



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

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April 2024 Referendum



River Ridge Community Members,

The River Ridge School District has served students and families well over the years. We take great pride in being an integral part of the community as we do our best to provide the best education possible for every student, every day. However, our district faces significant financial challenges, most of which are out of our control and largely related to the state’s school funding system.

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, residents will vote on an operational referendum to address these challenges and ensure a bright future for our school and the students we serve. The decision to go to referendum was not taken lightly as we understand that this is a true commitment from our residents to the students that we serve.

Our goal is to be able to provide our community with the knowledge that they need to understand why we are going to a referendum. There will be a mailing that will come to residents. The mailing will have the ballot language along with some factors of why the district is going to referendum such as: record inflationary increases, insufficient state funding, decrease in enrollment, and growing student needs.

The district will have brochures that will be located at businesses within the district and also be placed in the district newsletter, however, the best source of information will be our website.

There are two scheduled community informational meetings:

- **Monday, March 11** at 6:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room
- **Wednesday, March 20** at 6:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

Please plan to attend to gather more information and have questions answered.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the River Ridge School District. Please reach out to Mr. Clay Koenig, Superintendent, with any questions. 608-994-2715 or koenigcl@rrsd.k12.wi.us

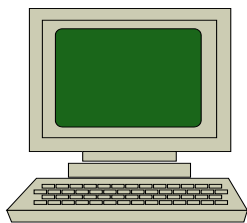
SCAN ME



Vote on Tuesday, April 2

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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Question or suggestions for future articles, please call the District Administrator's Office at 608-994-2715

Congratulations, Britney on Placing 3rd at State



In a remarkable display of skill and determination, River Ridge freshman Britney Petsche secured an impressive 3rd place finish in the 152-pound weight class at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament held on Saturday, February 24. Petsche's journey to the state tournament was marked by success, having clinched the first-place title in the 152-pound weight class at the Division 3 Mineral Point Sectional.

Accompanying Petsche in her achievement is Coach Brad Lange, whose guidance and support undoubtedly contributed to her success. Way to go Britney and Coach Brad Lange! We are proud of both of you!

Middle School Girls Basketball

by Angie Adrian



The River Ridge middle school girls basketball teams concluded their seasons recently, but not without bringing home some hardware! The 8th grade team won the Wauzeka tournament by going undefeated on the day with wins against Seneca and Wauzeka twice. The 8th grade team finished the season with a 15 - 5 record; good luck, girls as you move on to high school next year! The 7th grade team placed 2nd at the River Ridge tournament in January, and 2nd at the Wauzeka tournament in February. The 7th grade team finished the season with a 5 - 9 record and showed great improvement throughout the season while coming close to avenging some losses they had earlier in the season.

Thanks for all your hard work this season and best of luck in the future!

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.”

Amy Jones - Student Service Coordinator
 608-994-2715 ext. 302
 P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P
 Patch Grove, WI 53817

Bill Hannah - Elementary Principal
 608-994-2715 ext. 102
 P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P
 Patch Grove, WI 53817

Elementary Food Drive

by Sam Reichman



The elementary school held a food drive in December. All together, we donated 675 items to the local food pantry! Ms. Reichmann’s class donated the most items. They donated 152 items and won a popcorn party! Thanks to all of the parents who helped contribute to this food drive. It was greatly appreciated!

Middle School Student Council Dance

by Ava Nies



The Middle School Student Council held a winter dance to help fundraise on February 9. Students were asked to donate items to the Patch Grove Mobile Food Pantry in lieu of the admission fee. Though we haven’t held a dance in our middle school for quite some time, we consider it a huge success. We had a great showing from all grades, 5th-8th, and it was fun all around. The younger grades danced from 6:00-7:30 and our 7th and 8th graders had their opportunity from 8:00-9:30. The dance was in our middle school gymnasium and concessions were available to anyone who wanted a snack. We would like to give a big thank you to Mr. Sperle, our DJ for the night, and Tish Burmeister who donated her time to help out. We enjoy putting events together for our student body and hope to continue to do so as the year goes on.



