



# TIMBERWOLF NEWS

June/July

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June 21

Staff/Employ. Mtg  
Board Mtg.

### June 30

Kids' Night Out

### July 10

Summer School  
Starts

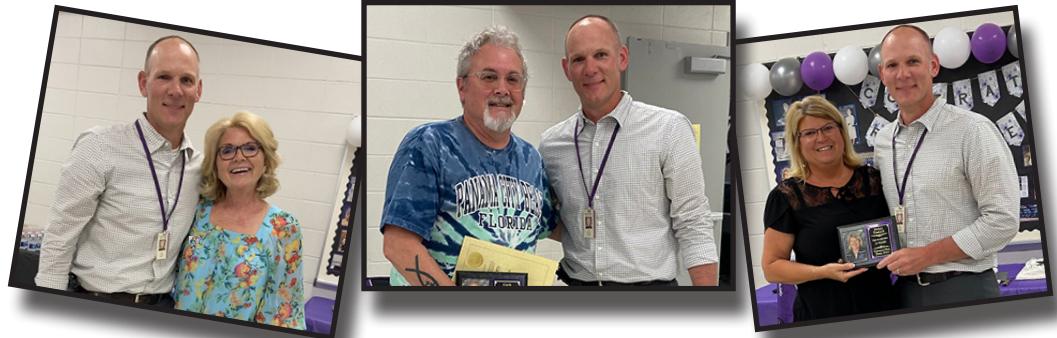
### July 31

Activity Code Night

*Welcome  
Summer*



## River Ridge Honors Retirees



River Ridge said goodbye to three retiring staff members at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Ellen Martin (vocal music teacher) - 13 years at River Ridge and 25 years in education, Garth Osterday (high school Science teacher) – 40 years at River Ridge/Bloomington, and Deb Trautsch ( Title 1 Specialist) 33 years at River Ridge/ West Grant and 35 years in education. Thank you for your many years of service and inspiration to our district students. We wish you all the best in your next chapter!

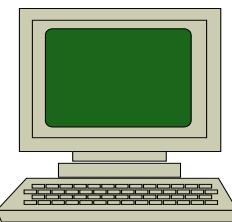
## State Track Qualifiers



Three events from the River Ridge Track and Field team qualified for the 2023 WIAA Division 3 State Track and Field. 4X200 meter relay (Aidan Gage, Bryy Clark, Braden Crubel, Ricardo Barrita, Drake Barrineau - alt., and Jazmar Tyler - alt). Aidan Gage qualified in the 100 meter dash, and 200 meter dash. The state meet was held at Roger Harring Stadium in La Crosse on June 2 and 3. Congratulations, River Ridge Team!

## 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](http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us)

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

## 2nd Grade Wins the Can Collection Contest



The National Honor Society and High School Student Council want to thank everyone for donating cans to the can drive. We would also like to thank Culver's in Prairie du Chien for the yummy treat of custard to the entire 4K-12 building and for donating kid's meal coupons to the winning class. The 2nd grade brought in over 900 pounds!

## Senior Awards Night



On May 17, the Seniors were honored with an awards night held at the River Ridge High School Gym. Seniors were awarded plaques for academic excellence, honor cords, local scholarships, and senior plaques for music and athletics. The evening event was enjoyed by seniors, parents, and presenters.



## 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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## Outstanding Musicians

by Ellen Marin



Congratulations to the following 8th grade students: Tony Hernandez and Erin Adrian - Choral Award, Mallory Crubel - Director's Award, Alaina Clark and Jovie Kruger - Band Award.

## Seniors Receive Music Awards



Three senior music students were awarded plaques and trophies at the music banquet held on Wednesday, May 10 at the River Ridge School. Kiley Brooks - National School Choral Award; Jessica Patterson - John Philip Sousa Band Award; and Madelyn Thornton - River Ridge Directors Award. Congratulations to the talented music Seniors!!

## 2nd Graders Visit Library



Erin Kluesner, district librarian, took the second graders on a field trip to the Bloomington Public Library on May 10. The second graders received their own library cards, chose a library book to borrow, and the library gave them a book to keep! The students also made a cute Mother's Day gift and enjoyed a cookie and juice!

