



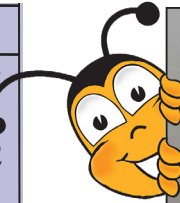
TIMBERWOLF NEWS

February 2024

Middle School Local Spelling Bee

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The CESA 3 Local Spelling Bee was held at River Ridge on Monday, January 8. Sixteen students competed in this first round competition, which was monitored by Mrs. Heidi Serres. The judges for the event were Mrs. Kathy Miller, Mrs. Katie Dressler, and Mrs. Kerri Price. The top two spellers were Jackson Cooley - 7th grader; and Evelyn Adrian - 5th grader. The 3rd place alternate was Brooks Osterhaus - 6th grader. The top two spellers competed at the CESA 3 Regional Spelling Bee on January 24 at the Southwest Technical College Auditorium in Fennimore. Congratulations to all the qualifiers!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 7
100th Day
Early Release
Teacher In-Service

February 12
No School

February 14
Board Meeting

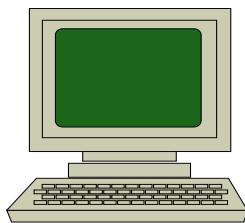
February 19-23
FFA Week



Pictured are the students who qualified for the local spelling bee held at River Ridge Middle School: Front row (left to right) 5th Graders - Konner Collins, Pearl Skaife, Peyton Kibler, and Evelyn Adrian, 6th Graders - Brooks Osterhaus, Avery Needham, Abigail Cooper, and Braelyn Schneider. Back row (l. to r.) 7th Graders - Jackson Cooley, Kailyn Crubel, Layla Gage, and Emma Schmitz, 8th Graders - Logan Callahan, Bryce Mason, Nathaniel Parker, and Jazalyn Mezera.

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

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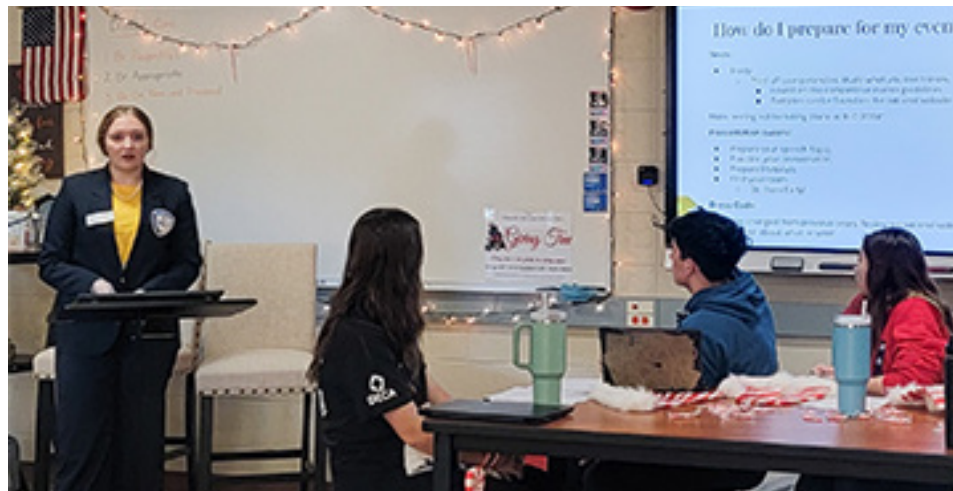
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FBLA News

by Ellaina Gage



In the month of January, FBLA members have mostly been preparing for the upcoming Regional Competition on February 3, hosted at River Ridge High School. Brooklyn Mezera, a senior at River Ridge, visited Dodgeville High School as part of the Wisconsin Region IV Vice President duties and had a great chapter chat with them!

Kevin Lovegreen Visits the School



Author Kevin Lovegreen visited River Ridge schools on Wednesday, January 31. Students in 4K through 6th grade participated in Mr. Lovegreen's Reading Frenzy assembly full of excitement for reading and hunting and fishing adventures! Lovegreen lives in Minnesota and his mission is to inspire as many kids as he can to read, write, and enjoy the outdoors. His visit was so interesting, he kept the students clapping, laughing, and wanting more. Thank you to Erin Kluesner, the district library media specialist, for arranging and organizing this guest speaker.

