

Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

Mustangs~

October 7, 2022



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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Important Links

Rib Mountain School Website

Lunch Menus

Parent Handbook

Health Forms

Twitter

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Facebook

District Handbook

E-Flyers

Volunteer Opportunities

Weather/Closing

Information

2022-2023 Calendar



Wednesday, October 26th 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Thursday, November 3rd 3:45 pm - 7:45 pm

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Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Rib School Goals are Focused ~Submitted by Tammy Steckbauer, Principal~

Each school in the WSD has three overarching pillars surrounding goal achievement: *Academic*, *Leadership*, *and Culture*. While these pillars are the same for every school, our action steps differ based upon our students and our building needs.

I'd like to highlight at least one action step for each of the three pillars so families are "in the know" regarding our efforts.

<u>Academic Goal-</u> Each of our classrooms at Rib are focused on adding some SMART Activities to help with the brain-body (movement) connection. Our interest is to teach with the brain in mind. SMART= Stimulating Maturity through Advanced Readiness Training. These activities are more than just movement breaks; they are intentional activities to help develop students' balance, vision, focus, and more.

Grades K-2 have a goal of 30 minutes of SMART activities daily to achieve 80 hours by the end of the year. Grades 3-5, being older, are being asked to facilitate 2 activities a day based upon student needs.

<u>Leadership Goal-</u> We have a number of action steps designed to improve interpersonal effectiveness among staff. Staff are encouraged to attend morning meetings to strengthen staff and student relationships. One faculty meeting a month is being devoted to learning together. Another faculty meeting a month is being set aside to share concerns and celebrations.

<u>Culture Goal-</u> Our culture goal is about empowering students by increasing opportunities for decision-making and leadership. We are trying to achieve this by providing more opportunities for students to serve in leadership roles in our school. This might look a little different from grades K-5, but what's vitally important is that students feel like they play an increased role in making us all stronger leaders.









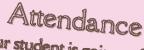
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REMINDERS



Drop Off

Supervision begins @ 8:15 am. Please drop off students from the right lane. Students proceed to the gate for recess. In the event of inclement weather, a sign will be posted and students will enter through the Main Door #1 and proceed to the gym. If eating breakfast, students enter through the Main Door #1.



If your student is going to be absent please call the office @ 715-261-0220 or email Mrs.
Theiler @ dtheiler@wausauschools.org.
Please call or email by 9:00 am.
Thank youl

Appointments J

If your student has an appointment please let your student's teacher know as well as the office. We will call your student to the office upon your arrival. You will be asked to sign your student out.



Pick Up

The school day ends at 3:30 pm. K & 1st grade students and their older siblings will be picked up in the back of the school on Woodthrush Lane. All other students will be called up front upon your arrival.



Birthday Treats

All treats need to be packaged with a full nutrition label attached, must be peanut and tree nut free, store bought, and preferably individually packaged. Treats must be checked first in the health office and then taken to the classroom.



Change of Plans

If there is a change of plan for the day that your student is not aware of, please notify the office as soon as possible so we may notify your student and the teacher. Any change of plan communication is appreciated.

Leader in Me - Habit 1



The 7 Habits Newsletter

HABIT 1 BE PROACTIVE

It's no mystery that change begins with me!

All about Habit 1

EACH OF US CAN CHOOSE WHAT WE SAY, WHAT WE DO, AND WHAT WE THINK! BEING PROACTIVE MAY MEAN THAT WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS INSTEAD OF GOOF AROUND. BEING PROACTIVE MAY MEAN TO <u>PAUSE & THINK</u>, BEFORE WE <u>CHOOSE</u> WHAT WE'LL SAY OR DO!

What Does this Habit look like in school?

- Students raising their hands and not fidgeting with things.
- Students not talking in class so they and their friends can learn something important ldeas by Delaney J.

What does this Habit sound like in school?

- "Yes you may play" and "Yes you can sit here" are said kindly to others even if you don't know them
- O voice at reading time Ideas by Eve H.