School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Vogt Chosen as WILS Rep



Libby Vogt, daughter of Matt and Kim Vogt of Bloomington was chosen as the Wisconsin Leadership Seminar (WILS) representative for River Ridge High School. WILS is a leadership seminar for outstanding high school sophomores in the state of Wisconsin. Libby will participate in a high-energy weekend at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater this summer consisted of team building activities, motivational speakers, community service, a college fair and panel discussions with leaders from various industries.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

ACT Prep – March 5, 2024
(Juniors)

ACT Test – March 12, 2024
(Juniors)

Local Scholarships Due –
April 2, 2024 (Seniors)

Cap & Gown Pictures –
March 26, 2025 (Seniors)

Forward Exam –
March 19 & 20, 2024
(Sophomores)

Pre-ACT 9 – April 3, 2024
(Freshman)

Pre-ACT 10 – April 4, 2024
(Sophomores)

National Honor Society Banquet
April 17, 2024

Senior Awards Banquet –
May 15, 2024

Graduation – May 17, 2024

Attention 3rd – 8th Grade Parents!!!

Forward Exam Testing Dates and Information

By Kam Fohey

Our state testing is approaching this spring. It is important for your student to attend during testing dates. Please try your best to avoid scheduling appointments and other absences between March 19 through April 19, 2024.

A brochure put out by the Wisconsin Department of Education has more information concerning testing for your student. You can find a copy of the brochure at: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf

A hard copy can be printed for you at the school if needed. Also, if you are interested in checking out sample test problems you can go to the following website to do so: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>

Please make sure that your child gets a nutritious breakfast and a good night's sleep before testing days. Breakfast is available here at school every morning. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Fohey at 994-2715 ext # 209 or foheyka@rrsd.k12.wi.us.



Kindness Day by Tricia Kuenster



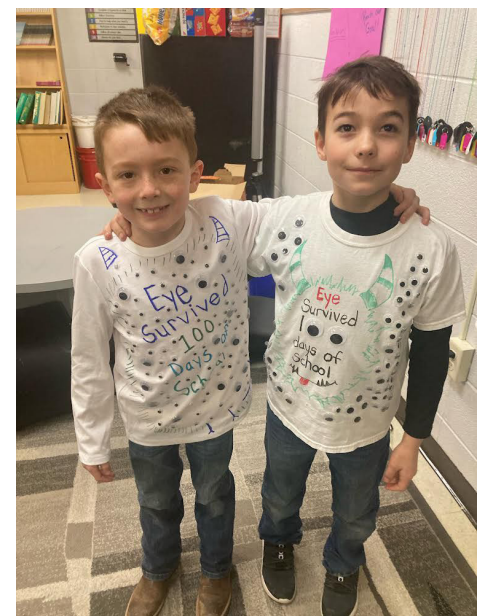
Friday, February 16 students celebrated “National Random Acts of Kindness Day.” Mrs. Rebecca Bjurquist’s and Mrs. Tricia Kuenster’s 3rd grade classes teamed up with Mrs. Megan Copsey’s first grade class to make cards for staff members of the River Ridge School District. They had a great time and made lots of people happy!

Students and Staff Celebrate 100th Days of School



100 days of smarter students! Elementary students and staff celebrated 100 days on Wednesday, February 7. The elementary school lit up with excitement as students marked their 100th day of school with a glow-in-the-dark theme. The students wore creatively decorated

t-shirts, engaged in fun counting to 100 activities, lively gym games, and delightful snacks. The morning was filled with laughter and learning. The students are now geared up and ready to rock 'n' roll their way through the remainder of the school year.



Hallway Art Displays



2D Art



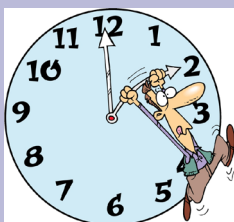
Coil Pots



2D Art

Spring Forward!