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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American Player Visits River Ridge



On Thursday, January 4 and Friday, January 5, the River Ridge Library hosted David Daniel, a professional teaching artist from the American Players Theatre (APT) in Spring Green, Wisconsin to conduct workshops called “PoP” with the students. APT is built on the belief that words are necessary and beautiful and that new words lead to new ideas, which leads to new worlds. American Players Theatre developed its new groundbreaking education program the Potency of Poetry (PoP) to share with students from grade level 3 through 12. The students enjoyed the interaction presentation with David. Thank you to the library for providing this presentation!

Dance Team Competes at Regionals



The River Ridge Dance Team traveled to Watertown to compete in the Southern Regionals Dance Competition. The team performed a pom and kick route on Saturday, January 27. They did an amazing job against a tough competition. We are proud of their commitment to the team and performances at every home winter sports game. Great work, Dance Team!




RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
4K REGISTRATION
(Virtual Registration Ends February 9, 2024)

4K REGISTRATION 2024-2025

- Children who are eligible must be 4 yrs. old on or by **September 1, 2024.**
- Registration will be completed online at **RRSD.K12.WI.US**
- Registration letters will be mailed out after you register. If you do not receive a letter from the school contact **Kim Giese.**

REACH KIM GIESE AT
GIESEKI@RRSD.K12.WI.US
OR 608-994-2715



7th Grade Book Project for Quarter 2

by Katie Dressler



The seventh graders recently completed their book projects for the second quarter! They were tasked with reading a book that has won any type of literary award or is a New York Times Best-Selling

book. After reading their chosen book, each student wrote, revised, and mailed a letter to the author or publishing company of their novel. They are hopeful to hear back.

RIVER RIDGE

National FFA Week

February 17-24

The collage features a sunset background with a wooden fence in the foreground. It includes several photos: a group of students in a field, a group of students in FFA jackets, a student writing in a notebook, a group of students holding a certificate, and a close-up of a plant in a raised bed.

River Ridge High School - Second Quarter
High Honors (3.50 - 4.00)

GRADE 9

Erin Adrian
 Maycee Brinkman
 Alaina Clark
 Mallory Crubel
 Abigail Doyle
 Parker Key
 Harper Kramer
 Sydney Meyers
 Leah Patterson
 Collin Raisbeck
 Keele Redman
 Blake Reynolds
 Kristina Sletten

GRADE 10

Ren Bowen
 Luke Breuer
 Tyler Breuer
 Brock Bunge
 Grace Callahan
 Brandon Davis
 Eva Doll
 Josey Drone
 Laila Drone
 Ashlyn Edge
 Danica Hampton
 Colton Kirschbaum
 Alec Morrow
 Mason Pecinovsky
 Madeline Scharmer
 Libby Vogt
 Cameron Wehrle
 Madelyn Wehrle

GRADE 11

Alexis Beier
 Alayna Brinkman
 Carter Copsey
 Maya Drone
 Alix Goeke
 Brendan Jentz
 Brynlee Kazda
 Carli Koenig
 Hailey Kramer
 Lydia Mason
 Colton Moris
 Andrew Nies
 Luke Patterson
 Peter Polodna
 Braylyn Quick
 Melissa Sletten
 Emily Tesar
 Mandi Wehrle
 Reghan Zinkle

GRADE 12

Brady Burmeister
 Owen Callahan
 Jayden Cathman
 Micah Christopherson
 MyKenzie Cornell
 Avery Drew
 Arianna Edge
 Shayna Graf
 Precious Grinnell
 Gretta Hamann
 Diana Herbers
 Daisy Hernandez-Cayetano
 Hailey Konichek
 Brooklyn Mezera
 Matthew Nies
 Madilyn Parker
 Audrey Pierce
 Landon Trautsch
 Jazmar Tyler

Honors (3.00-3.49)

