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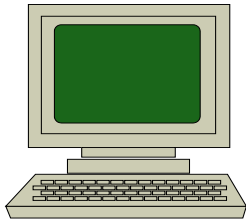
Bounce House
RRAP Event



Our FFA Banquet was held on January 5, 2025. It was a fantastic event bringing together members, families, and supporters to celebrate the incredible achievements of our chapter. The FFA is proud to announce the officers that put on the banquet: President: Luke Patterson, Vice President: Hailey Kramer, Secretary: Leah Patterson, Treasurer: Melissa Sletten, Reporter: Mandi Wehrle, Jr. Advisor: Libby Vogt, Parliamentarian: Braylyn Quick, and Sentinel: Brendan Jentz. We were honored to have our Section 4 State Officer Tyson Gehrke join us for the evening to share his experiences with all of us. One of the night's highlights was the Alumni Pie Auction, where we raised funds for future chapter activities and scholarships while enjoying some delicious homemade pies. We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the auction. The banquet gave us a chance to reflect on the past year, but also look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead. With FFA Week just around the corner, we are gearing up for a full week of activities showcasing agriculture's importance in our lives. Additionally, our members are preparing for the upcoming Career Development Events (CDEs), where members will have the chance to compete and develop the skills that will help us succeed in the future. We are looking forward to another successful year in FFA!

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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3rd Grade Heritage Projects

by Tricia Kuenster



For the past few weeks, 3rd graders have been exploring their heritage in Social Studies. They interviewed relatives to learn about their family's immigration history and how they settled here. They also created lapbooks and researched their ancestral countries. Students enjoyed presentations on Canada, Norway, and Mexico. A big thank you to all the presenters for sharing their heritage!

Dance Team Competes at Regionals

by Tara Drone



On Saturday, January 25, the River Ridge Dance Team competed at the WACPC Varsity Dance Regionals in Middleton. While their routines did not advance to the state competition, the team gave two outstanding performances: a pom routine in Division 6 and a kick routine in Division 3. Great work, Dance Team!



Happy
Groundhog Day
February 2

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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Stone Fox Baked Potato Bar

by Tricia Kuenster



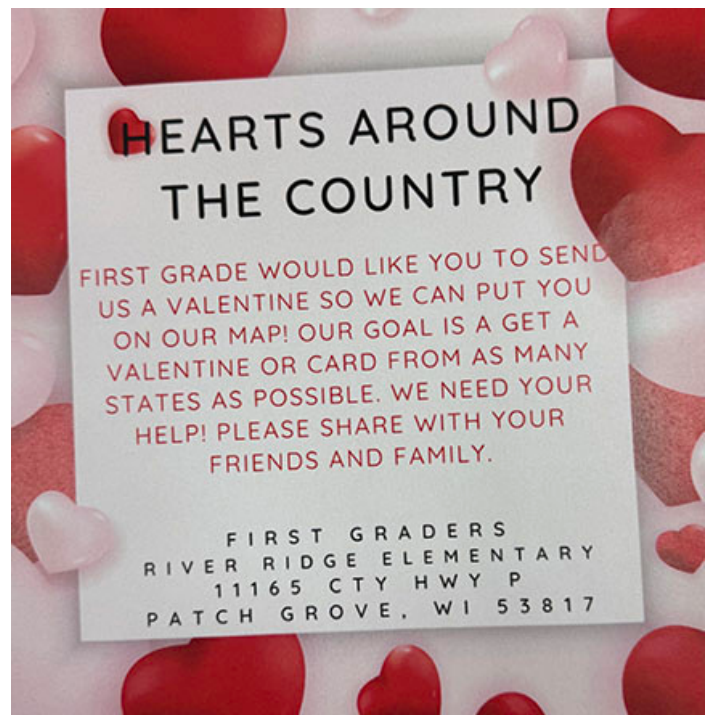
The 3rd Grade recently finished the novel, "Stone Fox" and took an afternoon to watch the movie to celebrate. In the book, little Willy and his grandfather lived on a potato farm and little Willy had to enter a dog sled race to save his family farm. During the movie celebration, the kids got to enjoy a baked potato bar with lots of yummy toppings including ham, sour cream, butter, bacon, and cheese! Some kids tried a baked potato for the first time. The kids loved the book and the celebration!

