and Areli Tepole both were named to the Conference All Sportsmanship team.



Rylan



Areli



## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability (“Protected Classes”) in any of its student program and activities. The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District’s “Compliance Officers.”

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## 3rd Grade Scarecrows

by Tricia Kuenster



On September 29, the 3rd grade class worked with their parents and families to create scarecrows in front of the school! They had a lot of fun decorating and using teamwork! Thanks to all of our family helpers!



**November 7, 3:30 to 7:30 PM**  
**November 9, 3:30 to 7:30 PM**

Parent-Teacher Conferences for 4K - 4th grade are scheduled and times were sent home with your child. The 5th through 12th grade teachers will take parents as they come. There is no set time for those conferences. Your child’s teacher will be available during the times above. Please have all your questions prepared before arriving at conferences to help keep the conferences to a 15 minute time limit. Also, teachers of the specials (art, music, phy. ed., etc.) will be available if you would like to visit with them. Mr. Bill Hannah, Elementary Principal and Mr. Wade Winkers Middle/High School Dean of Students will be available during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have any questions please call the school.

## Sources of Strength Training

by Claire Yanna and Katie Dressler



Our Middle School Sources of Strength team got together on October 19 for their annual Peer Leader training! Here, they played games, ate snacks, drank Bubblr's, got crafty, and, most importantly, went over the wheel. They learned the importance of tapping into as many sections of the wheel as possible in order to get through life's tough moments. *Think of the wheel as a net: if it's tethered in only one or two areas, it has less ability to catch us when we fall. But if it's tethered in many spots, it's going to be much more effective in catching us, and helping us bounce back and move through the hard times in life.*

The 8 strengths highlighted in the wheel are:

- Family Support
- Positive friends
- Mentors
- Healthy Activities
- Generosity
- Spirituality
- Physical Health
- Mental Health

Life is full of lots of stressors that we experience on a pretty regular basis! It's important to know our strengths, and reach out for help when we're struggling.

**SOURCES  
OF STRENGTH**

## 7th Grade Lessons on Generation

by Katie Dressler



The seventh-grade students began the school year by learning about different generations and how one generation can learn from another. Within this unit, the students learned about personal narrative writing. They created their own personal narrative based on a memorable event in their life where they changed and learned a lesson. To connect their writing to the theme of generations over time, the students took a trip to Prairie Maison and Bluff Haven, a local nursing home and assisted living facility. Not only did the seventh graders get to share the narratives they wrote, but they also listened to a variety of stories that the residents had to share. The students also enjoyed playing games with the residents. They walked away with new stories to share with their peers, a deeper understanding of our different generations, and stronger public speaking skills!



## Middle School Girls Basketball

by Angie Adrian

Middle School girls interested in participating in 7th and 8th grade girls basketball should sign up on the sheet located in the Middle School office when it becomes available (likely first week of November). The first practice will be Thursday, November 30 from 3:40 - 5:40 PM in the middle school gym. Each participant needs to have their Physical/Alternate Year card in the main office, \$10 athletic fee paid and signed off on the Activity Code/Concussion Form/Trainer Permission Form, which can be found at: [https://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/schools/hs/code\\_information.cfm](https://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/schools/hs/code_information.cfm) prior to the first practice! Looking forward to a great season!



*An Article Submitted by a River Ridge Middle School Student*

**6th Grade Wyalusing Trip**

by Maggie Thornton, 6th Grade Student



On September 27, the sixth grade class went to Wyalusing State Park in Prairie Du Chien. We went for a total of three days. Over these three days we went on hikes, star gazed, had campfires, performed skits, made cheers, interacted with live birds, and got to build our own shelters in the woods. I know my whole class enjoyed this trip because our teachers and counselors were awesome. I think this trip helped my class a lot because we all got to know each other better. We all were exhausted the first night after walking more than four miles. We all were dripping wet by the end of the hike because of the rain, but in the end the hike was so much fun. During the hike we learned about the Passenger Pigeon, burial mounds, and other historical things that happened in Wyalusing. The next day was the main day. We got to

make different types of food. This included making bread that the early settlers made, dehydrated apples, and jerky. That night we had a campfire. We got to hear the Steamboat Charlie story. I won't say that I wasn't scared of him, but they say there is always something happening in the trees that are right behind the campfire. While we were listening to the story we kept hearing things drop from the trees and break. I know that night many people didn't sleep. The next day was the last. I have to admit I was disappointed it was, because I was having so much fun, but I did miss sleeping in my own bed. We went on a hike to a natural waterfall. When we got back we ate a lot of desserts, but it was the last day so that was expected. Overall, we all had a great time and I think if my class had another opportunity to go we would do everything again.