Thank you to Kathy, Verna, and Linda at the Bloomington Public Library and Ma's Bakery for letting us enjoy cookies and juice.

**Sunshine & SUMMERTIME**

An Article Submitted by a River Ridge High School Student

## FFA State CDE

by Hailey Kramer, 10th Grade Student



The River Ridge FFA Chapter recently had members compete at State Career Development Events (CDE). Members traveled to Madison to compete and had a very successful day. The Meats Evaluation team placed 1st. Individually Libby Vogt placed 1st, Jessica Patterson placed 2nd, Luke Patterson placed 3rd, and Leah Patterson placed 4th. They will travel to Indianapolis next October to represent Wisconsin at the National Meats Judging CDE Contest. The Agronomy team placed 5th out of 38. Members included Hailey Kramer (3rd place), Bryy Clark (31st), Sam Cooley (45th), and Mandi Wehrle (102nd). One hundred and forty-nine individuals participated in this contest. The Ag Sales team placed 10th out of 15 teams. Members included Avery Drew, Hadyn Ferretti, Owen Callahan, and Ethan Stoney. The Poultry Judging team placed 25th out of 38 teams. Members included Tyler Breuer, Reese Drew, Eli Hamilton, and Brandon Davis. The Ag Business team placed 13th out of 18 teams. Members included Matthew Nies, Colton Moris, Elliott Thornton, and Anthony Davis.



**2023 Agronomy Team** The River Ridge Agronomy team members: (left to right) Mandi Wehrle, Hailey Kramer, Sam Cooley, and Bryy Clark.



**State Meats Team:** The River Ridge Meats Evaluation team members: (left to right) Leah Patterson, Luke Patterson, Jessica Patterson, and Libby Vogt.



## Free Breakfast and Lunch will be served during Summer School

**Monday - Thursday \* July 10 - August 3**

\* Breakfast - 7:45 - 9:15 AM \* Lunch - 10:30 AM -12:30 PM \*

Breakfast and lunch served to children 18 and under

Over 18 if disabled and participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled.  
Advance notice if possible

Watch for the menus on the River Ridge website

Any questions please contact Nancy Fassbinder - phone 608-994-2715 email: [fassbinna@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:fassbinna@rrsd.k12.wi.us)

*An Article Submitted by a River Ridge High School Student*

## National Land Judging

by Avery Drew, 11th Grade Student



The week of May 1 - 5, the River Ridge FFA Land Judging team traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for the National Land Judging Competition. The team included Avery Drew, Owen Callahan, Ethan Stoney, Brady Burmeister, and alternate Brendan Jentz. It was a great trip exploring the agricultural industries.

Our first stop was Tyson Discovery Center in Arkansas. Brian Patterson, River Ridge alumni, gave us a tour of the Discovery Center and demonstrated what his day to day job life consists of. He works in the K-12 meat product development, which is the meat product served in schools across the country.

Once we arrived in Oklahoma we toured the Oklahoma City Stockyards. Our tour guide was a worker who has been working the yard for 43 years. We were able to view the maintenance shop to see the welding and small projects that are always happening on the yard. The stockyards are unique because it works with nine different commissioners to represent buyers and sellers. Thank you to the National Livestock for the in depth look at your role in the cattle industry.



With the week-long stay in Oklahoma the team practiced at the practice pits to get ready for the competition on Thursday. We met with the soil scientists to ask questions about the pits we had seen during practice. On Thursday, we headed out to the Expo Center to learn where our judging pits would be located. Upon arrival, after our first pit we had to take a break due to lightning. When we finally got

back out, the wind started to blow and we got to finish the rest of the pits. Later that night we attended the banquet to see where we had placed. The team placed 81st out of 93 teams.

During our travels we were able to go to Top Golf, eat at Cattlemen's, newly inducted into the Steakhouse Hall of Fame, Devil's Den State Park (Arkansas), Eischein's Chicken, and the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial. It was a great learning experience and we enjoyed our time meeting the other students from different schools attending the competition as well.