Don't forget to set all of your clocks one hour ahead!



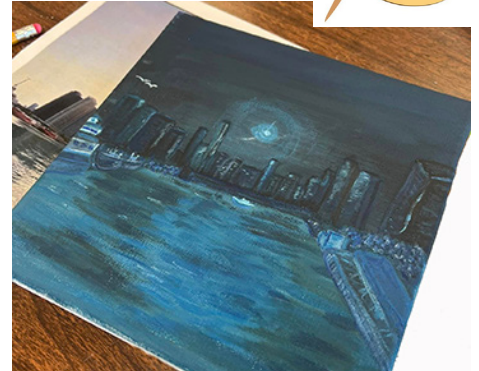
March 10, 2024

March Is Youth Art Month

Mr. Troy Dilley
5K- 12 Grade Art Teacher



Virtual Arts Classic



On February 23, the Art Club students from River Ridge journeyed to Platteville High School to participate in the Visual Arts Competition. This event proved to be a showcase of talent and dedication, with our art club members exhibiting remarkable creativity. The final results are yet to be disclosed the from day of the competition, the anticipation is high as we await news of our students' achievements. We are proud of our talented artists and their outstanding performance. The Art Club member attending the competiton were: Alaina Clark, Areli Tepole, Ava Edge, Josey Drone, Mallory Crubel, and Alexis Beier.



Christmas Ornaments



Decorated Clay Pottery

National Music in Our School Month

High School Honors Band



Monday, February 19, five high school students: Lydia Mason, Luke Patterson, Luke Breuer, Colton Moris, and Hailey Woodruff, traveled to Potosi High School to perform at the Annual Six-Rivers West High School Honors Band! “They sounded great and represented our district well!” Congratulations to the attendees from River Ridge!

Thank you for the

MUSIC

♪ **Mrs. Diane Malcom**
4K - 1st Grade Music

♪ **Mr. Phil Stiemke**
6th Grade Music
Middle School Choir
High School Choir

♪ **Mr. Kylar Kinyon**
2nd-5th Grade Music
5th Grade Band
6th Grade Band
Middle School Band
High School Band



**RIVER RIDGE
POPS CONCERTS**

**MEAL BEFORE THE CONCERTS
TO SUPPORT MUSIC BOOSTERS**

Starting at 5:30 pm

\$8

(12 AND UP)

\$5

(AGES 6 TO 11)

FREE

(UNDER 5 YEARS OLD)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

March 18th @ 7:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL

March 19th @ 7:00pm

Menu: Brats, Hot Dogs,
Mac Salad, Chips, Cookie,
Juice + Water

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL!**

1st Grade Valentine Project

by Megan Copsey



Mrs. Copsey and Mrs. Breuer classes learned about the United States in our recent reading series. We asked for Valentines in hope to get one valentine from all 50 states. We fell short but received cards from 41 states and even one from Switzerland and Australia.



People were so generous and our students really enjoyed this project! Thanks for all those that connected with their families or friends from a distance to make this a memorable project for our 1st graders.

RIVER RIDGE TITLE 1 PRESENTS
FAMILY GAME NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 27
RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LOGIC, LEARNING, & FAMILY FUN!
JUMBO-SIZED BOARD GAMES,
CARD GAMES, & ACTIVITIES
 PLUS SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR
 EVENING CONCLUDES WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES

Open to all River Ridge and St Mary's families.
 At least one parent must accompany students.
 Siblings are welcome!
Registration Deadline is Friday, March 15th

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
NIKKI NEMITZ OR KAREN JEARDEAU

Village of Bloomington

Easter
EGG HUNT
 Saturday, March 30th
 Starts at 11:00 am
 Bloomington Ball Park

Bring a bag or bucket!
 Thousands of eggs to find!

Thank You to the Area Businesses that Donate Each Year!!