GRADE 9

Tatum Brewer
 Leo Carlos
 Jalissa Cathman
 Jasmine Garcia
 Ashlee Klein
 Jovie Kruger
 Kameren Reynolds
 Peyton Toberman
 Connor Woodruff

GRADE 10

Reese Drew
 Ava Edge
 Ellaina Gage
 Christian Irish
 Caitlin Rodenberg
 Aiden Walsh

GRADE 11

Ty Adrian
 Peyton Aulwes
 Drake Barrineau
 Wyatt Bausch
 Bryn Clark
 Jasmine Harvey
 Jimena Hernandez-Perez
 Eric Nichols
 Elliott Thornton
 Owen Wagner

GRADE 12

Collin Bausch
 Brady Bunge
 Saige Childs
 Rebecca Dilley
 Rylan Linder
 Hunter Moris
 Izabella Pecinovsky
 Ty Tolle
 Hailey Woodruff

Perfect Attendance



NHS students recognized the middle and high school students who had perfect attendance for the first semester of the school year with a certificate and treats.

River Ridge ELEMENTARY
are CELEBRATING...

100 Days Of School

Wednesday, February 7

Students are welcome to join
the **100th day
shirt design contest!**
Wear your 100th day shirt on
February 7 to be entered to
win a prize.
There will be a winner from
each grade level!

** There will also be glow in
the dark activities,
so students are encouraged to
wear white to glow! **



Wednesday, February 7

Early Release - 12:30 PM
Teacher In-Service - 1:00 PM

Monday, February 12

No School for Staff and Students

River Ridge Middle School - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)

5th Grade: Evelyn Adrian, Hartley Beane, Colton Collins, Konner Collins, Peyton Kibler, Kendyl Kozelka, Mason Kussmaul, Jonah Mink, Raelyn Schlegel, Pearl Skaife, and Korbin Taylor.

6th Grade: Sawyer Breuer, Abigal Cooper, Aniyla Entwisle, Amelia Gokey, Lydia Gokey, Gabriel Kluesner, Mae Lindstrum, Levi Mason, Avery Needham, Brooks Osterhaus, Kennedy Raisbeck, and Maggie Thornton.

7th Grade: Hazel Breuer, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Carsyn Jones, Ezra Kramer, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

8th Grade: Asher Achenbach, Meghyn Breuer, Stella Breuer, Nathan Crubel, Maxim Dilley, Leif Kluesner, Reese Moravits, Draven Moris, Ryder Myhre, Zoey Neeley, Ava Nies, Eden Thornton, and Landon Udelhofen.

Honor Roll (3.00-3.49)

5th Grade: Caden Crubel, Chandler Edlebeck, Letty Jackson, Blake Johnson, Teven Kilby, and Keegan Kruger.

6th Grade: Emory Achenbach, Nicholas Crubel, Ava Dilley, Trevor Ellis, Shaniyla Entwisle, Ryan Kirschbaum, Ivanelle Moore, Aiden Neeley, Tayvn Phillips, Farrah Randecker, Brinlee Reynolds Braelyn Schneider, and Westen Wall.

7th Grade: Layla Gage, Aadyn Groom, Axel Morrow, and Cooper Tier.

8th Grade: Khloe Borcharding-Forbes, Logan Callahan, Adayah Groom, Alan Hernandez-Perez, Anna Kruger, Olivia Kruger, Bryce Mason, Brogan Mezera, Jazalyn Mezera, and Harper Walsh.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is the only charity in Grant County providing FREE hand-made bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. Every bed is handcrafted and constructed by volunteers willing to donate their time to help children in their community.

This organization builds and delivers these beds to children who are otherwise sleeping on couches, blankets, or even floors. To qualify as a bed recipient, you must be the legal guardian/parent of the child(ren) receiving the bed. If you would like to apply, submit the online SHP Application Form available at www.shpbeds.org. You can also call 608-642-0135.

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Local Scholarships

Local scholarship packets will be distributed to seniors on March 1, 2024. If you are interested in sponsoring a River Ridge scholarship, please contact Miss Townsend by February 12. Over the years, many local organizations, businesses and individuals have helped a graduating senior with their educational expenses and it has always been greatly appreciated.

