



Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

January 20, 2023



WE WILL WORK HARD, BE RESPECTFUL, BE THERE, BE READY AND BE
SAFE KEEPING OUR HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO OURSELVES!

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD – 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND – 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Rib Staffing Updates and More

As you know, we've had a couple long term substitute teachers for music this year. We welcomed Mr. Hal Osborn when he became our #2 sub, but now it's time to bid him a fond farewell as his last day teaching music was Jan.19. Please join me in saying thank you to Mr. Osborne. He provided a beautiful transition time for our kids while we embarked on the hiring process for a permanent teacher. He brought a great sense of humor, a love of learning, and worked really hard to ensure that your children had an enjoyable experience in music class. Thanks, Mr. Osborne, we will miss you!



Starting Monday, Jan.23, we will welcome our new full-time music teacher, Mr. Nick Peters.

Mr. Peters recently graduated from college and will bring an energy, enthusiasm, excitement, as well as cutting-edge instruction to the music classroom. He was able to visit Rib Mountain Elementary earlier in the week to check out our school and his new classroom. We are so very excited that he will be joining the Rib Mountain and Stettin Elementary Schools as our newest addition. PLEASE join me in welcoming him to our schools.

THE FUTURE OF THE WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Meeting~ Mon., Jan.23 @ 5pm- Wausau West

The upcoming school board meeting at West in the auditorium will be an important one to watch or attend. Dr. Hilts will be presenting a proposal to the board regarding restructuring of the Wausau School District. It's very possible that a vote may occur to solidify a decision one way or another. One valuable piece of information to share with you in advance is that should a restructuring plan move forward; implementation would be delayed until the 2025-2026 school year. This means that we would have two full years (23-24 and 24-25) for planning before any schools would merge at the earliest in 25-26.

Thank you for a wonderful first semester of school. Looking forward to the start of semester 2 and all the energy and enthusiasm we can generate! Our kids and staff are working hard, and I know that you share in my pride!

SO PROUD to be a Rib Mountain Mustang!
Tammy Steckbauer, Principal

Crossing Guard Appreciation

Last week was Wisconsin Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week. A huge thank you to all of the crossing guards for keeping all of our students safe. If you see a crossing guard, give them a smile and wave to show your appreciation.



Report Cards



Report cards will be sent home in your child's red folder next week. Please return the envelope in the red folder. You may still access the report card information on Infinite Campus.

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 16th, Thursday, February 23rd and Thursday, March 2nd. Sign up information for conferences will be sent out a few weeks prior.



A Note from the Health Office

The Health Department will be conducting Hearing Screenings in February for all students. If you do not wish to have your child screened, please call the office at 715-261-0220 or email our Health Aide, Debbie Gauger @ dgauger@wausauschools.org.



SCHOOL FOREST

4TH GRADE






SCHOOL FOREST



Decade Dance

The Rib Mountain PTO is excited to announce that the Decade Dance is back! The dance will be held Friday, February 24th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the gym. Dress like your favorite decade or come as you are! Let's Dance!!



LET'S
Dance

DECADE
DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023	RIB MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY GYM 6 PM - 8 PM
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STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

Virtual Learning – Inclement Weather Plan

Now that winter has arrived, we want to be prepared in the event we have a Virtual Learning Day. The purpose and intent of Virtual Learning Days is to provide learning extensions in the event of school closure. This also limits the possibility of additional time added at the end of the school year that impacts Summer School schedules, etc. To ensure planned and successful implementation, every effort will be made to communicate to faculty prior to 3:00 on any given day that an inclement weather day is highly possible or imminent so that devices can be gathered and sent home with all K-5 students. Also, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the district may need to implement a traditional snow day.

K-2nd Grade: Up to 60 minutes of Engagement

15 Minutes Morning Check In (Google Meet) 9:00am	15 Minutes Afternoon Check In (Google Meet) 1:00pm	15 Minutes Encore Activity (Independent)	15 Minutes Academic Activity (Independent)
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3-5th Grade: Up to 2 hours of Engagement

15 Minutes Morning Check In (Google Meet) 9:00am	15 Minute Afternoon Check In (Google Meet) 1:00pm	15 Minutes Encore Activity (Independent)	1 Hour 15 minutes Academic Activity (Independent)
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Albee - KG	albee
LaFlash - KG	laflash
Pozorski - 1st Grade	pozorski
Torrens - 1 Grade	torrens
Burress - 2nd Grade	burress
de Jong - 3rd Grade	dejong
Hartman - 3rd Grade	hartman
Anderson - 4th Grade	anderson
Post - 4th Grade	post
Zingler - 5th Grade	zingler

Colder Weather is Here!



