



TIMBERWOLF NEWS

January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 12
Board Meeting

January 14
End of 2nd Quarter
and 1st Semester

January 17
No School



Middle School Student Council Food Drive



The River Ridge Middle School Student Council had a food drive throughout the month of December. All of the food items that were donated were given to local food pantries. We are all so pleased with our accomplishments and how we could help others during the holiday season.

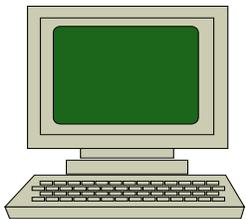
Season for Caroling



Some River Ridge choir members took a break from school work to spread some holiday cheer. The Banner Ensemble went caroling for the elderly in the Bloomington village. The students remained outside, which provided a safe alternative but still allowing for the holiday cheer of live caroling. It was a wonderful time for the students.

Mission Statement

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



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www.rrsd.k12.wi.us

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Student Council Sock Drive



The River Ridge Middle School Student Council "Socks for Veterans" Drive was a success! Pictured are the student council members with the socks they will distribute to Veterans in the area as "Thank You" for their service to our country!

Milkshake Delivery



The 7th Grade members of the Fuel Up to Play 60 group made and served 175 milkshakes for a Christmas treat for the middle school students and staff. Everyone enjoyed the special delivery to the classrooms.

FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY STATEMENT

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

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

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

High School Semester Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 13, 2022

1st hour – 8:00-9:30
3rd hour – 9:40-11:10
HS Resource/Break – 11:15-11:45
HS Lunch – 11:45-12:15
5th hour – 12:15-1:45
7th hour – 1:55-3:25

Friday, January 14, 2022

2nd hour – 8:00-9:30
4th hour – 9:40-11:10
HS Resource/Break – 11:15-11:45
HS Lunch – 11:45-12:15
6th hour – 12:15-1:45
8th hour – 1:55-3:25

Rules:

1. Students are not required to be in school until their first scheduled exam. Once in school, students are to stay until exams are completed for the day. Students should report to study hall if between classes with exams. Seniors have open campus for lunch but **MUST** sign in and out from office if they leave the campus.
2. All students should sign in if they arrive after 8:00 AM. Students should sign out if they leave before 3:25 PM. Students that arrive late or leave before the end of the last hour of the day should have signed permission slips turned into office by Wednesday, January 12.
3. A student may not leave the exam area until the 90-minute period is over. There will be no loitering in the hallways. Teachers will keep students in their room.
4. Students are expected to be in the classroom on time when the bell rings to begin the exam.
5. Any student missing any exam time must make arrangements with the teacher for make-up time. Grades are due to office by Tuesday, January 18 at 8:00 AM.



Emergency School Closing Information

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



High School Student Council News

by Mickey Quick



The River Ridge High School Student Council hopes that everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. The NHS and Student Council have taken advantage of the nice weather and cleaned out the can cage in early December. Thank you again to those who donate cans. Student council also put up the holiday tree in the front entrance for all to enjoy as well as putting one outside under our River Ridge sign. The outside one is sometimes standing upright and sometimes not, as the winds around here are quite the challenge. We do enjoy watching it spring back and forth in the wind as the bungee cords do move.



The Student Council also joined with the River Ridge FFA to distribute 226 holiday cookie kits to the families in the district 4K-8th grade. Please check out all of the wonderful pictures of their creations that families shared on the River Ridge FFA Facebook page. We are continuously working on planning for Homecoming 2022, as well as activities to get us all through the winter months.



Student Receives MVP Tickets

by Shane Sperle



Harper Kramer was awarded two tickets to the MVP deck for the Packers game against the LA Rams on November 28. The tickets were given through the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. Congratulations Harper!

4K Students' Holiday Visitors



Mrs. Kuenster's 7th grade class visited Mrs. Copsy's 4K classroom on December 20. They enjoyed Christmas stories and played Bingo together. The students from both grade levels had a great time sharing in the wonderful holiday season.



School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Dates to Remember

Eighth Grade High School Registration
January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM
(Students/Parents)

2021-22 Registration – Grades 9-11
January/February 2022
(During Resource Time)

ACT Test – March 8, 2022
(Mandatory for all Juniors)

Resources

While Holidays can be a time of joy and good cheer, they can also be a time when feelings of sadness and stress can arise. Should a loved one need extra support to deal with emotional/behavioral health concerns, there are community resources to help.