Earth Day Can Cage Competition



Mark your calendars! Earth Day is just around the corner and the NHS and Student Council will once again host their annual can drive for grades 4K-4th grade. Letters will be sent home with each student explaining this event.

We will be collecting cans at the can cage near the greenhouse in the high school parking lot on **April 23, 24, and 25, 2024 between 7:30 and 8:00 AM**. Please drop off your cans and tell us what grade your child is in so that we can give them credit for their donation. Please do not bring your can early for we have not place to store them.

Each class (4k-4th grade) will be competing against each other and the class that has the most weight in cans will be receiving coupons for Culver’s Kid’s Meals. For all their hard work and participation in the can drive, the entire elementary will be rewarded with custard.

The money collected from the can drive is used by various organizations here at the school district. We hope that you will help us follow the three R’s and celebrate Earth Day by Reducing, Recycling, and Reusing.

2024-25 Registration

The 9th-11th grade students have participating in informational sessions on course selection for the 2024-25 school year. Each student will receive a registration packet and is required to have a signature from their parent/guardian before they hand it in. If any parent has a question about their son or daughter’s credits, classes needed for graduation or academic and career planning, please contact Ms. Townsend.

2024 Student Assessment Calendar

Test Date	Assessment
March 12, 2024	ACT – Juniors 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
March 19 - 20, 2024	Forward Exam – 10th Grade 4th & 5th Hour During World History
April 3, 2024	Pre-ACT – 9th Grade 8:50 AM-11:45 AM ELA, Math, Reading, and Science
April 4, 2024	Pre-ACT– 10th Grade 8:50 AM -11:45 AM ELA, Math, Reading, and Science
May 8, 2024	AP English Literature 8:00 AM.-11:30 AM
May 10, 2024	AP US History Exam 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
May 14, 2024	AP Language Exam 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
May 16, 2023	AP Biology Exam 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

River Ridge School District offers a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District. The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten (Early Learning) through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma. The District's schools include: Elementary (grades 4K-4), Middle (grades 5-8), and High School (grades 9-12). Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending River Ridge School District schools include the following:

- Advanced Placement Courses
- Online Courses
- Summer School programming
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- HSED completion in conjunction with Southwest Technical College
- At Risk education for students who meet statutory definition
- Special Education
- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)

A full version of the District's most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed on the River Ridge website https://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/district/school_reportcard.cfm. The most recent ranking level (from 2022-23) assigned to each school within the District is: District 66.2, High School 63.5, Middle School 66.6, and Elementary 70.6.

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the River Ridge School District that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the River Ridge District include the following:

- The **Part-time Public School Open Enrollment** <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/ptoe>, which
 - Provides opportunities to apply to attend up to two courses in nonresident pupil school districts;
 - and
 - Is available only to public high school students
 - The **Early College Credit Program** <https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp>, which
 - Provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit
 - The **Technical College Course ("Start College Now") Program**, which
 - Provides opportunities to apply for approval to enroll in one or more courses at a technical college; and
 - Is subject to eligibility requirements defined in applicable statutes, regulations, and District policies; and
 - Is available only to students who are enrolled in 11th or 12th grade
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Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve fulltime enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the River Ridge School District include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- Fulltime Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a homebased private educational program as provided under state law

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/private-schools>

Educational options for children who reside in the River Ridge School District but who are enrolled in and/or attending a private school or homebased private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District. Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students who are enrolled in a homebased private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - Apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
 - Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133.
- Special Needs Scholarship Program as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at 608-994-2715 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

There is no charter or private school operating within the boundaries of the River Ridge School District participating in the school choice program.

The Middle School
Student Council is hosting a:

Winter Dance

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

With Mr. Sperle as DJ

5th and 6th

6:00-7:30 PM

7th and 8th

8:00-9:30 PM

- Location: Middle school gym
 - Enter through the rear parking lot doors
- Pop, popcorn, and candy will be available for purchase

Admission: 5 canned good items OR \$5

Donations will go to our local food pantry



YOU CAN'T MISS THIS!