Spring Break

Friday,
March 29

and

Monday,
April 1

 A young child with brown hair, wearing a bright yellow long-sleeved shirt and yellow sunglasses, is lying on their stomach in a field of green grass with scattered yellow leaves. The child is smiling and giving a thumbs up with both hands.

Additional Information

Public informational meetings will be held to present details on the April 2024 referendum in the River Ridge School District multi-purpose room:

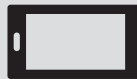
Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 P.M.

11165 County Hwy P,
Patch Grove, WI 53817

Information is available from the District Superintendent, Clay Koenig
Phone: 608-994-2715
Email: koenigcl@rrsd.k12.wi.us

April 2024 Referendum information will be posted on the district's website at: www.rrsd.k12.wi.us



Scan Me to Find out More!

VOTE!

April 2, 2024



River Ridge School District

April 2, 2024 Operational Referendum Information Brochure

11165 County Hwy P,
Patch Grove, WI 53817
Phone: 608-994-2715

2024 Referendum

The River Ridge School District is placing an operational referendum on the ballot for Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The referendum question asks voter permission to exceed the revenue limit. The revenue limit is a state law which limits the amount of revenue the school district receives to pay operating expenses.

The school district's last operational referendum approved by voters was held February 18, 2014, which allows the school district to exceed the revenue limit by \$350,000 each year. However, the current year's revenue limit, which includes the 2014 referendum, allows the district to receive only \$250,000 more revenue than it allowed eight years ago.

The school district has experienced significant inflationary increases to its operating expenses over the past few years, which have been primarily supported by federal grants. Those grants are no longer available to the district beginning with the 2024-2025 budget and state revenue limit laws require the school district to ask voters for permission to generate additional revenue through a referendum to exceed the revenue limit.

The April 2024 operational referendum asks voters permission to exceed the revenue limit to pay operating expenses beginning with next year's budget in the amount of \$1,250,000, and increasing by \$250,000 a year for the next three budget years (\$1,500,000 and \$1,750,000 and \$2,000,000) and remaining at \$2,000,000 thereafter ("recurring"). Approval of the operational referendum would give the school board authority to levy taxes in the amounts, and for the budget years, stated in the ballot language.

Voters are not being asked to approve the district's total tax levy for each of the budget years. The vote on the total tax levy occurs at the district's annual meeting each year using the third Friday of September enrollment figures, the certification of aid from the state, and the impact of any legislative changes to the revenue limit law.

Sample Ballot Language

Shall the River Ridge School District, Grant County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management?

Maintaining Instruction Programs, Staffing, Technology and Facilities

The April 2024 Referendum would pay school district operating expenses to maintain funding for:

- 4-year-old kindergarten (4k) Full-Day Program
- After Hours Program
- Elementary School and Middle School – Class Sizes Under 24 Students
- High School – Class Sizes Under 24 for Core Classes
- Middle School and High School Course Offerings
- High School Advance Placement Classes
- Intra-Curricular, Extra-Curricular and Sporting Options for Students
- Students One-to-One Technology Devices
- Technology Devices for Staff
- Contributions to Facilities Building and Maintenance Fund
- A Fiscally Responsible General Fund Balance

If the April 2024 Referendum Does Not Pass

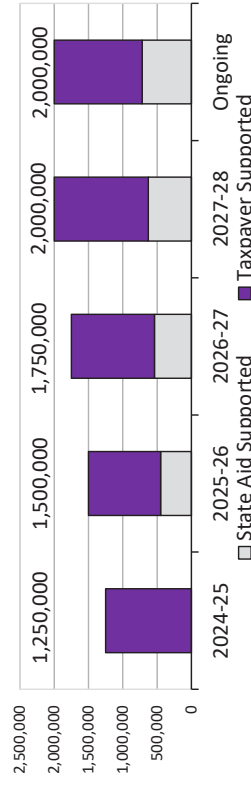
If the April 2024 Referendum does not pass, the district's options or impacts include:

- Hold Another Referendum in 2024
- Prioritize Operating Budget Reductions – Programs and Staffing
- Consider Larger Class Sizes – All Schools
- Impact Student Academic Opportunities - Reduce Class Offerings All Schools
- Manage Intra-Curriculars and Extra-Curricular Options for Students
- Cannot Replace Technology
- Challenges District's Ability to Retain and Attract Staff
- Cannot Contribute to Facilities Building and Maintenance Fund
- Cannot Sustain Fiscally Responsible General Fund Balance
- Combination of All of the Above

April 2024 Referendum Estimated Tax Impact

- The April 2024 referendum tax impact begins with the December 2024 tax bills.
- The April 2024 referendum ballot question includes four different dollar amounts occurring in four different budget years, with the last amount remaining in tax bills ("recurring" or "ongoing").
- The estimated tax impact is based on the school district revenue limit, state aid formula and property values used for December 2023 tax bills.
- The school district currently receives state aid for operating expenses under a three-tiered formula designed to provide property tax relief.
- Under the current aid formula, the estimated tax impact of the April 2024 referendum is shared with the state providing additional aid to reduce taxes.
- The estimated additional state aid is received the year after the operating expenses occur.

The graph below shows the referendum amounts for each of the next five years broken down by the amount supported by taxpayers and amount supported by state aid based on the current formula at 36%. State aid is not guaranteed and subject to change each year.



Calculating the Est. Tax Impact:

Budget Year	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Ongoing
Referendum Amount	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,750,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Tax Rate Per \$1,000 (Equalized Value)	\$3.56	\$2.99	\$3.45	\$3.90	\$3.65
Taxes on \$100,000 Property Value	\$356	\$299	\$345	\$390	\$365
Tax Bill Impact December	2024	2025	2026	2027	Ongoing



PUZZLE COMPETITION

HOSTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

**COST: \$6/INDIVIDUAL OR \$20/TEAM
(UP TO 4 MEMBERS PER TEAM)**

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

COMPETITION BEGINS AT 7:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**GATHER YOUR PUZZLER FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND
JOIN US FOR A JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION. A
GREAT FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL AGES! BE THE
FASTEST TEAM TO COMPLETE A 500-PIECE
PUZZLE TO WIN PRIZES!**

**MOVIE THEATER POPCORN WILL
BE PROVIDED. FEEL FREE TO
BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE OR
OTHER SNACKS!**



4K - 4th Grade

Read Across America Week

March 4th - 8th

MONDAY

Pajama Day!

TUESDAY

Wear the Colors of the Rainbow!
An author is coming to visit us, too!

WEDNESDAY

Wear a Word Wednesday!
Wear a shirt with words on it!

THURSDAY

Dress Like a Cowboy/Cowgirl!

FRIDAY

Freedom to Read!
Wear Red, White, and/or Blue
Reading is SWEET! We'll celebrate with a surprise
treat!

All Week: Fill out your BINGO sheet and turn it on Friday!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEEK
MARCH 11TH-15TH**

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Monday:

WAY BACK

Need some ideas?

Dress like a Viking, a Roman emperor, a knight in the Dark Ages, be creative!

Wednesday:

1900s

Need some ideas? Dress like you're in the Roaring 20's, a hippie in the 70's, or maybe a disco queen/king in the 80's

THURSDAY:

THE FUTURE

Need some ideas? Give us a glimpse into the future! Dress however you imagine the people of our world will in 50 years

Tuesday:

1800s

Need some ideas?
Today's your chance to dress up like you're living through the Victorian era, a pioneer on the Oregon Trail, or one of our first presidents

Friday: 

Purple Day.

You know how this goes! Wear as much purple as possible to earn points for your class!