Alumni Night

by Tricia Kuenster



On January 3, during our first Alumni Night at the River Ridge boys' basketball game vs. Monticello, we honored the River Ridge Class of 1996—the first graduates after the West Grant and Bloomington schools consolidated. They were recognized for their role in shaping the foundation of our community. Thank you, Class of '96, for your lasting legacy and to everyone who joined us for Alumni Night!



Middle School Local Spelling Bee



The CESA 3 Local Spelling Bee was held at River Ridge on Wednesday, January 8. Sixteen students competed in this first round competition, which was monitored by Mrs. Heidi Serres. The judges for the event were Mrs. Kathy Miller, Mrs. Katie Dressler, and Mrs. Kerri Price. The top two spellers were Jackson Cooley - 8th grader; and Avery Needham - 7th grader. Jackson will compete at the CESA 3 Regional Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 5 at the Southwest Technical College Auditorium in Fennimore. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and good luck to Jackson!



Pictured are the students who qualified for the local spelling bee held at River Ridge Middle School: Front row (left to right) 5th Graders - Jackson Ellis, Blakely Mezera, Quinnleigh Guthrie, and Adeline Ellis. 6th Graders - Pearl Skaife, Peyton Kibler, Fernando Hernandez, and Letty Jackson. Back row (l. to r.) 7th Graders - Amelia Gokey, Tayvn Phillips, Brooks Osterhaus, and Avery Needham. 8th Graders - Cooper Trier, Jackson Cooley, Hazel Breuer, and Kailyn Crubel.

Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey

River Ridge 9-12 grade students will be participating in the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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 to participate in this survey, Caron Townsend no later than **February 14, 2025**, for an opt out form. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.



Wednesday, February 5

Early Release - 12:30 PM

Teacher In-Service - 1:00 PM

School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

Local Scholarships

Local scholarship packets will be distributed to seniors on February 28, 2025. If you are interested in sponsoring a River Ridge scholarship, please contact Miss Townsend by February 14. Over the years, many local organizations, businesses and individuals have helped a graduating senior with their educational expenses and it has always been greatly appreciated.

Earth Day Can Cage Competition



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

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

We will be collecting cans at the can cage near the greenhouse in the high school parking lot on **April 22, 23, and 24, 2025 between 7:30 and 8:00 AM**. Please drop off your cans and tell us what grade your child is in so that we can give them credit for their donation. Please do not bring your cans early because we do not have a place to store them.

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

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

2025-26 Registration

The 9th-11th grade students have participating in informational sessions on course selection for the 2025-26 school year. Each student will receive a registration packet and is required to have a signature from their parent/guardian before they hand it in. If any parent has a question about their son or daughter’s credits, classes needed for graduation or academic and career planning, please contact Miss Townsend.

2025 Student Assessment Calendar	
Test Date	Assessment
March 4, 2025	Free ACT Prep Workshop 8:00 AM - 3:25 PM (Voluntary for Juniors)
March 11, 2025	ACT – Juniors 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
March 18 - 19, 2025	Forward Exam – 10th Grade 2nd & 5th Hour During Social Studies
April 2, 2025	Pre-ACT – 9th Grade 8:00 AM-11:12 AM ELA, Math, Reading, and Science
April 3, 2025	Pre-ACT– 10th Grade 8:00 AM -11:12 AM ELA, Math, Reading, and Science
May 5, 2025	AP Biology Exam 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
May 7, 2025	AP English Literature 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
May 9, 2025	AP US History Exam 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
May 14, 2025	AP Language Exam 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

River Ridge ELEMENTARY
are CELEBRATING...

100 Days Of School

Friday, February 7

Students are welcome to join
the **100th day Museum!**

Students are invited to bring in
collections of 100 small items
to placed in the museum on
February 7 to be entered to
win a prize.

There will be a winner from
each grade level!



MANDI IS AT IT AGAIN!
She broke two more school records...