BOUNCE HOUSES FUNDRAISER

SPONSORED BY RRAP

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8 AM TO 12 PM
RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
\$10/CHILD**

FUNDRAISING TO ADD EQUIPMENT TO THE PLAYGROUND

2024-2025 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 5 – APRIL 30, 2024.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2024-25 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2024. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2024. 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 on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days 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.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

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.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-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.

Can an application be rejected?

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?

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?

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.

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Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

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.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the 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 at the end of the school year 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, 2024

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 7, 2024

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. 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 14, 2024

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

June 28, 2024

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2024-25 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, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2024-25

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Breakfast/Lunch Menu - February, 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29	30	31	1 <hr/> Cereal & Toast <hr/> Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	2 <hr/> Pancakes & Sausage Links <hr/> Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Frosted Brownie Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
5 <hr/> Cheese Omelet & Toast <hr/> Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Baked Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	6 <hr/> French Toast Bake & Sausage Links <hr/> Crispy Chicken Wrap Assorted Chips Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	7 <hr/> Sunrise Biscuit w/Bacon <hr/> Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Green Beans Cookie Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	8 <hr/> Chocolate Chip/Blueberry Breakfast Cake <hr/> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	9 <hr/> Baked Ham & Cheese Omelet & Toast <hr/> Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
12 <hr/> No School	13 <hr/> Cereal & Donut Holes <hr/> Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	14 <hr/> Farmer's Casserole & Toast <hr/> Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Valentine's Day Treat Milk	15 <hr/> Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar <hr/> French Bread Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Oreo Fluff Milk	16 <hr/> Buttermilk Biscuits & Sausage Gravy <hr/> Totchos Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Oreo Fluff Milk
19 <hr/> Breakfast Bowl <hr/> Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	20 <hr/> Frosted Long John <hr/> BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrowns Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	21 <hr/> Breakfast Pizza <hr/> Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Seven Layer Salad Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	22 <hr/> Bright-Eyed Bushy Tailed Breakfast Bagel w/Ham <hr/> Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	23 <hr/> Cereal & Poptart <hr/> Chicken Noodle Soup/Chili Frosted Sweet Rolls Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
26 <hr/> Sunrise Biscuit w/Sausage <hr/> Chicken & Gravy over Buttermilk Biscuits Steamed Carrots Creamy Coleslaw Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	27 <hr/> Cinnamon Roll Breakfast Cake <hr/> Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Onion & Garlic Wedges/Sweet Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	28 <hr/> Cereal & Toast <hr/> BBQ Pork Sandwich Assorted Chips Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	29 <hr/> Tater Tot Sausage Breakfast Casserole <hr/> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Steamed Asparagus Fresh/Canned Fruit 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.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:30 PM MSGB at Highland 6:00 PM HSGB vs Shullsburg	2 6:00 PM HSGB at Wauzeka-Stueben 6:00 PM HSBB vs Pecatonica 	3 Regional FBLA at River Ridge 10:00 AM Wrestling at Kickapoo
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4:30 PM MSGB vs Bluffview 6:00 PM RRAP Mtg 6:00 PM HSBB vs DeSoto	High School Registration for 2024-25 School Year			8:00 AM FBLA Trip 9:45 AM MS Fuel UP 2nd Sm Kick-Off 6:00 PM MS Dance 6:00 PM HSBB at Boscobel	Wrestling Regional
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	No School 6:00 PM HSGB vs Darlington	4:30 PM MSGB at Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB vs Barneveld and Benton	5:30 PM Board Mtg.	4:30 PM MSGB vs Fennimore 6:00 PM HSGB vs Potosi/Cassville	6:00 PM HSBB at Belmont	Wrestling Sectional
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FFA Week						24
HS Honors Band 		HSGB Regional	Sources of Strength Retreat Progress Reports Due	Wrestling State		
				6:00 PM HSBB at Cassville	HSGB Regional No 4K Day	RRAP Bounce House at RR HSGB Regional
25	26	27	28	29		
	MS Solo/ Ensemble	HSBB Regional		HSGB Sectional		



Valentine's Day Treat Delivery

Send your child something sweet for Valentine's Day!