## Track Boys the Top Team at Conference



The River Ridge Boys Track team brought home a conference win at the UW-Platteville Conference Track meet held on May 15. This is a back to back win for the boys team. We are very proud of our River Ridge Track Team for their hard work and effort to bring home a win!

## Students Continue Sports Career



On May 11, Braden Crubel signed his National Letter Of Intent for Viterbo University for basketball and Aidan Gage signed his Celebration of Commitment letter for Track and Field at UW Eau Claire. Congratulations!

## Arbor Day Trees



The 5th grade students got their hands dirty planting trees to celebrate Arbor Day. The trees were donated by the Grant County Extension and Avery Needham's family. The students were excited to go outside and plant the trees. Thank you to our custodian staff for helping the students choose the placement and preparing the ground.



**Monday - Thursday**  
**July 10 - August 3**  
**8:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

## Memorial Day Program



Third graders at River Ridge Elementary produced a Memorial Day Program on May 23. Students sang songs, participated in skits and recognized veterans from their family and other acquaintances. The third grade class wanted to recognize all of the work and sacrifices our veterans have done to keep our country safe.

The students did an excellent job with this program and they developed a more in-depth understanding of what veterans do, which translated into a greater appreciation. Parents, family and friends were in the audience. Veterans were also present.

We would like to thank all school personnel who made this program possible. It could not have been done without you. Another thank you goes out to the parents for working with their children on this project. A special thank you to the kitchen staff for making the snacks.

A tremendous amount of gratitude goes to the veterans for attending our program, donating flags and for everything they have done and continue to do for our country.



## Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the River Ridge School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following location will be serving the free meals this summer River Ridge School District cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from **7:45 - 9:15 AM and lunch will be at 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. Breakfast and lunch will be served on **Monday through Thursday, July 10 through August 3**. Meals are provided to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

“This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available,” said River Ridge School District Business Manager Tracy Stagman. “Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program.”

**Non-discrimination Statement:** In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascrusda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascrusda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## 5th Grade States Fair



The Fifth Grade States Fair was a big success. On Friday, May 19, many visitors came to the River Ridge Middle School gym for a tour of the fifth grade States Fair booths. The students were dressed as a famous person in history from their state and gave speeches about their state. The tri-folds displayed information that the students received in the mail from their states, along with brochures, souvenirs, and delicious foods from the state. Students showed their creativity through design posters, history writings, and Powerpoint presentations. Thank you to the middle school staff for helping the students set up and prepare for the big day. Also, a special thank you to everyone who took time to visit our booths. We really appreciated your time and kind words.



## Substitute Teacher Training

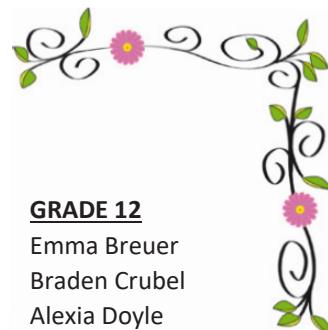
June 6 Tues 9AM- 2PM

Help your local school district!

REGISTER @ [CESA3.ORG](http://CESA3.ORG)  
\$100

Participants with an Associate Degree or higher will qualify for a WI short term substitute license after the training

Questions? Contact Brad Van Epps: [bvanepps@cesa3.org](mailto:bvanepps@cesa3.org) or call CESA 3 608-822-3276



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

**GRADE 9**

Luke Breuer  
 Eva Doll  
 Josey Drone  
 Laila Drone  
 Ashlyn Edge  
 Ellaina Gage  
 Madeline Scharmer  
 Libby Vogt  
 Cameron Wehrle

**GRADE 10**

Alexis Beier  
 Alayna Brinkman  
 Bryy Clark  
 Carter Copsey  
 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  
 Alexa Roe  
 Melissa Sletten  
 Emily Tesar  
 Elliott Thornton  
 Owen Wagner  
 Mandi Wehrle  
 Reghan Zinkle

**GRADE 11**

Owen Callahan  
 Micah Christopherson  
 Precious Grinnell  
 Greta Hamann  
 Diana Herbers  
 Hailey Konichek  
 Brooklyn Mezera  
 Matthew Nies  
 Madilyn Parker  
 Audrey Pierce  
 Landon Trautsch