Breakfast/Lunch Menu - March, 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
26	27	28	29	1 <hr/> Scrambled Eggs & Bacon <hr/> Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh & Canned Fruit Milk
4 <hr/> Cheese Omelet & Toast <hr/> Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	5 <hr/> Banana Crumb & Cinnamon Sugar Breakfast Cake <hr/> Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	6 <hr/> Rise & Shine Croissant w/Bacon <hr/> Hamburger /Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Wedges/Sweet Potato Wedges Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	7 <hr/> Breakfast Pizza <hr/> Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk	8 <hr/> French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links <hr/> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit Cookie Milk
11 <hr/> Breakfast Sliders w/Bacon <hr/> Chicken Patty French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	12 <hr/> Pancakes & Sausage Links <hr/> Pizza Casserole Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	13 <hr/> Sunrise Biscuit w/Bacon <hr/> BBQ Pork Sandwich Chips Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	14 <hr/> Frosted Long John <hr/> Popcorn Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Strawberry Shortcake Milk	15 <hr/> Ham & Egg Bake & Toast <hr/> Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
18 <hr/> Waffle Sticks & Sausage Links <hr/> Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	19 <hr/> Cereal & Poptart <hr/> Meatballs Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	20 <hr/> Bright Eyed Bushy Tailed Bagel w/Sausage <hr/> Chicken Nuggets French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	21 <hr/> Cereal & Muffin <hr/> Cheeseburger Casserole Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk	22 <hr/> NO SCHOOL
25 <hr/> Breakfast Pizza <hr/> Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	26 <hr/> Choc. Chip/Blueberry Breakfast Cake <hr/> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	27 <hr/> Cereal & Toast <hr/> French Bread Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Fruit Salad/Fresh Fruit Milk	28 <hr/> Biscuits & Sausage Gravy <hr/> Super Nachos Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Peanut Butter Bars Milk	29 <hr/> NO SCHOOL

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.

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FFA Fire Conv. FFA State Degree Due HSBB Regionals	2 HSGB Sectional HSBB Regional
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Elementary - Read Across America						
Track Practice Begins		Six River Math Meet 6:30 PM Puzzle Comp.		WIAA Girls Basketball State @ Green Bay HSBB Sectionals 7:30 AM 7th/ 8th Grade Music Trip @ Madison		HSBB Sectionals
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Middle School Spirit Week						
Softball Practice Begins 6:00 PM Ref. Info Mtg.	8:00 AM ACT - Juniors	5:30 PM Board Meeting		WIAA Boys Basketball State @ Madison 1:59 PM MS Pi Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Baseball Practice Begins 5:30 PM Music Booster Meal 7:00 PM MS POPS Concert	5:30 PM Music Booster Meal 7:00 PM HS POPS Concert	6:00 PM Ref. Info Mtg.		End of 3rd Quarter FFA CDE Contest 5:30 PM Track at UW-Platteville	No School Teacher Inservice National Ag Day	MS Solo/Ensemble HS Solo/Ensemble
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		8:00 AM Senior Cap and Gown Pictures 4:15 PM Track - Home 5:00 PM SB at DeSoto	8:00 AM Spring Pictures 6:00 PM Title I Family Game Night		No School	
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
January 10, 2024, 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 Copsy, 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. December 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. December 12, 2023, Closed Session Board Minutes
 - C. December 20, 2023, Special/Closed Session Minutes
 - D. January 4, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - E. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Adam Guthrie. 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 January 2024. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of the 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$1,483,146.07 and expenditures of \$913,615.86. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.
 - B. Buildings and Grounds Report
- VIII. 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 Josh Copsy to enter closed session. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote, entered closed session at 5:39 PM
 - B. Employee Discussion
- IX. Reconvene in open session.
- A. Aaron Stagman made a motion and seconded by Josh Copsy to leave closed session. Motion passed and a voice vote. Entered back into open session at 5:51 PM
- X. Action needed on closed session items.
- A. None
- XI. New Business
- A. Hiring/Resignations
 - i. Kirk Hamann made a motion to hire Tish Burmeister as High School Assistant Track Coach, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - ii. Aaron Stagman made a motion to accept the resignation of Adrian Cuff as High School Science Teacher, seconded by Josh Copsy. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - iii. Jason Cathman made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Achenbach at the end of her contract. Motion was seconded by Megan Kussmaul, motion carried on a voice vote.
 - iv. Jason Cathman made a motion to hire Garth Osterday as a long-term high school science teacher sub. Seconded by Aaron Stagman, motion carried on a voice vote.
 - v. Adam Guthrie made a motion to hire Garth Osterday as a .75 Speech and Dramatic Arts Advisor, seconded by Josh Copsy. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - B. \$750,000 Taxable Line of Credit
 - i. Adam Guthrie made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing a taxable tax and revenue anticipation promissory note for cash flow purposes in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. Seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