-Most points in a single game with 33

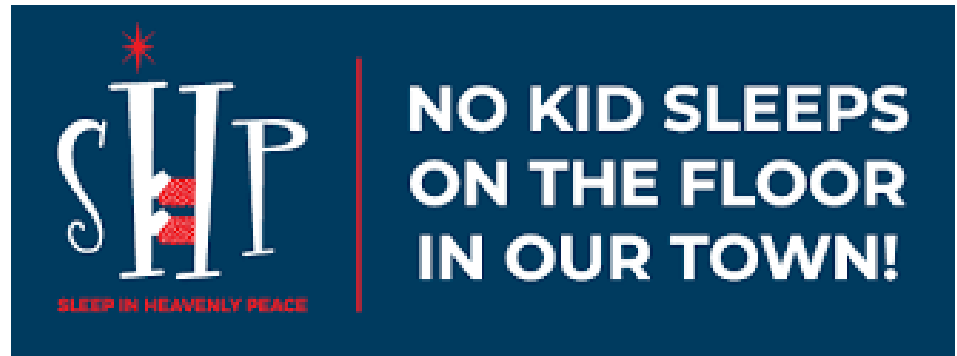
-Most 3 point shots made in a game with 9

Congratulations!



LINDSEY LUDVIG
photography

Sleep in Heavenly Peace



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

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

SHARE EVENT AT

Culver's

in Prairie du Chien

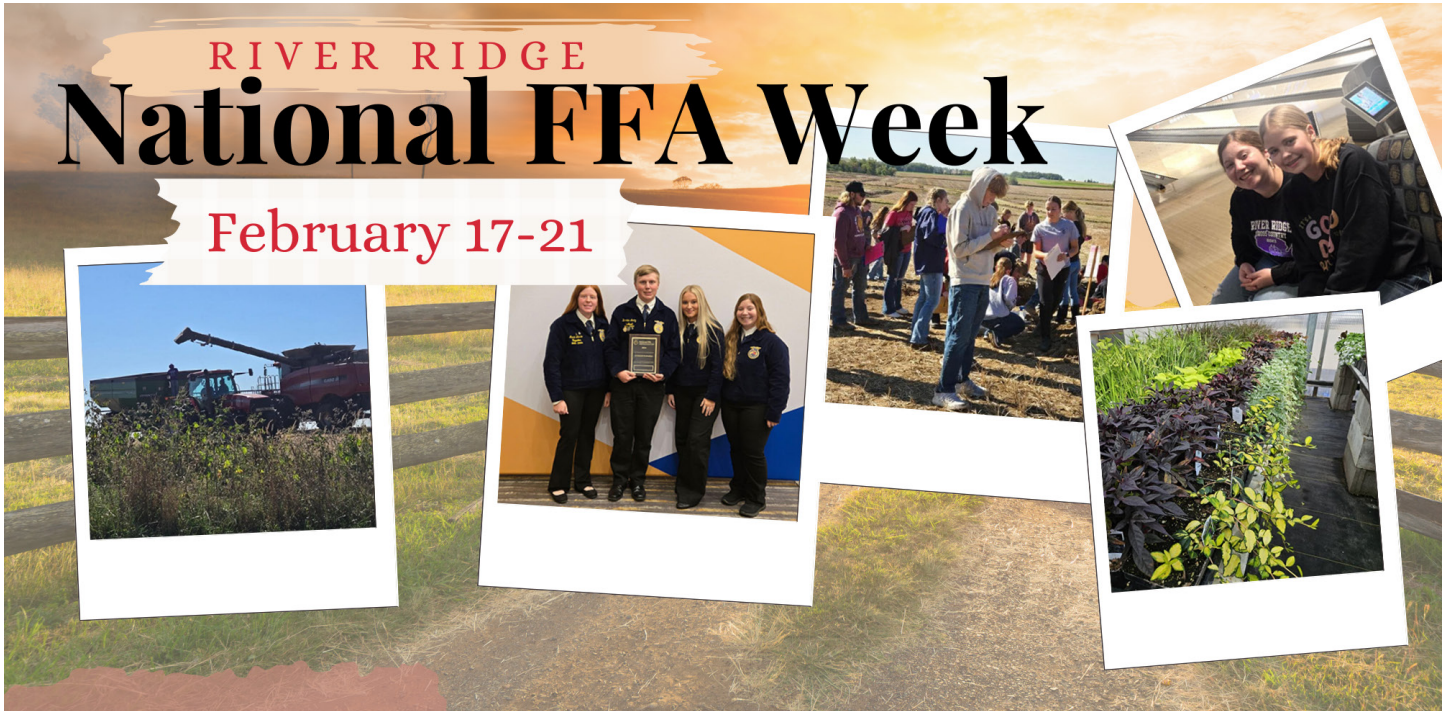
**Let the River Ridge
International Club serve you!**

Monday, February 24th
5pm - 8pm

Bring your family and friends and enjoy
supper with us. A percent of sales will be
donated to our club.