**GRADE 12**

Emma Breuer  
 Braden Crubel  
 Alexia Doyle  
 Gabriel Duran  
 Mackenzie Esser  
 Karen Hernandez  
 Ian Jentz  
 Payton Millin  
 Jessica Patterson  
 Alivia Polodna  
 Haylee Scharmer  
 Hannah Stagman  
 Madelyn Thornton  
 Alli Wagner  
 Morgan Williams

**Honors (3.00-3.49)****GRADE 9**

Ren Bowen  
 Tyler Breuer  
 Abbigail Bryant  
 Brandon Davis  
 Danica Hampton  
 Colton Kirschbaum  
 Mason Pecinovsky  
 Caitlin Rodenberg

**GRADE 10**

Ty Adrian  
 Drake Barrineau  
 Owen Bedward  
 Samuel Cooley  
 Pierce Pritchett

**GRADE 11**

Braydon Bull  
 Brady Bunge  
 Brady Burmeister  
 Jayden Cathman  
 Saige Childs  
 Mykenzie Cornell  
 Avery Drew  
 Arianna Edge  
 Shayna Graf  
 Daisy Hernandez  
 Hailey Konichek  
 Hunter Moris  
 Ty Tolle  
 Jazmar Tyler

**GRADE 12**

Kenna Bausch  
 Benjamin Dilley  
 Hailey Dinatalli  
 Liberty Drew  
 Thomas Jelinek  
 Mattie Johnson  
 Payton Kaufman  
 Brody Kielley  
 Xavier Koopmeiners  
 Tanner Lansing  
 Sidney McCormick  
 Eley Otte  
 Taylor Roe  
 Zachary Struntz  
 Julia Wagner  
 Abigail Wehrle  
 Levi Wehrle



## River Ridge Middle School – 4th Quarter Honor Roll

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

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

**6th Grade:** Hazel Breuer, Lindsay Burmeister, Jackson Cooley, Carsyn Jones, and Ezra Kramer.

**7th Grade:** Asher Achenbach, Khloe Borcherding-Forbes, Meghan Breuer, Stella Breuer, Nathan Crubel, Maxim Dilley, Leif Kluesner, Bryce Mason, Jazalyn Mezera, Reese Moravits, Draven Moris, Ryder Myhre, Zoey Neeley, Ava Nies, Eden Thornton, and Landon Udelhofen.

**8th Grade:** Erin Adrian, Maycee Brinkman, Jalissa Cathman, Alaina Clark, Mallory Crubel, Parker Key, Harper Kramer, Sydney Meyers, Collin Raisbeck, Keele Redman, Blake Reynolds, Kameren Reynolds, and Kristina Sletten.

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

**5th Grade:** Emory Achenbach, Cooper Breuer, Nicholas Crubel, Zayne Crubel, Ava Dilley, Shaniyla Entwistle, Ryan Kirschbaum, Ivanelle Moore, Aiden Neeley, Tayvn Phillips, Farrah Randecker, Corbin Redman, Brinlee Reynolds, and Taylor Toberman.

**6th Grade:** Wyatt Bull, Rouhin Crayne, Layla Gage, Aadyn Groom, Aleena Kirschbaum, Axel Morrow, Charli Pritchett, Cooper Trier, Colton Wiest, Carter Wilkinson, and Colby Winkers.

**7th Grade:** Logan Callahan, Lane Copsey, Adayah Groom, Alan Hernandez-Perez, Brogan Mezera, Mason Mezera, and Brooklyn Roberts.

**8th Grade:** Jonah Johnson, Jovie Kruger, Britney Petsche, McKenzie Taylor, and Peyton Toberman.



## Bullying, Cyberbullying, Hazing, and/or Harassment

The River Ridge School District is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for all students, according to board policy. The expectation is that everyone will treat each other with respect and consideration. Actions, such as bullying, cyberbullying, hazing and harassment create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detract from the safe environment necessary for student learning, and may lead to more serious violence. Therefore all types of bullying, hazing and harassment are prohibited. Cyberbullying is also prohibited and treated the same as all other types of bullying.