- Bag of Chips with Gram: "You are all that and a bag of chips" - \$1.00**
- Candy Bar with Gram: "Happy ♥ Day! H♥pe Y♥ur Day is Super Sweet" - \$2.00**
- CRUSH Pop with Gram: "I S♥DA think you are amazing" - \$2.00**

If you would like to send your child a treat, please fill out the order form below and send it back to school. Please put the form (below) and money (Cash or Check made payable to RR Washington, DC Trip) in an envelope marked: **Middle School Office**. All orders need to be submitted to the office by **Wednesday, February 7th**.



I would like to send my child a treat and a gram for Valentine's Day.

His/her name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

_____ Bag of Chips with Gram	Total _____ (\$1.00)
_____ Candy Bar with Gram	Total _____ (\$2.00)
_____ Can of CRUSH Pop with Gram	Total _____ (\$2.00)

If you would like to have a special message delivered with the treat and gram, please write it below.



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: December 13, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

- I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- II. Roll Call- Present; Ken Nies, Jason Cathman, Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann, Josh Copsey, Adam Guthrie, Megan Kussmaul
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice- Board President, Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.
- V. Appearances – No public appearances.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A. November 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kirk Hamann and seconded by Jason Cathman. 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 November 2023. Aaron Stagman made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of the 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$336,493.30 and expenditures of \$860,072.75. Jason Cathman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.
- B. Buildings and Grounds Report
- i. Maintenance Directors Report, Jim informed the board about the gas leak at the school and how it was fixed over the break.
- C. Superintendent’s Report, Clay went over the State report cards for the schools. He also talked about different activities that happened within the school over the last month.
- VIII. Old Business
- A. Operating Referendum Discussion: Carol Wirth gave her presentation to the board on history and where we need to be going forward. It was decided to have a special meeting for this topic on January 4th, 2024.
- IX. New Business
- A. Academic and Career Planning Policy, Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the review of the policy, seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- B. Health Discussions: Josh Copsey made a motion to approve the update as presented, seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- C. 3rd and 4th Grade Cubby Lockers, the kids are allowed to move forward with fundraising on their own for this project.
- 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. Employee Discussion
- i. Aaron Stagman made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0. Entered closed session at 7:46 PM
- ii. Jason Cathman made a motion to leave closed session, seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a voice vote. Entered back into open session at 8:39 PM
- XI. Appearances - There were no public appearances.
- XII. Information
- A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
- i. Special Board Meeting, December 20, 2023, 5:30 PM
- ii. Special Board Meeting, January 4, 2024, 6:30 PM
- iii. Regular Board Meeting, January 10, 2024, 5:30 PM
- B. School Board member suggestions and Recommendations for future meetings.
- XIII. Adjourn – Kirk Hamann made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: December 20, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 5:30 PM

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

V. Appearances – No public appearances.

VI. 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. Employee Discussion

i. Adam Guthrie made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Entered closed session at 5:32 PM

ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion to leave closed session, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote. Entered back into open session at 6:37 PM

VII. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

VIII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

i. Special Board Meeting – January 4, 2024, 6:30 PM

ii. Regular Board Meeting–January 10, 2024, 5:30 PM

B. School Board member suggestions and Recommendations for future meetings.

IX. Adjourn – Adam Guthrie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: January 4, 2024, AT 6:30 PM.

I. Call to Order- Board president Ken Nies called meeting to order at 6:30 PM

VII. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items

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

VIII. Next Meeting Date/Time January 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IX. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

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

V. Appearances – No public appearances.

VI. Operational Referendum Discussion with Carol Wirth

A. The board had a long discussion with Carol and members of the community that were present. The board gave direction for Carol on what they would like to have brought forward for the January 10 meeting. A recurring referendum at the 2024-2025 fiscal school year at \$1,250,00, 2025-2026 school year at \$1,500,00, 2026-2027 at \$1,750,00 and 2027-2028 at \$2,000,000. The \$2,000,000 would be ongoing for every year after 2027-2028.

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