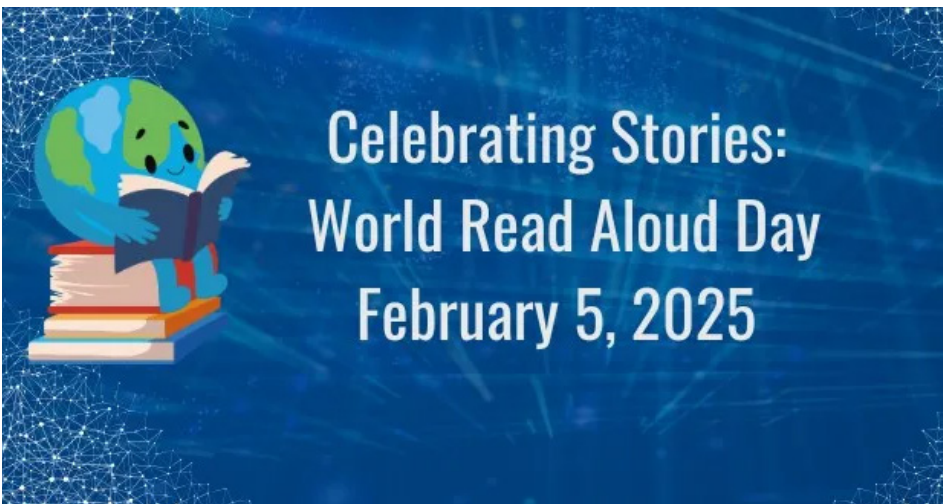
Be sure to stop and check
out the activities at the
kid's table!



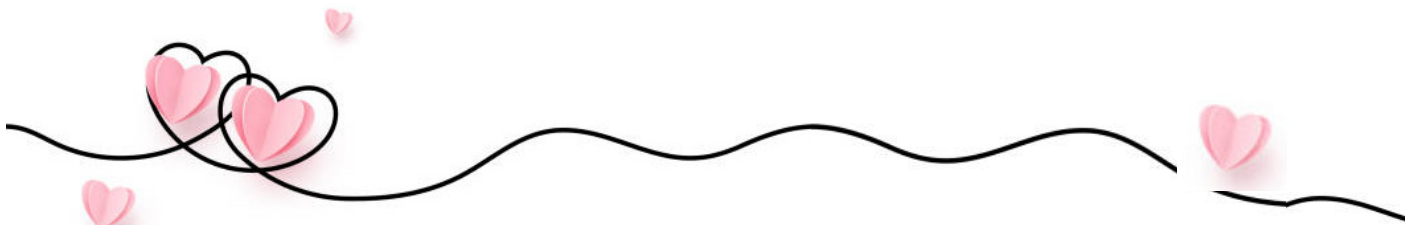





Congratulations, Boys Basketball Team



Happy Valentine's Day



Second Quarter

High Honors (3.50 - 4.00)

GRADE 9

Asher Achenbach
Meghyn Breuer
Stella Breuer
Nathan Crubel
Max Dilley
Adelaide Hamilton
Leif Kluesner
Anna Kruger
Olivia Kruger
Jazalyn Mezera
Reese Moravits
Zoey Neeley
Ava Nies
Eden Thornton
Matthew Tolle

GRADE 10

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

GRADE 11

Ren Bowen
Luke Breuer
Tyler Breuer
Eva Doll
Josey Drone
Laila Drone
Emmalie Fecht-Lane
Colton Kirschbaum
Madeline Scharmer
Libby Vogt
Cameron Wehrle
Madelyn Wehrle