Bullying, cyberbullying, hazing and/or harassment of any student are expressly prohibited in the following settings and/or circumstances:

- During any educational program or activity conducted by or sponsored in whole or in part by the school or school district.
- While being transported on a district provided bus or any other district vehicle.
- Accessed, created, expressed or communicated using any district owned computer, digital technology or system network.
- Sent or passed on through any type of non-district owned technology or personal electronic device while on school grounds, at any school related or school-sponsored activity, or on district provided transportation.
- Any type of threat indicated to be carried out in a school setting. This includes threats made outside of school hours that communicate intent to be carried out during any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, or on district provided transportation.

pop on over  
AND CHILL WITH US



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FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

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4PM - 8PM

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Drop your kids off to enjoy games, crafts, snacks, a movie, and a fun night with friends!

Proceeds support the  
International Club's trip to  
Costa Rica!

River Ridge High School  
Drop off between 3:45PM and 4PM.  
Pick up at 8PM.

Students MUST be pre-registered to  
attend the event.

\$10 per child; \$5 for each additional  
child. Pay at the door!

All proceeds go towards International  
Club's trip to Costa Rica.

Scan the QR code to register!



# Grant County Rural Safety Day 2023

June 13th, 2023

## ONE DAY CAMP

9:00AM REGISTRATION  
9:30AM-3:00PM

Rural Safety Day is designed to provide youth with the skills to keep themselves safe. They'll learn how to identify potential hazards, prevent possible accidents and to respond correctly if an accident does occur, whether on or off the farm.

### Location

GRANT COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS



913 E. Elm Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

**There is no cost for this program. Lunch and snacks will be provided.**

## REGISTRATION

Open Through June 12th

★ Registration by June 1st guarantees a free t-shirt and door prizes!

### Participants

Children entering grades 2-8  
(must have completed 1st grade)

### Volunteers

#### CAMP HELPERS

Adult and student helpers are desired to help make this day a fun learning experience. Students that have completed 8th grade are encouraged to volunteer and will be provided proof of volunteer hours.

★ The first 300 participants registered will receive free T-shirts and door prizes. All participants will be entered for prize drawings.

## SAFETY SESSIONS

### • Stress Less with S.T.O.P

UW-Madison - Extension

### • Electrical Safety

Scenic Rivers

### • Grain Safety

TBD

### • Internet Safety

Grant Co. Sheriffs Dept.

### • ATV/UTV Safety

DNR

### • Boating & Water Safety

DNR

### • Tobacco-Free

Grant County Health Dept.

### • Emergency Planning

Grant County Emergency Management.

Emergency  
Transportation  
Demonstrations

FUN!

Hands On  
Activities

# EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

## OPEN POSITIONS

- MISSOULA COORDINATOR
- SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS DIRECTOR

INTERESTED CALL, MR. KOENIG

608-994-2715



**RIVER RIDGE**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT Grant County, WI  
**JOB POSTING**  
2023 -2024 SCHOOL YEAR

► **Full-Time** Reading Specialist/Title I Interventionist

► **Full-Time** Elementary – 12th Grade  
General Music/Choral Teacher

► **Full-Time** High School Science Teacher

► **Part-Time** Early Childhood/4K

► **Permanent Part-Time** Kitchen Staff Member

► **High School** Boy's Basketball Coach

**Position Start Date: 08/29/2023**

If you are qualified and are interested in the job opening(s) above, please submit a letter of interest, application (available on school website, district office or WECAN), and reference letters to:

**RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Attn: Clay Koenig

PO BOX 78 11165 County Highway P, Patch Grove, WI 53817  
(608) 994-2715 – Fax (608) 994-2891

Applications available online at [www.rrsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us) , [wecan.education.wisc.edu](http://wecan.education.wisc.edu) or at the District Office.

