



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

February 2023

## Local Spelling Bee



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### February 8

Early Release  
Techer In-Service  
Board Meeting

#### February 13

No School

#### February 25

RRAP  
Bounce House Event

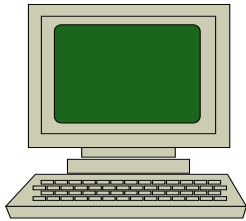


The Middle School Local Spelling Bee of the CESA 3 Spelling Bee for 2023 was held on Thursday, January 5 at the River Ridge Middle School. Twenty one middle school students competed in this contest. Mrs. Heidi Serres was the proctor for the spelling bee. The judges were middle school teachers: Mrs. Kathy Miller, Mrs. Katie Dressler and Mrs. Kerri Price. The 1st place winner was 6th grader, Jackson Cooley, 2nd place was earned by 7th grader, Aayden Kreul, and the alternate, 3rd place position, was earned by 7th grader, Reese Moravits. Jackson and Aayden moved on to the CESA 3 Regional Spelling Bee held at Southwest Technical College on Wednesday, January 25. Four winners will advance from this contest to the State Spelling Bee to be held in Madison, on March 11. Congratulations to all the Spelling Bee participants and Jackson and Aayden on a great job representing the River Ridge Middle School.



## Mission Statement

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



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

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## Dorian Choral Festival 2023

by Ellen Martin



Six River Ridge High School Choir members were selected for the 2023 Dorian Choral Festival, which was held at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa January 8 - 9. Students from area Midwest states are nominated by their directors to attend this very prestigious and what is considered the largest mass choir in the United States. Students spent Sunday and Monday rehearsing with Luther directors and presented a final concert Monday evening in the Center of Faith and Life. Congratulations to Kiley Brooks, Madelyn Thornton, Emma Breuer, Haylee Scharmer, Morgan Williams, and Hannah Stagman.



## RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 4K REGISTRATION

(Virtual Registration Ends February 10, 2023)

## 4K REGISTRATION 2023-2024

- Children who are eligible must be 4 yrs. old on or by **September 1, 2023**
- Registration will be completed online at **RRSD.K12.WI.US**
- Registration letters will be mailed out on January 18th, if you don't receive a letter from the school contact **Kim Giese**.



**REACH KIM GIESE AT  
GIESEKI@RRSD.K12.WI.US  
OR 608-994-2715 EXT. 210**

## 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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Patch Grove, WI 53817

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## River Ridge Band Students Chosen for All State Band

by Aaron Cooley



On Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, Luke Breuer, Lydia Mason, and Cotlon Moris performed in the Wisconsin Concert Band Association All-State Band. Membership in the band signifies a level of achievement which places these student musicians in the top percentile among all student musicians in our state. The two day honor band festival concluded with a concert performance at UW - Oshkosh. Congratulations to these amazing student musicians!

## Donated LifeVac Devices

by Clay Koenig



The West Grant Rescue Squad has graciously donated two LifeVac devices. These will be placed in different areas of the school to help anyone that is experiencing a choking experience. There are staff members that have been trained on how these work so if the situation ever arises these will be put to use. As a district we hope to never have to use these, but the comfort of knowing they are here and able to be used is excellent. Thank you, West Grant Rescue Squad.

If you want more information on what a LifeVac device is, please visit: [www.https://lifevac.net/](http://www.https://lifevac.net/)

Pictured are Clay Koenig (Superintendent), Tom Martin (West Grant Rescue Squad), Claire Yanna (Health Aide), and Denny Cathman (West Grant Rescue Squad).



## Donation for Playground



RRAP would like to thank the Bagley Events Committee for donating money toward the playground equipment at the River Ridge Elementary/Middle School. This money was raised during their Christmas in Bagley event in December. Pictured is Cari Abb, Bagley Events Committee treasurer, and Lisa Clark, RRAP School Liaison.

## 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 & 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](http://www.shpbeds.org). You can also call 608-642-0135.