GRADE 12

Alexis Beier
Alayna Brinkman
Bryr Clark
Maya Drone
Hadyn Ferretti
Alix Goeke
Jimena Hernandez-Perez
Brendan Jentz
Brynlee Kazda
Carli Koenig
Hailey Kramer
Lydia Mason
Colton Moris
Andrew Nies
Luke Patterson
Peter Polodna
Braylyn Quick
Melissa Sletten
Emily Tesar
Owen Wagner
Mandi Wehrle
Regan Zinkle

Honors (3.00-3.49)

GRADE 9

Khloe Borcharding-Forbes
Logan Callahan
Landon Copsey
Logan Dalton
Junior Dilley
Adayah Groom
Bryce Mason
Brogan Mezera
Jaxson Mezera
Draven Moris
Ryder Myhre
Landon Udelhofen
Harper Walsh

GRADE 10

Noah Copsey
Jasmine Garcia
Ashlee Klein
Alexis Mumm
Bailey Otte
Lauren Otte
Kameron Reynolds
Jayden Ryman
McKenzie Taylor
Peyton Toberman

GRADE 11

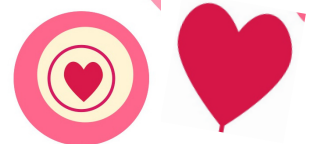
Ashlyn Edge
Ellaina Gage
Danica Hampton
Alec Morrow

GRADE 12

Ty Adrian
Drake Barrineau
Wyatt Bausch
Samuel Cooley
Carter Copsey
Anthony Farris
Elliott Thornton



River Ridge Middle School - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll



High Honor Roll (3.50-4.00)

5th Grade: Tatum Cliff, Miles Cooley, Adeline Ellis, Jackson Ellis, Carson Farris, Quinnleigh Guthrie, Coco Lindstrum, and Wyatt Wiest.

6th Grade: Evelyn Adrian, Harley Beane, Colton Collins, Konner Collins, Peyton Kibler, Teven Kilby, Kendyl Kozelka, Keegan Kruger, Mason Kussmaul, James Sharp, Pearl Skaife, and Korbin Taylor.

7th Grade: Emory Achenbach, Sawyer Breuer, Abigal Cooper, Aniyla Entwisle, Amelia Gokey, Mae Lindstrum, Avery Needham, Kennedy Raisbeck, and Maggie Thornton.

8th Grade: Hazel Breuer, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Ezra Kramer, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

Honor Roll (3.00-3.49)

5th Grade: William Erdenberger, Meliyah Garrido-Luna, Blakely Mezera, Adalynn Stoltz, and Jameson Tranel.

6th Grade: Caden Crubel, Chandler Edlebeck, Sophianna Feather, Russel Herbers, Letty Jackson, Riley Miles, Jonah Mink, and Hunter Wall.

7th Grade: Nicholas Crubel, Zayne Crubel, Ava Dilley, Trevor Ellis, Shaniyla Entwisle, Lydia Gokey, Gabriel Kluesner, Levi Mason, Ivanelle Moore, Brooks Osterhaus, Brinlee Reynolds, and Braelyn Schneider.

8th Grade: Layla Gage, Aadyn Groom, Carsyn Jones, and Colton Wiest.



RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

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

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

A full version of the District's most recent school and school district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed on the River Ridge website https://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us/district/school_reportcard.cfm. The most recent ranking level (from 2023-24) assigned to each school within the District is: District 68.5, High School 61.6, Middle School 72.7, and Elementary 75.8.

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.



Valentine's Day Treat Delivery

Send your child something sweet for Valentine's Day!

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

The River Ridge Student Washington DC Trip (7th graders) will be having a Valentine's Day Treat Sale for the students in 4K through 8th grade. The treat with a Valentine gram will be delivered to your child to school on Friday, February 14th. All students will receive a Valentine's Day Treat from their parents/guardians or from the River Ridge Student Washington DC.

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



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

His/her name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

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

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

Come Join in the Fun

Bounce House Day

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22

Hosted by RRAP



Bounce Houses



Concessions



Fun Time!



More details are
coming soon!

**Come and
jump
out some
extra energy!**

2025-2026 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 3 – APRIL 30, 2025.