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# Summer Storytime

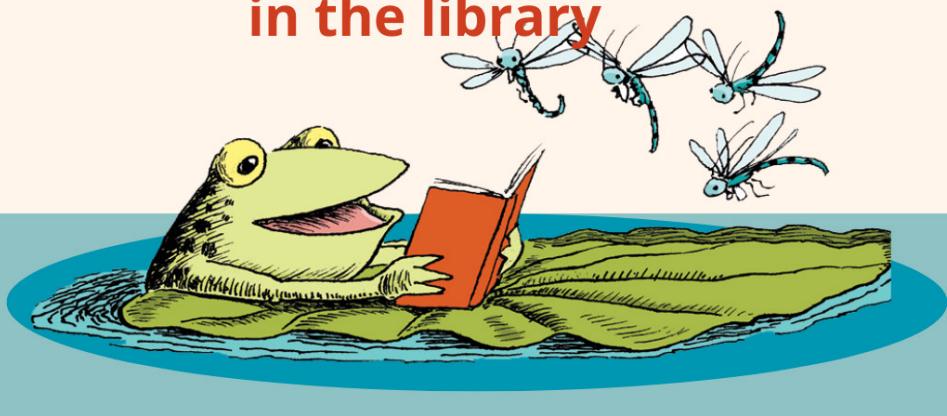
# Bloomington

# Public Library

Begins Friday, June 9, 2023

10:00 AM

in the library



## Summer is For Reading Good Books



Prairie du Chien Memorial  
Library

**Monday:**  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**Tuesday - Thursday:**  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Friday:**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday:**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Schreiner Memorial Library  
Lancaster

**Monday:**  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Tuesday-Wednesday:**  
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Thursday:**  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Friday:**  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday:**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bloomington Public Library

**Monday**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday:**  
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Friday:**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Saturday:**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## 5 Summer Internet Safety Tips for Parents



As a parent, your child's safety is your top priority — but how often does their safety online cross your mind? It can be easy to forget how dangerous the Web has the potential to be, especially when cybercrime and cyberbullying can be very sneaky business. **June is National Internet Safety Month**, and with the kids out of school for the summer, there's never been a better time to review some tips for keeping them safe online as they enjoy their free time for the next few blissful months. We've put together five quick tips to help keep you and your kids stay safe online not just for National Internet Safety Month, but all year round.

### 1. Be honest and informative.

First thing's first: educating your kids about the World Wide Web and the risks that accompany it is a must before allowing them to explore online at all. Think of it like teaching them about drugs and alcohol — make them aware of the dangers they might encounter, how to handle those dangers, and why staying safe online is so important. For example, explain to them that giving away personal information to an unknown source online isn't smart, or that posting a status about being out of town is dangerous.

### 2. Make ground rules.

To help create a clear and safe online atmosphere for your family, make a set of rules for them to follow. These can include everything from how much time they can spend online, which photos and videos are okay to post, which sites they're allowed to visit, or which Wi-Fi networks they can use. These rules vary depending on the ages of your children, but starting with a solid foundation of what they should and should not do online is a great start to keeping them safe. You can also print them out and tape them near the computer or in a place where they can see them regularly.

### 3. Supervise.

Helicopter parenting isn't everyone's style, but keeping a close eye on your child's online activity is key to making sure they're being safe. Keep your family computer in a common area of your home, and limit your kids' screen time to no more than two hours a day. Wondering how to supervise without overstepping their privacy? Be sure to create an open and ongoing conversation with them about Internet safety, and make it known that they can always come to you if they're in trouble.

### 4. Install kid-friendly filtering software.

Since you can't keep track of every minute of your kids' time online, the next best thing you can do is use parental controls to block inappropriate content on your family computer and across all your kids' devices. Programs like [Net Nanny](#), [Web Watcher](#), and [McAfee Safe Eyes](#) are all fantastic options for filtering your kids' web activity when you're not around, and even offer controls for mobile devices.

### 5. Stay informed.

Keeping up with what's trending online is the best way for you to pass along helpful safety information to your children and to continue keeping your entire family safe. Make an effort to read up daily on trending topics and news such as cybercrime, hacking, and tips and tricks for internet safety. Educating yourself is key to setting a great example to your kids and to continue creating a safe and informative environment at home.

Following these simple guidelines is a great way to ensure your kids' summer is spent safely while they enjoy their free time online, and we encourage you to continue a healthy and open conversation about Internet safety all year long. Happy National Internet Safety Month!