## 7th Grade Girls Team Earn a Medal

by Angie Adrian



The River Ridge Middle School girls basketball teams are off to a fast start by playing 9 games in 10 days! Both teams are working hard and due to numbers, the 8th graders are rotating to help out the 7th grade team. The 7th grade team has a record of 6-3 and finished 2nd in both the River Ridge tournament held on Saturday, January 7th, as well as the Prairie Catholic tournament held on Saturday, January 14th. The 8th grade team has a record of 5-4 and has played some tough teams from larger schools. Looking forward to a successful rest of the season! Picture above are the 7th Grade team with their 2nd place medals at the Prairie Catholic Tournament.



**Wednesday, February 8**

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

**Monday, February 13**

No School for Staff and Students

**School Counselor News**

by Caron Townsend

**Local Scholarships**

Local scholarship packets will be distributed to seniors on March 1, 2023. If you are interested in sponsoring a River Ridge scholarship, please contact Miss Townsend by February 10. 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.

**2023-24 Registration**

The 9th-11th grade students have participated in informational sessions on course selection for the 2023-24 school year. Each student has received 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.

**Earth Day Can Cage Competition**

4K-4th grade Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Earth Day is just around the corner and the NHS & 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 25, 26, and 27, 2023 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.

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.



Saturday, April 22, 2023

**2023 River Ridge Student Assessment Calendar**

Test Date	Assessment
March 7, 2023	<b>ACT – Juniors</b> 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
March 21 & 22, 2023	<b>Forward Exam – 10th Grade</b> 5th, 7th & 8th hour World History
April 4, 2023	<b>Pre-ACT – 9th Grade</b> 8:50 AM-11:45 AM English, Math, Reading, Science
April 5, 2023	<b>Pre-ACT– 10th Grade</b> 8:50 AM -11:45 AM English, Math, Reading Science
May 3, 2023	<b>AP English Literature Exam</b> 8:00 AM.-11:30 AM
May 5, 2023	<b>AP US History Exam</b> 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
May 8, 2023	<b>AP Calculus AB</b> 8:00 AM -11:30 AM
May 9, 2023	<b>AP Language Exam</b> 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
May 10, 2023	<b>AP Biology Exam</b> 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM (Students will eat lunch at 11:30)

### FFA Service Award



Miss Lauren Conkwright with President Jessica Patterson receiving her distinguished service award.

### River Ridge FFA Annual Banquet



The River Ridge FFA hosted its annual banquet on January 23, 2023. We hosted 233 members and guests. This year we had many great FFA members receive awards. Luke Patterson earned his Star Greenhand Degree and Avery Drew received her Star Chapter Degree, along with Kendra Jentz received the highest award in the National FFA, her American Degree. Miss Lauren Conkwright, long-term sub while Mrs. Esser was on maternity leave, was voted in to be an honorary member of the River Ridge FFA. Jeremiah Ihm, Wisconsin State FFA Vice President, was able to attend to give a speech. Thank you to everyone who has supported our FFA chapter throughout the years. Congratulations to all of the award winners and keep up the hard work!

### Opening Speaker



Wisconsin FFA State Officer  
Jerimah Ihm

Pictured are the FFA members: Front row (left to right) (Officer Team) Madelyn Thornton, Jessica Patterson, Levi Wehrle, Avery Drew, Luke Patterson, Andrew Nies, and Mrs. Madeline Esser. 2nd Row (l. to r.) Natalie Dalton, Sam Cooley, Jordan Parker, Haylee Scharmer, Mackenzie Esser, Abby Wehrle, Xavier Koopmeiners, Mason Luna, Rylan Linder, Arianna Edge, Brendan Jentz, and Alex Eastlick. 3rd Row (l. to r.) Reghan Zinkle, Carli Koenig, Cahill Nichols, Tanner Lansing, MaKenna Bausch, Blake Parker, Brady Bunge, Jayden Cathman, Eva Doll, Emily Tesar, Mandi Wehrle, and Melissa Sletten. 4th Row (l. to r.) Hailey Kramer, Wyatt Bausch, Alayna Brinkman, Morgan Klein, Eley Otte, Danica Hampton, Madelyn Wehrle, Libby Vogt, Ava Edge, Ashlyn Edge, Bryy Clark, Ty Adrian, and Eric Nichols. 5th Row (l. to r.) Braylyn Quick, Ella Gutknecht, Lydia Mason, Caden Hampton, Areli Tepole, Mykenzie Cornell, Rebecca Dilley, Conner Hoepfer, Alec Morrow, Hogan Roberts, Aiden Walsh, Grace Callahan, Colton Moris, and Cayden Koehn. Back Row (l. to r.) Alexa Roe, Pierce Pritchett, Joe Hoffman, Colton Kirshbaum, Cameron Wehrle, Brock Bunge, Reese Drew, Tyler Breuer, Hailey Woodruff, Ian Jentz, Elliott Thornton, and Haydn Ferretti.