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 2025-26 school year is from February 3-April 30, 2025. The application period closes at 4:00pm on April 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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

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

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

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

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

Who may participate in open enrollment?

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

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

Can an application be rejected?

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

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

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

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

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

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Must pupils reapply every year?

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

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time— at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

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

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

February 3 – April 30, 2025

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

June 6, 2025

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 13, 2025

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

June 27, 2025

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2025-26 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:
Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2025-26

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

Breakfast/Lunch Menu - Lunch - February, 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 W.W. Pancakes & Sausage Links <hr/> Cheese Quesadillas Spanish Rice Steamed Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	4 Yogurt Parfait Bar <hr/> Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	5 Chocolate Chip/Blueberry Coffee Cake*Made from scratch* <hr/> Hamburger/Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Potato Wedges Steamed Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	6 WG Rise & Shine Bagel w/Bacon <hr/> Chicken Nuggets Loaded Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit WG Dinner Roll & Milk	7 Cereal & WG Toast/Peanut Butter & Jelly <hr/> Cheeseburger Casserole *Made from Scratch* Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit WG Garlic Breadstick & Milk
10 Breakfast Bowl & WG Toast <hr/> Crispy Chicken Wrap w/fixings Harvest Cheddar Sun Chips Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	11 WG Muffin & Yogurt <hr/> Walking Taco Steamed Corn Strawberry Fluff Salad/Fruit Milk	12 WG Sunrise Biscuit/Sausage <hr/> Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	13 WG Banana Crumb Cake *Made from Scratch* & String Cheese <hr/> Lasagna *Made from Scratch* Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit WG Garlic Breadstick & Milk	14 Breakfast Pizza <hr/> Orange Chicken/Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Egg Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit Strawberry Dessert & Milk
17 WG Pancakes & Sausage Links <hr/> *BBQ *Made from Scratch* Cheesy Potatoes *Made from Scratch* Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	18 Scrambled Eggs & Hashbrown <hr/> Chicken Fajita Wild Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	19 Blueberry/Cinnamon Coffee Cake & Yogurt <hr/> Pizza Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	20 WG Frosted Long John <hr/> Meatballs & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn WG Dinner Roll Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	21 Farmer's Casserole & Toast *Made from Scratch* <hr/> Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggies & Salad Bar Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk
24 Rise & Shine WG Croissant w/Ham <hr/> Deli Subs Tortilla Chips w/Cheese & Salsa Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	25 Cheese Omelet & WG Toast <hr/> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh/Canned Fruit WG Garlic Toast & Milk	26 Banana Bread *Made from Scratch* & Yogurt Cup <hr/> Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	27 Breakfast Pizza <hr/> Wisconsin Chili Day *Made from Scratch* Chicken Noodle Soup WG Cinnamon Rolls Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk	28 Breakfast Burrito <hr/> Mozzarella Dippers w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh/Canned Fruit & Milk


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

Two entrees will be offered each day. Students may choose one. The second option for PK - 4th grade is a yogurt lunch (consists of 4 oz. yogurt, uncrustable, vegetable, fruit, and 1% chocolate milk, FF white milk, or 1% white milk). Protein and cheeses are available for 5th - 12th as a second option.

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FBLA Reg. Conference 9:00 AM Wrestling JV Tournament
2 	3 6:00 PM RRAP Mtg 6:00 PM HSGB vs Boscobel 6:00 PM HSBB vs Boscobel	4 4:30 PM MSGB vs Fennimore 4:30 PM MSWR at PdC	5 Read Aloud Day 8:00 AM YRBS 6-8 Grade 12:30 PM Early Release 1:00 PM Staff In-Service	6 4:30 PM MSGB vs Riverdale 6:00 PM HSGB vs Highland	7 100th Day Celebration 6:00 PM HSBB at Juda	8 8:00 AM Alumni Basketball 10:00 AM Wrestling at Royall
9	10 Forensics at Wauzeka 4:30 PM MSGB vs PdC 5:00 PM MSWR at North Crawford 6:00 PM HSBB at Shullsburg	11 5:00 PM MSGB at Highland 6:00 PM HSGB at Benton	12 5:30 PM Board Mtg	13 9:00 AM Fuel UP Activity 6:00 PM HSBB at Belmont	14 6:00 PM JVGB vs Kickapoo 7:15 PM HSGB vs Black Hawk	15 10:00 AM Wrestling at Mineral Point
16	17 HS Honors Band  PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 4:30 PM MSWR at Pecatonica 6:00 PM HSGB at Riverdale 6:00 PM HSBB vs Highland	19 HS Staff Breakfast 8:00 AM Progress Reports Due	20 5:00 PM MSWR at DeSoto 6:00 PM HSGB vs Belmont	21 Brad Van Epps MS Gym Dancing w/Stars 6:00 PM HSBB vs Albany	22 FFA Leadership Conference Bounce House hosted by RRAP Wrestling Sec. at Westby
23	24	25 8:00 AM YRBS 9-12 Grade HSGB Regional	26	27 6:00 PM HSBB vs Potosi	28 Wrestling State FIRE Confer. HSGB Regional	