C. Operational Referendum Language/Discussion, Motion was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Josh Copsey at approver option 3 ballot language. Motion carried on a voice vote.

D. Notice of Educational Options within River Ridge School District. The motion was made by Megan Kusssmaul and seconded by Jason Cathman to approve the notice of Educational Options within River Ridge School District.

E. Board Declaration regarding open enrollment
i. Adam Guthrie made a motion that The River Ridge School District approve unlimited regular education open enrollment seats and 0 seats in special education program, including those students with 504's for the 2024-2025 school year based on criteria outlined in open enrollment policy 5113. Seconded by Aaron Stagman, motion passed on a voice vote.

F. Volunteer Coaches, Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the list of volunteer coaches for the 2023-2024 winter/spring seasons. Second by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a voice vote.

XII. Appearances – There were no public appearances.

XIII. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Special Board Meeting – January 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM
- ii. Regular Board Meeting – February 14, 2024 at 5:30 PM

B. School Board member suggestions and recommendations for future meetings

- i. None

XIV. Adjourn – Kirk Hamann made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 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 17, 2024, 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. Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes

- A. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the Resolution as read, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on 7-0 roll call vote.

VII. Resolution Providing for Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes.

- A. Megan Kussmaul made a motion to approve the Resolution as read, seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion carried on 7-0 roll call vote.

VIII. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items

- A. None

IX. Next Meeting Date/Time February 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM

X. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

River Ridge School District

2024-2025 School Year



August

26-29 - Staff Inservice
28 - Open House
3:30 - 6:30 PM

website - www.rrsd.k12.wi.us

Phone - 608-994-2715

Approved - 2-14-2024

September

3 - First Day of School

October

9 - Early Release 12:30 PM -
Staff Inservice 1:00 PM
31 - End of 1st Quarter

November

1 - No School - Staff Inservice
5 & 7 - Parent/Teacher Conf.
3:30 - 7:30 PM

8 - No School

27-29 - No School

December

23 - 31 - No School

January

1 - No School

16 - End of 2nd Quarter
End of 1st Semester

17 - No School - Staff Inservice

February

5 - Early Release - 12:30 PM
Staff Inservice 1:00 PM

March

13 - End of 3rd Quarter

14 - No School - Staff Inservice

April

18 & 21 - No School

30 - Early Release - 12:30 PM
Staff Inservice - 1:00 PM

May

23 - Last Day of School
Early Release - 12:30 PM
Staff Inservice - 1:00 PM

August 2024

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June 2025

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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- Oct. 31	First Quarter
Nov. 4 - Jan. 16	Second Quarter
Jan. 20 - Mar. 13	Third Quarter
Mar. 17 - May 23	Fourth Quarter

Special Days

Aug. 28	Open House
Sept. 1	First Day of School
Oct. 9	Early Release
Nov. 5 & 7	Parent/Teacher Conf.
Feb. 5	Early Release
Apr. 30	Early Release
May 23	Last Day of School
	Early Release

Holiday Breaks

Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Apr. 18 & 21	Spring Break

School Hours - 8:00 AM - 3:25 PM
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