## REMINDER

**NO SCHOOL**

November 3  
Teacher In-Service

November 10  
School is Closed



## River Ridge Christmas Concerts

**5th - 8th Grade  
Band and Choir**  
December 8 - 9:30 AM

**4K-4th Grade**  
December 8 - 1:00 PM

**9th - 12th Grade  
Band and Choir**  
December 12 - 7:00 PM

All programs will be in the  
River Ridge High School Gym



## Washington DC Trip

by Sue Kuenster

After a year of fundraising and working events, 37 students and 14 Chaperones headed out on Monday, October 9th for the annual 8th grade trip to the Washington, D.C. area. Day one was spent traveling to Chicago, IL with an afternoon stop at the Museum of Science and Industry and then a walk to Lake Michigan. We then boarded the bus in the late afternoon and headed to Pennsylvania with our first night spent sleeping on the Warco Transportation charter bus.

We arrived early in Gettysburg on Tuesday, October 10, Day 2, and enjoyed breakfast and freshening up at the Donner House. The morning was spent on a guided tour of the Gettysburg Visitor Center enjoying a Cyclorama Film and Painting of the battle and then we toured the battlefields. We climbed the Long Street Tower, from which we saw a 360-degree view of the Gettysburg Battlefields, and stopped at the Pennsylvania memorial. After lunch, we headed to Mount Vernon, Virginia the home of our 1st President, George Washington and his family. Two of our students, Sam Hoffman and Landon Copsey, participated in a memorial service in the cemetery for the slaves of Mount Vernon. We enjoyed a guided tour of the home and beautiful grounds next to the Potomac River. We also saw the original and new tombs of George Washington, then onward we traveled to Washington, D.C. After a quick supper at the Pentagon City Mall, we loaded the bus and had a night tour of the United States Air Force Memorial and the Iwo Jima Marine Corp Memorial. After a full day, we reached our hotel in time for the students to enjoy a quick swim before bedtime.



*Washington DC, continues*

After a breakfast at our hotel on Day 3, Wednesday, October 11, we headed to downtown Washington, D.C. to meet our guide on Pennsylvania Ave. We walked to the White House for a group photo and enjoyed seeing historical monuments in the park along the way. We enjoyed daytime views of the Washington Monument and other historic landmarks of DC. We stopped at the Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorials, then arrived at Arlington Cemetery for a guided tour. We viewed the ceremony of the “Changing of the Guards” and four River Ridge students participated in the “Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” Congratulations to Asher Achenbach, Aayden Kreul, Zoey Neeley, and Landon Copsey on a great job! We also saw the eternal flame at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, and his brother, Robert. We saw the amazing view of Washington, D.C. from the front of the Arlington House (had been the estate of Confederate general Robert E. Lee’s wife, Mary Anna Lee) before departing for lunch at the food court of the Ronald Reagan Building. In the afternoon, we visited Ford’s Theater and listened to the story of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. We also toured the museum and the Peterson House across the street, where he died hours later. Our next stop was the National Archives to view the Constitution, The Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. We had a quick supper at the Pentagon Mall before loading the bus and meeting our guide for a night

tour of the Washington Monument, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Mall Reflecting Pool, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. It was an interesting and amazing day and we returned to our hotel after 10:00 PM.