- Unified Counseling Services**
(Lancaster) - 608 723-6357
- Family Advocates, Inc.**
- 24 hour helpline -
1 800 924-2624
- Grant County Dept. of Social Services**
608 723-2136
- Grant Regional Health Center**
(Lancaster) 723-2143
- Crossing Rivers Health**
(Prairie du Chien) 357-2000

Title I and Library Gingerbread Event



River Ridge Title 1 and the Library teamed up to host the Gingerbread House Event on December 1. There were 62 families that joined in the fun! Parents and students traveled to three different stations: build a gingerbread house, construct a gingerbread man, and listen to a gingerbread story. Thank you to Mrs. Deb Trautsch and Mrs. Erin Kluesner for organizing this awesome event for the River Ridge families during the holiday season. Special thank you to the helpers from the boy's basketball team.



Don't Forget!

Semester Ends
Friday,
January 14

No School
Monday,
January 17
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Records Day

LIBRARY CORNER

High School "Book Tasting" Event!

On December 21st, the library hosted the first-ever Holiday Book Tasting Event!

This event was open all day for students to browse the new books and favorites from our library collection. Students were encouraged to check out books to read over the holiday break! The library offered a hot chocolate selection with marshmallows, whipped cream, sprinkles, and candy canes.



Middle School Celebrate the Student Success



On December 7, River Ridge Superintendent and Dean of Students provided cookies for the students to celebrate their great test scores on Spring Wisconsin assessments. The Middle School was the highest rated middle school in Southwest Wisconsin. Each middle school student received a cookie with #1 in purple frosting.

River Ridge Middle School

Students of the Month

December 2021



Taddy Hoffman - 8th Grade

Taddy's nomination said, "It has been a joy having Taddy in class this year. She is definitely stepping up as a leader by participating in class discussions and always completing her homework on time. She is very kind and respectful to her teachers and peers. She also shows a love for reading and has read a few novels this year already!" Way to go, Taddy!



Harper Kramer - 7th Grade

Harper's nomination read, "Harper is very kind, respectful, and hard-working in class and has continued to be a role model to others. She has a competitive spirit and always tries her hardest. She is motivated to better herself to achieve her goals. Harper has set a school record in fitness testing for the second year in a row by pushing herself to her limits. Harper is kind to all her classmates and will only accept maximum effort in everything she is a part of. She is an excellent writer as well and writes some very interesting short stories. This year she is involved in Volleyball, Band, and is the Play 60 Secretary." Keep up the good work, Harper!



Ryder Myhre - 6th Grade

Ryder's nomination said, "Ryder does exceptionally well in Math and stays on top of his work. He is willing to participate in class and ask questions to extend his learning. He has a great sense of humor that always seems to lighten up the classroom! Ryder is very respectful towards his teachers and peers." Congrats Ryder!



Addison Brooks - 5th Grade

Addison's nomination read, "Addison is one busy 5th grader! It is amazing that she is able to successfully handle the many activities that she chooses! Her extra-curricular activities include cross country, wrestling, Missoula Theater, basketball, and basketball manager for the high school girls. She ran for Student Council representative for her homeroom and is called upon to help as needed. She handles all of this while giving her all in her academic studies! She is delightful and always has a smile to share!!" Nice job, Addison!



December Nominees

8th Grade - Tyler Breuer, Luke Breuer

7th Grade - Erin Adrian

6th Grade - Adam Williams

5th Grade - Wvatt Bull

Substitute Teacher Training

*Bachelor and Associates Degree Holders
Can Work as Substitute Teachers!*



A Two-Year Associates or Four-Year Bachelors Degree in any area is necessary for you to participate in this training.

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

All participants will earn a Certificate of Participation!

Thursday, March 10, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Seminar

CESA 3

This training will be offered IN-PERSON at the CESA 3 Office, Conference Room A, 1300 Industrial Dr., Fennimore, WI 53809

Cost: \$100.00

Pre-registration is required!

Please register early.

Registration deadline is Monday, March 7, 2022!

Please send payment prior to training to secure registration.

Checks should be made payable to CESA 3, 1300 Industrial Dr., Fennimore, WI 53809

Register online at:

<https://login.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?from cms=1&eventid=29834>

or visit MyQuickReg at: <https://login.myquickreg.com/>

For further information, please contact:
Kate Hennessy at CESA 3
608-822-2149 or khennessy@cesa3.org



Breakfast/Lunch Menu - January, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Pancakes & Sausage Links Pizza Tossed Salad Baby Carrots & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	4 Cereal & Donut Holes Pizza Casserole Seasoned Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	5 Rise & Shine Croissant Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	6 Breakfast Pizza BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrowns Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	7 Cheese Omelet & Toast Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Tossed Salad Cottage Cheese Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk
10 Cereal & Pop Tart Cheese Quesadillas Spanish Rice Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	11 Sunrise Biscuit w/ Bacon Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	12 Chocolate Chip/Blueberry Breakfast Cake Walking Taco Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Oreo Fluff Milk	13 Breakfast Casserole & Toast Dog in a Blanket Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	14 Berry Parfait & Cereal Bar Chicken Nuggets French Fries Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
17 No School	18 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	19 Cereal & Muffin Hamburger/Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	20 Pancake on a Stick Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	21 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links Tomato Soup/Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots & Dip Fresh Fruit/Canned Fruit Milk
24 Cheese Omelet & Hashbrown Patty French Bread Pizza Sun Chips Tossed Salad Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	25 Cinnamon/Blueberry Breakfast Cake Chicken Noodle Casserole Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit/Fruit Salad Milk	26 Frosted Long John & Cereal Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	27 Sunrise Biscuit w/ Sausage Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	28 Yogurt & Muffin Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Seasoned Green Beans Baby Carrots & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
31 Cereal & Toast Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	1	2	3	4

Breakfast is served with choice of fruit and milk daily.