WINTER GEAR

THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR THE COLD TEMPERATURES AND THE SNOW: WARM JACKETS, SNOW PANTS, HATS, MITTENS/GLOVES. THANK YOU!

STUDENTS GO OUT FOR RECESS UNLESS THE TEMPS ARE BELOW ZERO.

Any family in need of assistance with warm clothing, please contact our social worker, Cortney Sears @ 715-261-0254 or csears@wausauschools.org.

Technology Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder to all of you that technology devices do not like being left in the cold, the heat or damp areas.



Leaving them in the cold will cause them to have different errors and issues. The battery will begin to die and the screens will begin to have issues as well. Bringing them into a warm room quickly after they are in the cold may cause condensation inside and also long term damage.

In general - you will want to avoid leaving any technology devices in extreme temperatures (cold or heat) as much as possible.

News from Nutrition Services

Negative Meal Accounts

School Messenger messages will be sent out to all households to let you know if your child's meal account balance is negative. Please send money with your child in a prepayment envelope that includes your child's name. This envelope can be given to your child's teacher or Mrs. Theiler.



There is also a drop box in the front foyer if Mrs. Theiler is not available. Parents may visit www.Paypams.com to create an online account for your child where you can add money to their meal account using a credit card as well as view purchases made.



School Resources

Free and Reduced Lunch

If you are in need of assistance for lunch you may apply for free and reduced school meals. Please apply at the link below or ask Mrs. Theiler for more information.



[Free and Reduced Lunch application](#)

Blessings In A Backpack

This program helps provide a student with non-perishable items for the weekend. The program runs for 38 weeks during the school year. This program is free if you would like your child to participate. Usually, the food will come in a plastic bag and be placed in your child's backpack on Fridays. If you would like to join the program, please call the school Social Worker, Cortney Sears at 715-261-0220 ext. 40254.



Fill a Backpack, Fill a Need

This is another great program we have to offer our families here at Rib Mountain Elementary. This program is to help families who are in need of school supplies and a backpack for their child. This is also completely free. If you are in need of a backpack and supplies, please call the school Social Worker, Cortney Sears at 75-261-0220 ext. 40254.



Volunteer Information



Looking for ways to volunteer?
Here's how to sign up.
We appreciate all of our volunteers!

[Volunteer Information](#)



Nurse Notes



Note From the Nurse

Snack Policy



Any snacks that will be eaten in the classroom must be nut-free. Individual student snacks may not be shared by another student.

Teachers may provide a store-bought, nut-free daily snack for all students. Parents may send in boxes of snacks for the class provided they are nut-free, store-bought, and labeled with ingredients. No homemade treats of any kind are allowed to be shared with the whole class. (Snacks for the individual student may be homemade.) Birthday treats shared with the class must be nut-free, store-bought, and labeled with ingredients. Peanut butter and other nuts may be eaten only in the cafeteria.

Illness

Keep your child home from school for:

- Vomiting or diarrhea more than one time in 24 hours. Keep home for 24 hours after last episode.
- Fever (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees.) Child must be fever-free without fever medicine for 24 hours before returning to school
- "Pinkeye" May remain in school if there is no fever and the child can avoid rubbing eyes.
- Strep throat. Keep home from school until throat culture is read and until 24 hours of antibiotic treatment is completed
- Lice. May return to school immediately after treatment with approved lice shampoo and no live lice are present.

Medications



All medicine to be given at school must be brought to school in the original bottle by a parent or other adult. A parent signature is required for over-the-counter medicine. A parent and a doctor signature are required for all prescription medicine.

Balloons

No Latex balloons are permitted in school.



Your school nurses and health aides are here to help keep all students healthy and safe while they are at school. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse.

Alex Hein RN 715-261-0113
Sydney Nielsen RN 715-261-0914
Emma Buckli RN 715-261-0750
Emilee Hoerter RN 715-261-0713

Dates to Remember

January 23	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
January 26	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
February 2	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
February 3	Spirit Day Spirit! Kindergarten to Grand Theatre- Pete the Cat - 10:00 am
February 9	Book Bowl Competition - GD Jones
February 10	Basketball Jamboree - Wausau East High School
February 16	Spirit Day Spirit! Book Bowl Celebration - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
February 17	NO CLASSES - Professional Learning
February 20	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
February 21	PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library PTO Meeting
February 23	Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
February 24	Decade Dance - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Gym Let's DANCE!
February 27	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Grade to Grand Theatre - The Magic SchooBus
February 27- March 1	5 th Grade School Forest
March 2	Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm



District News



Download our New Mobile App Today!