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
November 13, 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, Josh Copsey, Adam Guthrie, Jeff Thornton, Kirk Hamann, 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 – Tara and Matt Adams, Mindy Guthrie, talk about staffing issues at the 5K level.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. October 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. October 30, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes

- i. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote.

VII. Reports

A. Finance

- i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures
 1. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the finances, Jeff Thornton seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report

- i. Maintenance Director's Report.
 1. None

C. Superintendent Reports

- i. Washington DC Trip – Student Presentation, two groups of 8th graders gave a presentation to the board about their trip to Washington DC.

D. Policy and Curriculum Revisions

- i. NEOLA Update V.32, N. 2 and 6610. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the changes as presented, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

VIII. New Business

A. Hiring/Resignations

- i. Jeff Thornton made a motion, seconded by Josh Copsey to approve the hire of Ronald Goetzke as the At Rick/Interventionist. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- ii. Megan Kussmaul made a motion, seconded by Kirk Hamann to approve the hire of Robyn Jordie as the At Rick/Interventionist Aide. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- iii. Jeff Thornton made a motion with regret to accept the resignation of Stephanie Steffensmeier as an office secretary, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- iv. Jeff Thornton made a motion to accept the resignation of Evan Kleinow as the Outdoor Education Program Director, seconded by Jason Cathman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

B. November Referendum Discussion. The board went over the canvassed results and discussed where to head as we move forward.

C. Wind Farm Discussion, there was discussion about the windmills being in the area and that the board felt that we did not need to take a stance on this matter.

D. Staffing, we had discussion about the issues in the 4K room and how we can help make things better for the students and the staff that are involved.

IX. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

X. Information

A. Regular Board Meeting – December 11, 2024, at 5:30 PM

XI. Adjourn – Megan Kussmaul made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
December 11, 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, Josh Copsey, Adam Guthrie, Jeff Thornton, Kirk Hamann, 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 – None

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. November 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

i. Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion passed on a voice vote.

VII. Reports

A. Finance

i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Clay Koenig presented the financial statements, receipts and expenditures for November 2024. Jeff Thornton made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures pending an audit of 2023/2024 year of revenues of \$594,077.88 and expenditures of \$1,101,651.15. Megan Kussmaul seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Buildings and Grounds Report

i. Maintenance Director's Report – Jim stated that the snowplow and salter are hooked up and ready to go.

C. Superintendents Report

i. DPI State Report Cards – The board reviewed the report cards. Clay talked a little about the talks of ACT 10, and he also stated that the audit was completed.

VIII. New Business

A. Environmental Health and Safety Services - Jeff Thornton made a motion to approve the services from EMC Services, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a voice vote.

IX. Old Business

A. Referendum Discussion – The board discussed dates for a possible 2025 Referendum. After much discussion it was decided not to go back to Referendum 2025.

B. Staffing – The 4K class has been split and is being worked on with smaller groups. The Administration team is still working on other options for this class.

X. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(C)- to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility.

A. Employee Discussion

i. Jeff Thornton made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. Entered closed session at 6:54 PM

ii. Kirk Hamann made a motion to enter open session, seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion carried on a voice vote. Entered open session at 8:58 PM

XI. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

XII. Information

i. Regular Board Meeting – January 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM

XIII. Adjourn – Adam Guthrie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Thornton. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM



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