## JUNE 2023

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                     | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                        |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |                              |                              |  | 1<br>SB Sectional            | 2<br>Track - State at La Crosse | 3<br>Track - State at La Crosse |
| 4   | 5<br>BB Sectional            | 6                            | 7  | 8<br>SB - State at Madison   | 9<br>SB - State at Madison      | 10<br>SB - State at Madison     |
| 11  | 12<br>BB - State at Appleton | 13<br>BB - State at Appleton | 14   | 15<br>BB - State at Appleton | 16                              | 17                              |
| 18<br> | 19                           | 20                           | 21<br>5:00 PM Staff/Employee Relations Com. Mtg.<br>6:00 PM Board Mtg. | 22                           | 23                              | 24                              |
| 25  | 26                           | 27                           | 28<br>National FBLA Conference   | 29                           | 30<br>4:00 PM Kid's Night Out   |                                 |

## JULY 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|--|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        |        |  |           |          |        | 1        |
| 2      | 3      | 4<br> | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9      | 10     | 11<br>Summer School  | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 16     | 17     | 18<br>Summer School  | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23     | 24     | 25<br>Summer School  | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 30     | 31     | 1<br>Summer School   | 2         | 3        |        |          |
|        |        | Activity Code Night  |           |          |        |          |



# 2023-2024 School Year

Board approved 2/8/2023

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| August 2023 |                    |    |    |            |    |    |
|-------------|--------------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Su          | Mo                 | Tu | We | Th         | Fr | Sa |
|             |                    | 1  | 2  | 3          | 4  | 5  |
| 6           | 7                  | 8  | 9  | 10         | 11 | 12 |
| 13          | 14                 | 15 | 16 | 17         | 18 | 19 |
| 20          | 21                 | 22 | 23 | 24         | 25 | 26 |
| 27          | 28                 | 29 | 30 | 31         |    |    |
| 29, 30, 31  | Teacher In-Service |    |    | Open House |    |    |
| 30          |                    |    |    |            |    |    |

| September 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su             | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|                |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3              | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10             | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17             | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24             | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

1 First Day of School  
4 No School Day (Labor Day)  
27 Early Release - 12:30 PM

| October 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su           | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29           | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| November 2023 |                        |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su            | Mo                     | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|               |                        |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5             | 6                      | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12            | 13                     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19            | 20                     | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26            | 27                     | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |
| 2             | End of Quarter 1       |    |    |    |    |    |
| 3             | No School - In-Service |    |    |    |    |    |
| 7 & 9         | Parent/Teacher Conf.   |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10            | No School              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 22-24         | No School              |    |    |    |    |    |

| December 2023 |           |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su            | Mo        | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|               |           |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3             | 4         | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10            | 11        | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17            | 18        | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24            | 25        | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 25-29         | No School |    |    |    |    |    |

| January 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su           | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

1 & 2      No School  
 3              School Resumes  
 18              End of Quarter 2  
 19              No School

| February 2024 |               |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su            | Mo            | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|               |               |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4             | 5             | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11            | <del>12</del> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18            | 19            | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25            | 26            | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |

7                      Early Release - 12:30 PM  
 12                      No School

| March 2024 |                  |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su         | Mo               | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|            |                  |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3          | 4                | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10         | 11               | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17         | 18               | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31      | 25               | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 21         | End of Quarter 3 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 22         | No School        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 29         | No School        |    |    |    |    |    |

| April 2024 |              |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su         | Mo           | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|            | <del>1</del> | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7          | 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14         | 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21         | 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28         | 29           | 30 |    |    |    |    |

1                    No School

| June 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su        | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|           |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2         | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16        | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23/30     | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

**Key**

-  First and Last day of School
-  No School for Students
-  Early Release - 12:30 PM
-  End of the Quarters
-  Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Special Days

| Special Days |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Aug. 30      | Open House           |
| Sept. 1      | First Day of School  |
| Sept. 27     | Early Release        |
| Oct. 18      | Early Release        |
| Nov. 7 & 9   | Parent/Teacher Conf. |
| Feb. 7       | Early Release        |
| May 1        | Early Release        |
| May 24       | Last Day of School   |