- Free for both Apple & Android
- Receive important notifications
- Access the district calendar, news, and so much more right at your fingertips!
- Just make sure you enable notifications on the app

Just Search 'Wausau School District' in the App Store



4K Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year Starts February 1!

- Experienced and dedicated staff
- Fun and engaging activities
- Respectful, responsible, and safe environments

The Wausau School District 4K program is a state demonstration site for teachers to observe because of our high-quality instruction and advanced social skills instruction!



715-261-0265

wausauschools.org



2023-2024 Registration for 4K Learning Academies and Community Sites

Begins February 1, 2023

Registration for the free, half-day 4K Program is a two-step process for all eligible children
(Four years of age on or before September 1, 2023)

- 1** Visit the 4K & Early Childhood page at www.wausauschools.org
Complete and submit the online form. You will receive an electronic confirmation following the completion of Step 1. The online registration indicates your interest in 4K and preferred site of attendance; however, the registration form must be verified (Step 2) before your child is fully registered and assigned to a site.

If you do not have computer access or need assistance completing the online form, please contact the 4K office at 715-261-0265 or email 4K@wausauschools.org.

- 2** Registration verification and enrollment
Please follow the instructions outlined in the email you will receive from the 4K Office to finalize your child's 4K enrollment and secure a spot.

ATTEND 4K AT ONE OF THESE 8 SITES:

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT 4K LEARNING ACADEMIES

(Busing is available at elementary school sites with some qualifications)



**G.D. Jones
Elementary School**
(4K & Early Childhood Programs Office)
1018 South 12th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0950



**Riverview
Elementary School**
4303 Troy Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0030



**Thomas Jefferson
Elementary School**
500 West Randolph Street
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0175



**Hawthorn Hills
Elementary School**
1600 Kickbusch Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0045

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY 4K SITES

(Busing is not available)



**Mountain View
Montessori**
1500 Merrill Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-298-3832



Newman Catholic
St. Michael
615 Stark Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-848-0206



Wausau Child Care - West
505 N. 28th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-848-1437



YMCA
707 3rd Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-845-2177

Please note that Wausau School District Kindergarten placement will be at your neighborhood school regardless of where your child attends 4K. 4K Learning Academy attendance is based upon home address and/or child care address.

We look forward to meeting you and your child. Please call us with any questions about the registration process at 715-261-0265. The 4K & Early Childhood Programs office is located at G.D. Jones Elementary School, 1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau.

Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus, thov hu, 715-261-0265.

Si usted requiere de servicios de traducción por favor llame al teléfono 715-261-0265.

Rib Mountain Staff

Principal – Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer, tsteckba@wausauschools.org

Secretary – Mrs. Denise Theiler, dtheiler@wausauschools.org

Pupil Services Team:

Social Worker – Ms. Cortney Sears - csears@wausauschools.org

School Counselor – Mrs. Cathy Ehlert - cehlert@wausauschools.org

School Psychologist – Mr. Spencer Susa - ssusa@wausauschools.org

Alex Hein – BSN, RN - ahein@wausauschools.org (715-261-0113 Office)



Encore Teachers:

Science – Mrs. Jeanette Ryan - jryan@wausauschools.org

Librarian – Ms. Julie Gaskey - jgaskey@wausauschools.org

Art – Mrs. Chelsey Gilbert - cgilbert@wausauschools.org

Phy. Ed. – Mrs. Vickie Christianson - vchristianson@wausauschools.org

Music – Mr. Nick Peters – npeters@wausauschools.org

Gifted & Talented:

Mrs. Heidi Hahner – hhahner@wausauschools.org

Secretary – Mrs. Kristine Peterson - krpeterso@wausauschools.org

Classroom Teachers:

Kindergarten – Mrs. Megan LaFlash – mlaflash@wausauschools.org

Kindergarten – Mrs. Deb Albee - dalbee@wausauschools.org

1st Grade – Mrs. Kim Pozorski - kpozorsk@wausauschools.org

1st Grade – Ms. Tiffany Torrens - ttorrens@wausauschools.org

2nd Grade – Mrs. Heidi Burress - haburress@wausauschools.org

3rd Grade – Mrs. Elisa Hartman - ehartman@wausauschools.org

3rd Grade – Mrs. Stephanie deJong - sdejong@wausauschools.org

4th Grade – Mrs. Erika Anderson - eanderso@wausauschools.org

4th Grade – Mrs. Morgan Post - mpost@wausauschools.org

5th Grade – Mrs. Stephanie Zingler - szingler@wausauschools.org

Special Education Teachers:

Special Ed – Mrs. Hali Koebe, hkoebe@wausauschools.org

Special Ed – Mrs. Debby Schultz, dschultz@wausauschools.org

Occupational Therapist – Mrs. Mackenzie Hau – mwockenfus@wausauschools.org

Speech & Language – Ms. Morgan Meissen mmeissen@wausauschools.org

Speech & Language – Ms. Meghan Oselka moselka@wausauschools.org

English Learner Teacher:

EL – Mrs. Sai Thao, saithao@wausauschools.org

Learning Recovery Resource Teacher

Mrs. Ann Nygaard, anygaard@wausauschools.org

Paraprofessionals:

Building Para – Mrs. Marilyn McTavish, mmctavis@wausauschools.org

Building Para – Mrs. Nancy Raguse, nraguse@wausauschools.org

El Para – Mrs. Leslie Chang, lchang@wausauschools.org

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Special Ed Para – Miss Kayli Thao – kaylisthao@wausauschools.org

Special Ed Para – Miss Fiona Vermote – fvermote@wausauschools.org

Enrollment Para – Mrs. Vicki Worzella vworzella@wausauschools.org

Food Service – Mrs. Pam Welch, pwelch@wausauschools.org

Food Service – Mrs. Victoria Klingensmith – vklingensmith@wausauschools.org

Health Aide – Mrs. Debbie Gauger – dgauger@wausauschools.org

Custodial Staff:

Lead Custodian – Mr. James Heidmann, jheidman@wausauschools.org

Night Custodian Miss Katie Haydon – khaydon@wausauschools.org

Night Custodian – Mrs. Amy Hill – ahill@wausauschools.org

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:15 – 8:30 AM PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION BEGINS

8:30 AM BELL RINGS

8:35 AM CLASSES BEGIN

8:40 AM ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:30 AM – 11:50 PM LUNCH – GRADE 4 & GRADE 5

11:50 AM – 12:10 PM LUNCH RECESS – GRADE 4 & GRADE 5

11:35 AM – 11:55 AM LUNCH – KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

11:55 AM – 12:15 PM LUNCH RECESS – KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM LUNCH – GRADE 2 & GRADE 3

12:00 PM – 12:20 PM LUNCH RECESS – GRADE 2 & GRADE 3

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM KINDERGARTEN RECESS (ROTATION 1)

1:35 PM – 1:50 PM AFTERNOON RECESS – GRADES 4 & 5

1:50 PM – 2:05 PM KINDERGARTEN RECESS (ROTATION 2)

2:10 PM – 2:25 PM AFTERNOON RECESS – GRADE 1

2:25 PM – 2:40 PM KINDERGARTEN RECESS (ROTATION 3)

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM AFTERNOON RECESS – GRADES 2 & 3

3:30 PM DISMISSAL

ENCORE DAYS:

DAY 1: LIBRARY, SCIENCE, GUIDANCE

DAY 2: ART, LIBRARY, GUIDANCE

DAY 3: ART, SCIENCE

DAY 4: PHYS. ED, MUSIC

DAY 5: PHYS. ED, MUSIC

LIBRARY: 1 & 2 (MS. JULIE GASKEY)

GUIDANCE: 1 & 2 (MRS. CATHY EHLERT)

SCIENCE: 1 & 3 (MRS. JEANETTE RYAN)

ART: 2 & 3 (MRS. CHELSEY GILBERT)

PHY. ED: 4 & 5 (MRS. VICKIE CHRISTIANSON)

MUSIC: 4 & 5 (MR. NICK PETERS)



January



Rotation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2 R-1	3 R-1	4 R-1	5 R-1	6 R-2	7
8	9 R - 2	10 R - 2	11 R - 2	12 R - 2	13 R-1 11:30 Dismissal	14
15	16 No Classes	17 R - 1	18 R - 1	19 VIRTUAL DAY	20 R - 1	21
22	23 R-1	24 R-2	25 R-2	26 R-2	27 R-2	28
29	30 R-2	31 R-1				



FEBRUARY

Rotation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 R-1	2 3 R-1	3 4 R-1	4
5	6 5 R - 1	7 1 R - 2	8 2 R - 2	9 3 R - 2	10 4 R-2	11
12	13 5 R-2	14 1 R - 1	15 2 R - 1	16 3 R - 1	17 NO CLASSES	18
19	20 4 R-1	21 5 R-1	22 1 R-2	23 2 R-2	24 3 R-2	25
26	27 4 R-2	28 5 R-2				