**Awards Received**



Greenhand Degree Winners



Chapter Degree Recipients

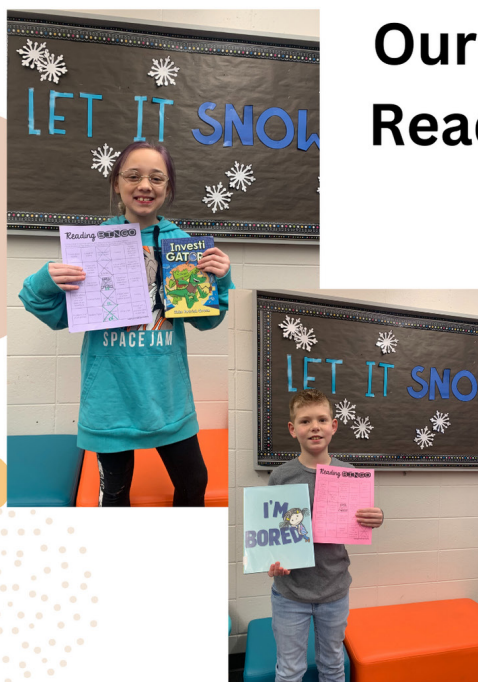
**FFA Officers**



**Officer Team:**

- Jessica Patterson - President
- Levi Wehrle - Vice President
- Avery Drew - Reporter
- Madelyn Thornton - Treasurer
- Luke Patterson - Secretary
- Andrew Nies - Jr. Advisor
- Not included, Owen Callahan - Sentinel.

# Our First Fourth-Grade Reading Bingo Winners!



Pictured are Lily Ohlhauser and Chandler Edlebeck, the first fourth-grade students to read five books and complete a reading bingo!

Lily, Chandler, and their fourth-grade classmates can keep reading all school year to complete a reading bingo.

Those who read five books get a fun library reward!

## What's Happening in the Library?

## Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey

River Ridge 7-12 grade students will be participating in the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) on **Thursday, March 23**.

The YRBS helps the state and local communities monitor trends in youth health and risk behaviors. Knowing which risk behaviors are on the rise--as well as which are not--helps schools and communities create smarter, more effective programs to help reduce these risk behaviors and promote health enhancing behaviors. In Wisconsin, results from the YRBS help many communities apply for grant money to fund more services for youth in areas such as drug and alcohol prevention, school safety, or mental health services.

If you do not want your son or daughter participating in this survey, please read the following Parental Permission Form, sign it and return it to **Kam Fohey or Caron Townsend**. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.

### PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Our school is taking part in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about health behaviors that keep young people healthy, as well as behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about bullying, sexual risk behaviors (mostly for high school students), online risk behaviors, stress and anxiety, self-harm, dietary behavior, and physical activity. It also focuses on positive things like strong connections to the school and to other people.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online questionnaire that takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey, and it does not ask for student IDs or any other individual identifiers. The classroom setting will be set up like a test so that students' answers remain private. The school will only not have access to individual students' answers and no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey do help students by providing schools and the community with information that is used to improve health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. If you have questions about the survey, you may ask your child's teacher or school counselor. If they cannot answer your questions, they can direct you to the proper person at the Department of Public Instruction.