Habit in Action







How can you practice this habit at home?

I can choose to clean up after myself.

I can choose to brush my teeth and get ready for school without reminders.
I can listen to my elders.

I can use good manners when I am given something. Ideas by Eliana W. and Vada L.

Custodian Appreciation Week



A big thank you to our custodial staff at Rib. We are so thankful for all that you do for our school. We couldn't get through our days without you.

Thank you, Mr. Jim, Miss Rose and Miss Amy. We appreciate you!





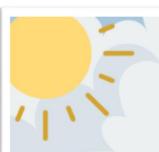
Please join us in thanking our music teach, Mr. Roseman, for his service to Rib Mountain and Stettin Elementary Schools this past month. His last day in this role was Thursday, Oct 6. Best of luck on your next adventure, Mr. Roseman!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 26th from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm and Thursday, November 3rd from 3:45 pm - 7:45 pm. There will be a link sent home soon for sign up. We look forward to seeing you!





FIELD TRIP FUNI RIB MOUNTAIN STATE PARK





ADVENTURE









Spirit Week



Thank You!

A big thank you to the Radke family for donating a new American flag and Wisconsin flag to the school. We appreciate your generosity and support of our school.





News from Nutrition Services





Students who qualified for Free or Reduced meals from the previous school year (2021-2022) based on an income application, should check to be sure that their parent/guardian has completed a new meal application for the current school year. The 30 day carry over period or "roll-over" for meal eligibility is set to expire on Oct 13, 2022. After that date, any student(s) who is currently receiving FREE OR REDUCED meals based on an income application from LAST SCHOOL YEAR, will become <u>full pay</u> if no current meal application is approved and on file. See Paypams (www.paypams.com/onlineapp) to complete an online meal application to see if you qualify for FREE or REDUCED Meals.

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. 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.



Next week is National School Lunch Week, isn't that "GROOVY?" Mrs. Welch and Miss Vicky have some fun activities planned. On Friday, October 14th we will have a dress up day. Wear disco clothes, bright colors or just be plain GROOVY in your own way.







PTO Information



Each year PTO provides a dinner for Rib Mountain Staff to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our children. Below please find the link to sign up if you would like to contribute to the meal.

Parent/Teacher Conference Meal Sign Up

The Rib Mountain Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Rib Mountain Elementary. Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods and/or work a shift helping to sell baked goods. This event is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the students and staff at Rib Mountain and help support the PTO.

Fall Bazaar Sign up





Do you have any used, "loved" Rib Spirit Wear that you would like to donate? We plan to have a booth at the Fall Bazaar to sell used clothing at a discounted price. The proceeds will go to the Rib Mountain PTO. If you have anything to donate, your students can hand the items in at the office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Our PTO meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 4:15 in the Library. We would love to have you join us. We appreciate your support for the PTO and Rib Mountain Elementary!







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



School Resources

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.









Are your kids ready?

Please look at the box below to see what "shots" your child may need to attend school in the fall.

Incoming kindergarteners usually need "boosters" of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), and varicella (chickenpox).

Incoming sixth graders need a Tdap vaccine unless they had one less than five years ago.

Wisconsin Student Immunization Law Requirements (number of doses required)

Grade	DTP/DT/DTaP	Polio	MMR	Hepatitis B	Varicella*	Tdap
4K (age 4)	4	3	1	3	1	-
K- grade 5	4**	4	2	3	2	-
grade 6-12	4	4	2	3	2	1

^{*} Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. History of chickenpox disease with date is acceptable.

State law requires all public and private school students to present written evidence of immunization against certain diseases within 30 school days of admission. These requirements can only be waived if a properly signed health, religious or personal conviction <u>waiver</u> is filed with the school.

Clinic appointments fill up early! Schedule your appointments soon.

The <u>Marathon County Public Health Department</u> gives immunizations, and local pharmacies do as well.

Contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

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

^{**} DTP/DT/DTaP vaccine for children entering kindergarten. Child must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (or 4 days or less before the 4th birthday).





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.

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Dates to Remember

October 11 1st Grade to School Forest

October 11 Kindergarten to Willow Springs Pumpkin

Patch - 8:45 am - 10:45 am

October 14 4th Grade to Agricultural Center - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

October 18 PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library



October 21 Spirit Day

October 25 4th Grade - Planetarium - 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm

October 26 1st Quarter ends





October 26-28 No Classes - Professional Learning



November 3 Parent Teacher Conferences -3:45 pm - 7:45 pm



November 4 Spirit Day

November 9 3rd Grade to School Forest

November 9 Fall Picture Retakes

November 12 Fall Bazaar - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

November 15 PTO Meeting - 4:15 - Library



November 18 Spirit Day

November 23-25 Fall Break - No Classes







We've got spirit, yes we do!



Rib Mountain Staff

Principal – Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer, <u>tsteckba@wausauschools.org</u> Secretary – Mrs. Denise Theiler, <u>dtheiler@wausauschools.org</u>

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



Encore Teachers:

Science – Mrs. Jeanette Ryan - <u>iryan@wausauschools.org</u>
Librarian – Ms. Julie Gaskey - <u>igaskey@wausauschools.org</u>
Art – Mrs. Chelsey Gilbert - <u>cgilbert@wausauschools.org</u>
Phy. Ed. – Mrs. Vickie Christianson - <u>vchristianson@wausauschools.org</u>

Gifted & Talented:

Mrs. Heidi Hahner – hhahner@wausauschools.org
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Classroom Teachers:

Kindergarten – Mrs. Megan LaFlash – mlaflash@wausauschools.org
Kindergarten – Mrs. Deb Albee - dalbee@wausauschools.org

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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:

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English Learner Teacher:

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

Learning Recovery Resource Teacher

Mrs. Ann Nygaard, anygaard@wausauschools.org

Paraprofessionals:

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Special Ed Para – Ms. Lillian Anders – landers@wausauschools.org
Special Ed Para - Kayli Thao – kaylisthao@wausauschools.org
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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 – Mrs. Rose Schultz – rschultz@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 S

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM LUNCH RECESS - GRADE 4 & GRADE S

11:35 AM - 11:55 AM LUNCH - KINDERGARTEN & GRADE I

11:SS AM - 12:IS PM LUNCH RECESS - KINDERGARTEN & GRADE I

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

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

1:1S PM - 1:30 PM KINDERGARTEN RECESS (ROTATION 1)

1:35 PM - 1:50 PM AFTERNOON RECESS - GRADES 4 & S

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

2:10 PM - 2:25 PM AFTERNOON RECESS - GRADE I

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 I: LIBRARY, SCIENCE, GUIDANCE

DAY 2: ART, LIBRARY, GUIDANCE

DAY 3: ART, SCIENCE DAY 4: PHYS. ED, MUSIC DAY S: PHYS. ED, MUSIC MUSIC: 4 & 5 (MR. JACOB ROSEMAN)

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

ART: 2 & 3 (MRS. CHELSEY GILBERT)
SCIENCE: 1 & 3 (MRS. JEANETTE RYAN)

LIBRARY: 1 & 2 (MS. JULIE GASKEY)
GUIDANCE: 1 & 2 (MRS. CATHY EHLERT)



Rotation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 R-1	4 3 R-1	5 4 R-1	5 ₂ -1	7 1 R-2	8
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16	17 2 R - 1	18 3 R - 1	19 4 R - 1	²⁰ 5	21 1 R - 2	22
23	24 2 R-2	25 3 R-2	26 No School	No School	No School	29
30	31 4 R-2					



Professional **Fire Fighters** Wisconsin Charitable **Foundation**

September 9th, 2022

25th Annual Edition Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program

Greetings,

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is proud to again partner with the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in producing our 25th annual Fire Safety Newspapers in Education program. This program helps save lives and reduce the incidence of injuries. In fact, over the past 30 years, fire deaths in Wisconsin have been cut in half, and even more remarkably, fire deaths among children 14 and younger have been reduced by more than 80%. However, we need your help. There is still more work to be done in creating a fire-safe and burn-free Wisconsin. Please consider utilizing this program by pre-ordering print copies for your school, fire department, or community organization for Fire Prevention Week, October 9th-15th, 2022.