On our last day, Thursday, October 12, we had breakfast and loaded up the motorcoach before heading to the United States Capitol and its visitor center. We were given a guided tour, which explained the history of the architecture and the many statues and paintings inside. We gathered for a group picture in front of the statue of Robert M. LaFollette from Wisconsin and in front of the Capitol Building before departing for lunch in the Ronald Reagan Building. Our afternoon was spent in a sobering tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In the late afternoon, we took our last steps in DC and loaded the bus for home. We saw the

Department of Agriculture, the African American Memorial Museum, views of the Washington Monument and other large memorials as we left the city. We stopped a few times on the way home for food and breaks and did our best to sleep in the over 900 mile trip back to Wisconsin. We reached River Ridge School at around 6:00 AM on Friday, October 13.

Thank you to Tim Hoffman and Warco Transportation for a wonderfully planned trip and to our drivers...Darrell Noethe, Cory Cooper, Steve Dilley and Dan Leamy for getting us to and from Washington, D.C. safely. A huge thank you goes to the group officers, parents, and chaperones for their generosity and hard work before and during the trip. Thank you to the River Ridge School District for supporting this trip. It was a wonderful educational experience for all!

Heidi Serres and Sue Kuenster,  
Trip Advisors





## FBLA News

by Ellaina Gage



In the month of October, FBLA has already accomplished a lot. We held our Rural Route 1 popcorn fundraiser and the group reached their goal. Thank you to all who ordered. Congratulations to Madeline Scharmer for completing her Business Achievement Awards (BAA) and any other FBLA members can still sign up and complete them. On October 29, Brooklyn Mezera, Gretta Hamann, Hailey Konicsek, and Ellaina Gage attended a Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference in Madison.



## Reading is Magical

by Erin Kluesner



Our district library coordinated The Magic of Isaiah to come to River Ridge on October 6. Students and staff in grades 4K - 8th grade were entertained by Isaiah Foster and his Reading is Magical show!

Isaiah picked volunteers from the audience for all three shows and our students absolutely loved watching their classmates be part of the hilarious magic show!

The Reading is Magical show has a strong message about the importance of reading by incorporating books with magic making a unique show for all ages.

## School Receives Donation



During August and September, Collision Specialist of Fennimore and Livingston ran a Back to School Fundraiser to help raise funds for area schools. Several of their customers chose River Ridge School to support. On behalf of the entire staff, they presented Mr. Clay Koenig with a check to support programming for students.

This year Collision Specialist raised \$9,600 for local schools serving 15 different districts. The company feels that the communities are built on our schools and look forward to this annual fundraiser. Since 2012 they have donated over \$46,000 to our area schools.



### What's this Referendum Talk?

If you have been paying attention to the Board agendas and some articles in the paper, you have most likely noticed talks of referendums starting to ramp up. There are many things that have gone into these conversations, and there will be many more conversations to come. At River Ridge, we will be going to an operational referendum in April. We have engaged with Wisconsin Public Finance to ensure we will be communicating the correct information and to make sure our request to the public is accurate and explainable. The operational referendum will fund only operating expenses such as utilities, staffing, programming, transportation, etc.

All public schools are feeling the mounting pressure of record inflation and uncertain state funding. These operating referendums have become a lifeline for school districts across the state. Just last April, there were 81 school referendums on ballots, and this April, the state is projecting another high volume, so once again, this problem is not unique to River Ridge. The reality is that revenue limits for public schools have been frozen in 6 of the past 9 school years, with a small increase this year per pupil. We will see an additional \$325 per pupil, but the impact of that is only an approximate 2% increase from last year to this year in revenue. In the 21-22 and 22-23 school years, the district received no increased revenue from the state, so the 2% increase actually covers a three- year period in which the inflation rates were around 7% in 21-22, 6.5% in 22-23, and a projected 3.7% in 23-24. To couple this with Wisconsin's per-pupil spending from 2002-2020 being the third smallest of any state, there is a huge need for an operating referendum.

In the future, you will see more information about this operating referendum and we will do our best to get meaningful information out in a timely manner. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts that you might have.

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### Donated Supplies



We are so grateful for our “Neighbors!” Royal Neighbors-Bagley Chapter 270 donated school supplies to the elementary students. The students enjoyed creating with the new supplies. Thank you for your generosity to our students.

### Fire Prevention Week



The first graders had a special visitor from the Bloomington Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week. Thank you Larry Gates for talking to the class about Fire Safety and letting the students check out the fire gear and fire truck.