Please read the section below. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to the school no later than March 1, 2023. Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

My child MAY NOT take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Peer Leaders

by Claire Yanna



River Ridge Middle School is excited to roll out our new Sources of Strength program! Sources of Strength is a positive messaging program that uses the power of Peer Leaders and social networks to help students find their voice in creating a positive change in their school. The goal of the program is to bring awareness to each student's individual strengths. Pictured Peer Leaders and Adult Mentors: Mrs. Katie Dressler, Anna Kruger, Hazel Breuer, Wyatt Bull, Jackson Cooley, Logan Callahan, Adelaide Hamilton, Mrs. Kam Fohey, Matthew McCormick, Paisley Eastlick, Jovie Kruger, and Mrs. Claire Yanna.

\*\*Not pictured: Lindsay Burmeister, Mason Mezera, Landon Udelhofen, Mrs. Tricia Hoffman, Mrs. Heidi Serres, and Ms. Amy Jones.

Each month, our Sources of Strength Peer Leaders will create a positive messaging campaign aimed at highlighting the eight identified strengths in the Sources of Strength wheel:



Everyone goes through times of emotional ups and downs. When you know your strengths, you can lean on them when you have feelings of sadness, worry/anxiety, and anger. Our Peer Leaders and Adult Mentors can help students find their personal strengths.

Our Peer Leaders were nominated by teachers and classmates to be part of this program. They have participated in a training and they meet regularly to create campaigns aimed toward helping other students find their personal strengths.

## Keep Collecting

River Ridge School District is continuing to collect:

- \* **Box Tops**-get the App and scan your receipt, it is so easy to do.
- \* **Pop Tabs** -from the tops of cans-this helps families stay at the Ronald McDonald House
- \* **Country Hearth** (UPC label--Loaves4learning)
- \* **Prairie Farms**--milk caps
- \* **Coca Cola caps** from bottles--this program is new for us.

The items can be dropped off in the main office or with Lisa Clark.

Any questions, please call:  
Lisa Clark - 994-2715 ex 221 or  
email: [clarkli@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:clarkli@rrsd.k12.wi.us)

## 1,000 Point Club



Braden Crubel joined the 1,000 point club on January 3, a basketball game against Seneca. Congratulations!

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

**GRADE 9**

Ren Bowen  
 Luke Breuer  
 Eva Doll  
 Josey Drone  
 Laila Drone  
 Ashlyn Edge  
 Colton Kirschbaum  
 Madeline Scharmer  
 Libby Vogt  
 Cameron Wehrle

**GRADE 10**

Alexis Beier  
 Alayna Brinkman  
 Bryy Clark  
 Carter Copsey  
 Maya Drone  
 Alix Goeke  
 Jimena Hernandez-Perez  
 Brendan Jentz  
 Brynlee Kazda  
 Carli Koenig  
 Hailey Kramer  
 Lydia Mason  
 Colton Moris  
 Andrew Nies  
 Luke Patterson  
 Braylyn Quick  
 Melissa Sletten  
 Emily Tesar  
 Elliott Thornton  
 Mandi Wehrle  
 Reghan Zinkle

**GRADE 11**

Owen Callahan  
 Jayden Cathman  
 Avery Drew  
 Precious Grinnell  
 Gretta Hamann  
 Diana Herbers  
 Hailey Konichek  
 Brooklyn Mezera  
 Matthew Nies  
 Madilyn Parker  
 Audrey Pierce  
 Landon Trautsch  
 Hailey Woodruff

**GRADE 12**

Emma Breuer  
 Braden Crubel  
 Gabriel Duran  
 Mackenzie Esser  
 Ian Jentz  
 Payton Millin  
 Eley Otte  
 Jessica Patterson  
 Alivia Polodna  
 Taylor Roe  
 Haylee Scharmer  
 Joslynn Simerson  
 Hannah Stagman  
 Madelyn Thornton  
 Abigail Wehrle  
 Morgan Williams

**Honors (3.00-3.49)**

**GRADE 9**

Tyler Breuer  
 Abbigail Bryant  
 Brandon Davis  
 Reese Drew  
 Ellaina Gage  
 Danica Hampton  
 Conner Hoepfer  
 Mason Pecinovsky  
 Caitlin Rodenberg  
 Madelyn Wehrle