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 milk) and the second option for 5th - 12th is a chef salad.

Each meal must have a combined 1/2 cup total of vegetables and/or fruit on the tray in order to qualify for a reimbursable lunch

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 School Resumes	4 6:00 PM HSGB vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB @ Seneca	5	6 6:00 PM HSGB vs Potosi/Cassville	7 6:00 PM HSBB @ Belmont	8 MSGB Tourney at River Ridge 9:30 AM Wrestling at Lancaster
9 Dorian Choral Festival	10 Dorian Choral Festival 4:30 PM MSGB @ Fennimore 6:00 PM HSBB @ Boscobel	11 4:30 PM MSGB vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSGB vs Lancaster 7:00 PM WR @ Pec/Argyle	12 5:30 PM Board Mtg	13 HS Sem. Exams 4:30 PM MSGB vs Riverdale 6:00 PM HSBB vs Benton	14 End of 2nd Qtr FFA Half-Time Conf. HS Sem. Exams 6:00 PM HSGB @ Benton	15 FFA Half-Time Conf. MSGB Tourney at Bluff View 9:00 AM WR @ Weston 4:00 PM HSGB @ Fennimore
16	17 No School	18 4:30 PM MSGB vs Wauzeka/Steuben 6:00 PM HSBB @ Cassville 6:00 PM HSGB vs Wauzeka/Steuben	19 8th Gd. Registration	20 4:30 PM MSGB vs Highland 6:00 PM HSGB @ Highland	21 6:00 PM HSBB @ Highland	22 9:00 AM WR @ Sparta
23	24 4:30 PM MSGB vs Lancaster	25 26 High School Registration for 2022-23		27 4:30 PM MSGB @ Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB vs Pecos	28 5:00 PM WR Conf. Mtg 7:00 PM HSGB @ Shullsburg	29 9:00 AM JV WR at River Ridge
30	31 6:00 PM HSGB vs Riverdale					

You may apply for **open enrollment** from **February 7-April 29, 2022**

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2021-22 school year is from February 1-April 30, 2021. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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

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

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

*A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending

virtual charter schools are public school pupils.

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

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

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

Can an application be rejected?

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

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

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

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

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

Must pupils reapply every year?

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

*The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.

*A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.

Open Enrollment Continues

*A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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.

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

Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AT 5:30 PM.

I. Call to order – Board President, Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

II. Roll Call – Present; Josh Copsy, Kenny Nies, Adam Guthrie, Aaron Stagman, Jason Cathman, Kirk Hamann, Cory Moravits.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

V. Appearances – Andrew Taylor talked about the county health director’s authority to make orders to the school.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A) October 13, 2021 Regular Board Minutes
- B) October 13, 2021 Closed Session Minutes
- C) October 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- D) October 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- E) Jason Cathman Made a motion to approve the minutes. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Reports

- A) Finance - Tracy Stagman
 - i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Tracy Stagman presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for October 2021. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement pending an audit of 2021/22 for revenues of \$230,276.76 and expenditures of \$841,217.06. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

VIII. New Business

A) Jason Cathman made a motion to move the 8th grade Washington DC presentation and the Southwest Technical College Recognition in front of the COVID-19 discussion. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B) Southwest Technical College Recognition – Kim Meyer presented the school with a gold award for the dual enrollment program.

C) 8th grade Washington DC Presentation – The 8th grade class had multiple presentations on their trip to Washington DC. They discussed the trip and their favorite places they visited.

D) COVID -19

- i. Extra-curricular return – Cory Moravits made a motion to allow the return of close contact, non-vaccinated students, with a negative test on day 6 or 7 on day 8. If the student does not get tested they may return on day 10, but must remain masked until day 14. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-2 roll call vote. Yes; Cory Moravits, Adam Guthrie, Josh Copsy, Jason Cathman, Kenny Nies. No; Aaron Stagman, Kirk Hamann.

IX. Information

- A) Upcoming Meeting Schedule
 - i. Policy & Curriculum Meeting – December 1 at 5:00 PM
 - ii. Regular Board Meeting – December 8 at 5:30 PM.

X. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made a motion to adjourn. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM



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