## Counselor's News

### Juniors Attend Education Fair at UW-Platteville



River Ridge juniors attended the Wisconsin Education Fair at UW-Platteville on October 16, 2023. They had the opportunity to talk with representatives from two- and four-year colleges followed by a campus tour and information session. Our tour guide was Jonathan Hamann, River Ridge alumnus. It was so fun to have him show us around campus and share his experiences as a college student. It was a great opportunity for the juniors to gather information and experience the dynamics of a college visit.

### 2023 Badger State Representative



Avery Drew, daughter of Brad and Cara Drew of Bloomington, Daisy Hernandez, daughter of Luisa Cayetano and Antonio Hernandez of Bloomington, Brady Burmeister, son of Korey and Natisha Burmeister of Glen Haven and Owen Callahan, son of Jeremiah and Carrie Callahan of Mt. Hope were chosen by our Faculty Council as the 2023 Badger State Representatives.

The students attended a leadership seminar this past summer in which they ran for government offices and played out those roles for the entire week. Badger State's purpose is to prepare students for citizenship in the modern world and to show them how government touches their lives in a variety of ways.

## DAR Recipient



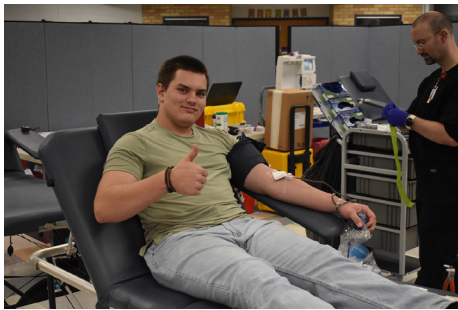
Owen Callahan, son of Jeremiah and Carrie Callahan of Mt. Hope, was selected as River Ridge's DAR Good Citizenship recipient. This program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship, dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to an outstanding senior in high school. Each state winner receives \$250 and if they proceed to the national level, could win a scholarship up to \$3000.

Owen is involved in Outdoors Club, Student Council, Track, Yearbook and Trap Shooting Club. He is the Vice President of FFA, President of NHS and is a Captain of the Football and Wrestling teams. His future goals are to attend Southwest Technical College and pursue a degree in Electrical Power Distribution.





## NHS Blood Drive




Goal! We collected a total of 25 units at our 2023 Blood Drive. By reaching our goal, we qualify for the Life Savings Scholarship which will be awarded to one of our seniors this spring.

One single donation can be used for 3 patients. Those 25 units will help impact 75 patients and families at our local hospitals! We are proud of the students, staff and community members who supported our cause. Thank you so much.

## Recycling Service Project

The River Ridge National Honor Society and Student Council completed their first of many can cage clean-ups this school year. We want to thank everyone who donates their cans to our cause. Our organizations use these funds for a variety of things throughout the year that we wouldn't be able to do without your donations.

Earth day is April 23, 2023 so plan ahead for our annual recycling project, “**Battle of the Cans**” between the 4K-4th grade elementary classrooms.



# Substitute Teacher Training

Dec 6 Wednesday 9AM- 2PM

Help your local school district!

REGISTER @  
CESA3.ORG  
\$100

Participants with an Associate Degree or higher will qualify for a WI short term substitute license after the training

Questions? Contact Brad Van Epps: [bvanepps@cesa3.org](mailto:bvanepps@cesa3.org) or call CESA 3 608-822-3276

# Saturday, November 4

**MISSOULA**  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**THEATRE**  
A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

**Two Performances**  
**3:00 PM & 5:30 PM**



# THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

**Ticket Prices**

**\$5 - Adults**

**\$3 - Students**



Adapted by Michael McGill  
Music & Lyrics by Michael McGill

**River Ridge  
Schools  
High School Gymnasium**

**Tickets will be available at the door, 30 minutes before each performance.  
If you have any questions, please call the River Ridge School Office.**





# ★ Book Fair!

Dear Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!).  
Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their  
journey to becoming lifelong readers.

We always take cash or check!

But you can also say goodbye to cash and  
hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account.  
Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases.