**GRADE 10**

Ty Adrian  
 Drake Barrineau  
 Braedyn Bastian  
 Owen Bedward  
 Samuel Cooley  
 Hadyn Ferretti  
 Cayden Koehn  
 Peter Polodna  
 Alexa Roe  
 Owen Wagner

**GRADE 11**

Braydon Bull  
 Brady Bunge  
 Brady Burmeister  
 Saige Childs  
 Micah Christopherson  
 Mykenzie Cornell  
 Arianna Edge  
 Shayna Graf  
 Daisy Hernandez  
 Ethan Stoney  
 Ty Tolle  
 Jazmar Tyler

**GRADE 12**

Kiley Brooks  
 Benjamin Dilley  
 Liberty Drew  
 Aidan Gage  
 Morgan Hammill  
 Karen Hernandez  
 Mattie Johnson  
 Payton Kaufman  
 Brody Kielley  
 Tanner Lansing  
 Sofia Mayer Volkens  
 Sidney McCormick  
 Zachary Struntz  
 Alli Wagner  
 Julia Wagner  
 Levi Wehrle

## River Ridge Middle School - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

### *High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)*

**5th Grade:** Emory Achenbach, Sawyer Breuer, Abigail Cooper, Trevor Ellis, Amelia Gokey, Lydia Gokey, Gabriel Kluesner, Mae Lindstrum, Avery Needham, Brooks Osterhaus, Kennedy Raisbeck, Braelyn Schneider, and Maggie Thornton.

**6th Grade:** Hazel Breuer, Wyatt Bull, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Rouhin Crayne, Layla Gage, Aadyn Groom, Carsyn Jones, Aleena Kirschbaum, Ezra Kramer, Axel Morrow, Cooper Trier, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

**7th Grade:** Asher Achenbach, Khloe Borcharding-Forbes, Meghyn Breuer, Stella Breuer, Maxim Dille, Alan Hernandez-Perez, Leif Kluesner, Brogan Mezera, Jazalyn Mezera, Reese Moravits, Draven Moris, Ryder Myhre, Zoey Neeley, Ava Nies, Eden Thornton, and Landon Udelhofen.

**8th Grade:** Erin Adrian, Alaina Clark, Mallory Crubel, Abigail Doyle, Parker Key, Harper Kramer, Jovie Kruger, Collin Raisbeck, Keele Redman, Blake Reynolds, and Kristina Sletten.

### *Honor Roll (3.00-3.49)*

**5th Grade:** Cooper Breuer, Aniyala Entwisle, Levi Mason, Ivanelle Moore, and Taylor Toberman.

**6th Grade:** Addison Brooks, Meyannah Luna, Charli Pritchett, Luke Wehrle, and Colton Wiest.

**7th Grade:** Logan Callahan, Lane Copsey, Nathan Crubel, Adayah Groom, Bryce Mason, Mason Mezera, Brooklyn Roberts, and Harper Walsh.

**8th Grade:** Maycee Brinkman, Jalissa Cathman, Noah Copsey, Sydney Meyers, Kameron Reynolds, Jayden Ryman, Emery Simerson, McKenzie Taylor, and Chloe West.

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## 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](https://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/district/school_reportcard.cfm). The most recent ranking level (from 2020-21) assigned to each school within the District is: District 74.0, High School 71.2, Middle School 73.6, and Elementary 74.4.

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.

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## 2023-2024 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 6 – APRIL 28, 2023.

##### 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 2023-24 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2023. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. 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>.