Our Fire Safety Newspapers in Education program will also be available digitally on our website at www.pffwcf.org starting in October. This life-saving educational newspaper is useful and engaging for kids of all ages. We have opened the program to anyone who would like to utilize it and expanded our poster contest to students in grades K-12. In the past, we have worked with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on certification to meet state health curriculum standards and relate to state science curriculum standards for 4th – 8th grade students. Our program is recommended for use in public schools by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as a course of study to prevent fires. We are able to offer this program free of charge thanks to the generous support of people and organizations that share our mission, vision, and values to champion fire safety all across Wisconsin through education.

This 16-page publication features life-saving lessons about fire safety, burn prevention and treatment, home fire escape planning, the importance of smoke alarms and fire sprinklers, gas and electrical safety, everyday risk reduction, and more. The content for this newspaper is produced with help from subject matter experts and will provide impactful and engaging lessons to all readers. With the energy of Wisconsin's talented educators, fire service professionals, and community leaders, this information gives our children the knowledge and understanding they need to protect themselves, their friends, and their families from fire and burns.

As part of this year's Fire Safety Newspapers in Education program, we are happy to provide the following:

- FREE digital and print copies for your school, fire department, and community organization.
- Interactive classroom, online, and take-home activities.
- More than \$5,000 in teacher essay and student poster contest awards.

This program has been internationally recognized for educating students and their families to prevent disaster in their lives due to fire. Please consider utilizing this information to help save lives and ensure the continued success of this year's program by distributing the newspapers, utilizing the material with your other fire safety efforts, and by sending it home with people to share with their households. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to fire safety.

Yours in fire safety,

Michael J. Wos, Executive Director PFFW Charitable Foundation

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Michael Stanley, President
WI State Fire Chiefs Association

Jim Austad, President
WI Society of Fire Instructors

Mahlon Mitchell, President
Professional Fire Fighters of WI

Daniel Schmocker, President WI State Fire Inspectors Assoc.

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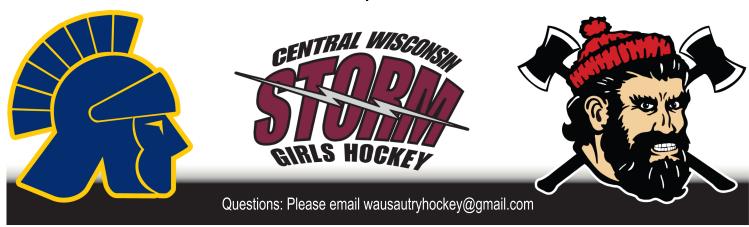
TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE

Your local high school hockey programs want to invite you to come try the sport of ice hockey. No prior experience necessary. Come join the Storm, Warriors, and Lumberjacks to learn to skate and HAVE FUN!

Saturday November 5th, 2022 10:00am - 1:00pm Marathon Park Ice Arena 1201 Stewart Avenue Wausau, WI 54401

Pre-Register for the event at www.wausautryhockey.com

Limited amounts of skates wil be available. All other equipment will be provided.



TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE - GIRLS ONLY -

Your Central Wisconsin Storm Girls hockey program wants to invite you to come try the sport of ice hockey. No prior experience necessary. Come join the Storm players and coaches to learn to skate

and HAVE FUN!

Sunday October 30, 2022 11:00a - 1:00p Marathon Park Ice Arena 1201 Stewart Avenue Wausau, WI 54401

Pre-Register for the event at www.wausautryhockey.com

Limited amounts of skates wil be available. All other equipment will be provided.