Anyone can contribute!

Share your child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds  
and give your kids more books to enjoy.

Ready for eWallet? Start HERE:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/riverridgeelementaryschool4>

## Book Fair Dates

**Saturday, November 4th**  
(during Missoula Children's Theater Shows)

**Monday - Thursday, November 6th - 9th**

**And During Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**Nov. 7th and Nov. 9th**





THE RIVER RIDGE NHS INVITES YOU TO THE



# VETERANS DAY

PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

10:00 AM

HIGH SCHOOL GYM



### Breakfast/Lunch Menu - November, 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30	31	1 Blueberry/Choc Chip Breakfast Cake Lasagna Cheese Roll-Ups Steamed Broccoli Fresh & Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	2 Early Riser Enchiladas Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	3 No School
6 Cereal & Toast Hamburger/Cheeseburger Onion & Garlic Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	7 Crack Breakfast Sliders Crispy Chicken Wrap Sun Chips Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh & Canned Fruit Butterfinger Dessert Milk	8 French Toast Bake & Sausage Links Walking Taco Buttered Corn Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	9 Waffle Sticks & Bacon Chicken & Gravy over Biscuits Creamy Coleslaw Steamed Carrots Fresh & Canned Fruit Pumpkin Bar Milk	10 No School
13 Bright Eyed Bushy Tailed Bagel Sandwich Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	14 Pancakes & Bacon Cream of Potato Soup OR Chicken Noodle Soup Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	15 Cinnamon Roll Breakfast Cake Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	16 Tater Tot Sausage Breakfast Casserole Teriyaki Chicken Oriental Vegetables Chicken Egg Roll Fresh & Canned Fruit Fortune Cookie Milk	17 Breakfast Pizza Swedish Meatballs over Noodles Buttered Corn Fresh & Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk
20 Fresh Muffin & Yogurt Cup Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	21 Cheese Omelet & Toast Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh & Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School
27 Sunrise Biscuit w/ Sausage Chicken Patty Sandwich Waffle Fries Peas Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	28 Berry Parfaits & Cereal Bar Pizza Casserole Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk	29 Blueberry/Cinnamon Breakfast Cake BBQ Pork Sandwich Cheesy Hashbrowns Baked Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk	30 Breakfast Pizza Totchos Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit & Fruit Salad Milk	1

Breakfast is served with choice of 1/2 cup of fruit and 1% chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk.

Two entrees 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, uncrustable, vegetable, fruit, and 1% chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk). Protein and cheeses are available for 5th - 12th as a second option.

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.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>National FFA Convention</b>			WIAA Volleyball State
			12:30 PM Sources of Strength Event	<b>MS Honor Band</b> 7:00 PM Concert	No School for Students In-Service	Library Book Fair
			12:45 PM Math Contest	WIAA Volleyball State	WIAA Volleyball State	3:00 PM The Princess and the Pea
			3:30 PM Missoula Practice	End of 1st Quarter 3:30 PM Missoula Practice	WIAA Football Playoff 3:30 PM Missoula Practice	5:30 PM The Princess and the Pea
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>Library Book Fair</b>				No School	10:00 AM HSGB at N. Crawford
	Girls Basketball Practice begins	12:30 PM MS Ice Cream 3:30 PM P/T Conf.	Board Meeting	10:00 AM Veterans Prog. 3:30 PM P/T Conf. 7:00 PM Financial Aid	WIAA Football Playoff	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	Boys Basketball Practice begins Wrestling Practice			WIAA Football State 4:30 PM MSBB @ PdC 6:00 PM HSGB @ DeSoto	6:00 PM HSBB vs Platteville, Viroqua	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	6:00 PM HSGB @ Fennimore	4:30 PM MSBB vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB vs Fennimore	No School	No School 	No School	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
	6:00 PM HSBB @ Lancaster	4:30 PM MSBB @ Fennimore 6:00 PM HSFB vs Boscobel		3:15 PM RRAP Fundraiser Delivery 4:30 PM MSBB @ Riverdale 6:00 PM HSGB vs Riverdale 6:00 PM HSBB @ Southwestern		