### Start and End of Quarters

| Start and End of Quarters |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 1 - Nov. 2          | First Quarter  |
| Nov. 6 - Jan. 18          | Second Quarter |
| Jan. 22 - Mar. 21         | Third Quarter  |
| Mar. 25 - May 24          | Fourth Quarter |

## Holiday Breaks

| <b>Holiday Breaks</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Nov. 22-24            | <b>Thanksgiving Break</b> |
| Dec. 25-Jan. 2        | <b>Winter Break</b>       |
| Mar. 29 - Apr. 1      | <b>Spring Break</b>       |

**School Hours - 8:00 AM - 3:25 PM**  
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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN: APRIL 12, 2023, 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 Copsey, 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. March 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Megan Kussmaul. 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 March 2023. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the financial statement pending the audit of 2022/2023 for revenues of \$1,952,892.66 and expenditures of \$848,045.27. Josh Copsey seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Building and Grounds Committee Report

i. Maintenance Director's Report. Jim said that the doors and camera work that we need done is to start soon. We are also in the initial steps with the company, that way the work can be done before next school season.

C. Staff/Employee Relations Committee

i. Biennial Budget Update: Still waiting on clear numbers for the state, hope to have more information by the May meeting.

ii. Employee Handbook Recap: We looked at some suggested changes to the “leave” for the staff within the handbook. Clay is going to take what he has to the staff for them to look at and get their feedback.

D. Superintendents Report: Clay spoke of all the activities and field trips, and the testing that the students will be taking this spring.

VIII. New Business

A. Hiring/Resignations

- i. Jason Cathman made the motion to accept the resignation of Erin Kluesner as Speech and Dramatic Arts Director (Forensics), seconded by Adam Guthrie. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- ii. Aaron Stagman made the motion to accept the resignation of Erin Kluesner as Missoula Coordinator, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- iii. Adam Guthrie made a motion, with regret, to accept the resignation of Maddie Esser as Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, seconded by Josh Copsey. Motion passed on a voice vote.

B. Dual Enrollment Applications: Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the applications as listed, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote.

C. Competitive Balance: Talked about what the WIAA is proposing for high school athletics to try and get better competitive balance.

D. Instructional Make-Up Minutes: Josh Copsey made a motion that starting on April 17th to add 10 minutes to each day and make May 26th a 1:00 p.m. dismissal, seconded by Kirk Hamann. Motion passed on a voice vote.

E. Superintendent Evaluation: talked about how the process would look and work. Hope to start in May with the board going over information and the meeting with Clay in June.

F. Wellness Club Advisor: Tabled until May meeting.

IX. 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. Jason Cathman made a motion seconded by Megan Kussmaul to enter closed session. Motion passed on a 7-0 roll call vote, entered closed session at 7:09 PM
- B. Administrative Contracts
- C. Employee Performance Evaluation
- D. Aaron Stagman made a motion and seconded by Kirk Hamann to leave closed session. Motion passed and a voice vote. Entered back into open session at 8:30 PM

X. Appearances - There were no public appearances.

XI. Information

- A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
  - i. Staff and Employee Relations Committee Meeting – To be determined.
  - ii. Regular Meeting – To be determined.

XII. Adjourn – Jason Cathman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Kussmaul. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM



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Bill Hannah - Elementary Principal ..... 994-2715 Ext. 102  
Wade Winkers - MS/HS Dean of Students ..... 994-2715 Ext. 114  
Tracy Stagman - Business Official ..... 994-2715 Ext. 104  
Amy Jones - Special Education Coordinator ..... 994-2715 Ext. 302

### Other Contacts

Wade Winkers - Athletic Director ..... 994-2715 Ext. 114  
Technology Coordinator ..... 994-2715 Ext. 130

### Board of Education

Kenneth Nies - President ..... 988-4536  
Jason Cathman - Vice President ..... 994-3263  
Adam Guthrie - Clerk ..... 778-7080  
Kirk Hamann - Treasurer ..... 778-0700  
Josh Copsey - Member ..... 732-5773  
Megan Kussmaul - Member ..... 412-0924  
Aaron Stagman - Member ..... 994-2114

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.