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### 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 6 – April 28, 2023

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

### June 9, 2023

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 16, 2023

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

### June 30, 2023

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2023-24 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  
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### Breakfast/Lunch Menu - February, 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30	31	1	2	3
		Cinnamon/Blueberry Breakfast Cake Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Pancakes & Sausage Links Mozzarella Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Macaroni Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Cereal & Poptart Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Sweet Rolls Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
6	7	8	9	10
French Toast Sticks & Sausage Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	Scrambled Eggs & Toast Soft Shell Taco Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Breakfast Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Cereal & Toast Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Sunrise Biscuit w/Sausage Chicken Alfredo Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk
13	14	15	16	17
No School	Waffles & Bacon Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Happy Valentine's Bar Milk	Chocolate Chip/Blueberry Breakfast Cake Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Berry Smoothie & Cereal Bar Cheese Quesadillas Spanish Rice Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Pancakes & Sausage BBQ on a Bun Cheesy Hashbrowns Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
20	21	22	23	24
Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Rise & Shine Croissant w/Ham Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Buttermilk Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Cereal & Muffin Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	Pancakes & Bacon Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk
27	28	1	2	3
Frosted Long John/Frosted Raised Donut Popcorn Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Links Stromboli Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk			

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

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<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:30 PM MSGB vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSGB @ Cassville (Potosi/Cassville)	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM HSBB @ Barneveld	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Wrestling at New Libson
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> MS Student Council Penny War begins MS Solo/Ensemble @ Belmont 6:00 PM HSBB @ DeSoto 6:00 PM RRAP Mtg.	<b>7</b> HS 23/24 Reg. - Sophomores 4:30 PM MSGB @ Bluffview 7:00 PM HSGB @ Shullsburg	<b>8</b> 12:30 PM Early Release 1:00 PM Teacher In-Service 5:30 PM Board Mtg.	<b>9</b> 4:30 PM MSGB @ Highland 6:00 PM HSBB vs Highland	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM HSGB @ Belmont 100th Day of School	<b>11</b> Wrestling - TBA Regionals
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>No School</b> 4:30 PM MSGB vs Potosi 6:00 PM HSGB @ Wauzeka/Steuben	<b>14</b> HS 23/24 Reg. - Freshman 6:00 PM HSBB vs Shullsburg	<b>15</b> 3:00 PM FFA CDE @ Fennimore	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM HSGB vs Benton 6:00 PM HSBB @ Highland	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wrestling - TBA Sectional
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> HSGB - TBA Regionals	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Wrestling - State @ Madison 6:00 PM HSBB @ Belmont	<b>24</b> Wrestling - State @ Madison HSGB - TBA Regionals <b>No 4K Day</b>	<b>25</b> Wrestling - State @ Madison HSGB - TBA Regionals 8:00 AM RRAP Bounce House Event
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ACT Prep Wkshop Juniors HSBB - TBA Regionals	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 8AM TO  
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**FUNDRAISING FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: DECEMBER 14, 2022, AT 6:00 PM.

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

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

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 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes, Motion to approve the minutes with changes to VIII (b) (iii), and IX (A) (i) was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Aaron Stagman. 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 2022. Aaron Stagman made a motion to approve the financial statement pending the audit of 2022/2023 for revenues of \$335,414.15 and expenditures of \$906,375.48. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

B. Building and Grounds Committee Report – Kenny Nies, Chair

- i. Maintenance Director’s Report.
- ii. Office Addition/Front Entry and Capital/Facility Improvements.
  1. Josh Copey made a motion to approve the bid from Lee Rec. for playground equipment and seconded by Aaron Stagman. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote

2. Motion was made by Kirk Hamann to accept choice of bid from MBI and Top Notch for doors and to accept the bid from EMC for camera system and Universal Power Systems for the install. Motion was seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

C. Policy & Curriculum

- i. Non-Discrimination Policies, Jason Cathman made the motion to approve the policy and was seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote.

D. Admin Reports

- i. Clay went over the school’s report cards.

VIII. New Business

A. Hiring/Resignations

- i. Jason Cathman made a motion and seconded by Aaron Stagman to hire MaClain Marshall as daytime custodian. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion and seconded by Jason Cathman to approve the hiring of Blake Laufenberg as a Volunteer Wrestling coach. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- iii. Megan Kussmaul made a motion and seconded by Aaron Stagman to accept the resignation of Todd Breuer as Head Softball Coach. Motion passed on a voice vote.

IX. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

X. Information

A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i. Regular Meeting – January 11, 2023, at 5:30 PM

XI. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM



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