# 2023-2024 School Year

Board approved 2/8/2023

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August 2023						
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September 2023						
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1 First Day of School 4 No School Day (Labor Day) 27 Early Release - 12:30 PM						

October 2023						
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November 2023						
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December 2023						
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January 2024						
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February 2024						
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7 Early Release - 12:30 PM 12 No School						

March 2024						
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21 End of Quarter 3 22 No School 29 No School						

April 2024						
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1 No School						

May 2024						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
1 Early Release - 12:30 PM 24 Last day of School Early Release - 12:30 PM						

June 2024						
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Key	
	First and Last day of School
	No School for Students
	Early Release - 12:30 PM
	End of the Quarters
	Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Start and End of Quarters**

- Sept. 1- Nov. 2 **First Quarter**
- Nov. 6 - Jan. 18 **Second Quarter**
- Jan. 22 - Mar. 21 **Third Quarter**
- Mar. 25 - May 24 **Fourth Quarter**

**Holiday Breaks**

- Nov. 22-24
- Dec. 25-Jan. 2
- Mar. 29 - Apr. 1
- Thanksgiving Break**
- Winter Break**
- Spring Break**

**Special Days**

- Aug. 30 **Open House**
- Sept. 1 **First Day of School**
- Sept. 27 **Early Release**
- Oct. 18 **Early Release**
- Nov. 7 & 9 **Parent/Teacher Conf.**
- Feb. 7 **Early Release**
- May 1 **Early Release**
- May 24 **Last Day of School**
- Early Release**

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, AT 6:00 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

have all new teachers at the next board meeting for an introduction.

II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copsey, Adam Guthrie, Megan Kussmaul

VIII. Old Business

A. Skyward Financial Report, we will have meeting with the company in October and were also invited to send two representatives to Wisconsin Dells for a conference to learn more about their services.

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Statement of Notice- Board President, Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

B. Operating Referendum Discussion

i. Motion was made by Adam Guthrie to approve the hire of, pending the approval of the school's attorney, Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 to assist in the referendum process. Motion was seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. Appearances – No public appearances.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. August 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and August 16, 2023, Special Board Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a voice vote.

IX. New Business

A. 2023-2028 Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution, Motion was made by Kirk Hamann and seconded by Josh Copsey to accept the resolution. Motion passed on a voice vote.

VII Reports

A. Finance – Tracy Stagman

i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Tracy Stagman presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for August 2023. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of the 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$1,264,607.71 and expenditures of \$818,254.07. Josh Copsey seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Southwest Counseling Agreement, Motion was made by Megan Kussmaul and seconded by Aaron Stagman to approve the agreement. Motion passed on a voice vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report

i. Maintenance Directors Report, Jim talked about two big projects that were complete at the start of school year. The main front entrance doors and the new elementary gym floor.

C. Snow Removal Bid Opening, Motion was made by Jason Cathman to accept the bid from Top Notch Construction and Design. Seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

C. Superintendent's Report, Clay talked about all sports teams are off to a good start to their seasons. The teacher's in-service days went very well. The safety committee had their first meeting and things are in motion on their end. Clay said, that he hopes to

D. Set date and time for District's 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Josh Copsey and seconded by Megan Kussmaul to have the meeting on October 25th at 6:00pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.



- E. Hiring/Resignations
- i. Aaron Stagman made a motion to accept the resignation of Nate Copsey as 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball coach, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- X. Convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility.
- A. Aaron Stagman made a motion, seconded by Kirk Hamann to enter closed session. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote, entered closed session at 7:11 PM
  - B. Employee Discussion
  - C. Megan Kussmaul made a motion and seconded by Adam Guthrie to leave closed session. Motion passed and a voice vote. Entered back into open session at 7:50 PM
- XI. Action needed on closed session items.
- A. None
- XII. Appearances - There were no public appearances.
- XIII. Information
- A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
    - i. Regular Meeting, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM
    - ii. District's Annual Meeting, October 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM
    - iii. Special Board Meeting, October 25, 2023 immediately following the annual meeting.
  - B. School Board member suggestions and recommendations for future meetings
    - i. School and sport pictures
- XIV. Adjourn – Josh Copsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM



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**Office Hours**

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.