



Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

December 2, 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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Rib Mt. School Holiday Drive for the Salvation Army

Let's go hunting on behalf of the Salvation Army
this holiday season, and bring in some big bucks!

*If you would like your child to participate in our Salvation
Army Holiday Drive, please send your contribution in an
envelope or a baggie labeled "Salvation Army
Donation". Checks made out to the Salvation Army will be
happily accepted as well.*

**Our goal is simply to collect as many "bucks" as
we can during December 1 - 9.**

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Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

It's No Mystery That Change Begins With Me

A few weeks ago there were a few Mustangs that volunteered at a meal packing event - Highland FMSC MobilePack. FMSC distributes meals to over 95 countries around the world.

Some 4th graders volunteered together at multiple shifts to pack raw ingredients into meals on an assembly line packing station. The meals were 24 cents each. Some of them even did fundraising and made donations to help cover the cost of the meals. They were hard workers and great leaders helping those in need.



Our Mustangs joined many students and families from all over the district. In one of the shifts there over 40 Wausau School District students volunteering together. How wonderful to see the community coming together to bring hope to kids in need around the world.

Thank you Rib Mountain Mustangs for not only being wonderful leaders in our school, but for being leaders in our community showing that together, we can make a difference. Great Job!



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Highland FMSC MobilePack



649
Volunteer
Packs -
136,080
Meals



Way to go,
Mustangs!

Thank you, Mrs. Brewer

A few weeks ago, Rib hosted the Wausau School District's Friends of Education breakfast and awards. One of our volunteers at Rib, Laura Brewer was nominated by Mrs. Hartman. Here is what Mrs. Hartman had to share about Mrs. Brewer:



Mrs. Brewer has been a generous volunteer to Rib Mountain Elementary. During the difficult circumstances of pandemic teaching, she consistently volunteered her time, even taking to Google Meet to offer additional opportunities for reading help. Her dependable partnership and individualized support proved to be priceless.

Mrs. Brewer has also spent years working with teachers and students in numerous capacities, offering personalized learning assistance, math guidance and general classroom help. Her patience and encouraging manner is valued by teachers and students alike.

Mrs. Brewer has also provided leadership and perspective to the PBIS Team. She has helped improve processes, enabling more effective relations between schools and family. She assists in various roles with school events and celebrations. Her selfless dedication has impacted so many and deserves recognition as a Friend of Education.

**We are thankful for all
of our volunteers that help
us at Rib!**



Possible Restructuring in the WSD



THE FUTURE OF THE WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

A CONVERSATION ABOUT RESTRUCTURING

There is a community conversation about the future of the WSD on Wednesday, December 7th @ 5:00 pm at Wausau East.

Dr. Hilts will also be at Rib Mountain Elementary on Tuesday, December 15th @ 6:00 pm in the library to answer any questions you may have.

PTO Fundraiser – My Local Deals

Rib Mountain PTO is doing a fundraiser with My Local Deals. Students/families are asked to sell three coupon books for \$20 each. Any unsold books do need to be returned to school. Students that sell all of their books will receive a Rib Mountain fidget. The information and coupon books were sent home with students earlier this week. All money and/or coupon books need to be returned by Tuesday, December 13th. Thank you for your support of our school and the Rib Mountain PTO.



Countdown to Winter Break - Dress Up Days

It is hard to believe that the holiday season and Winter Break are fast approaching. To countdown to Winter Break we will be having some fun dress up days starting Monday, December 12th. We can't wait to see all of the fun and creativity coming up in the next few weeks. Please reference the following information. Happy December.



DRESS UP DAYS

Monday: Dec. 12th



HOLIDAY SOCK DAY
(SHOW THEM OFF!)

Tuesday: Dec. 13th



SPARKLE & SHINE
DRESS IN ALL THINGS
SPARKLY & BRIGHT

Wednesday: Dec. 14th



HO-HO-HOEDOWN
DRESS IN YOUR BEST
WESTERN GEAR

Thursday: Dec. 15th



HOLIDAY HEADGEAR
DAY

Friday: Dec. 16th



DRESS LIKE A
SNOWMAN

Monday: Dec. 19th



DON'T BE A GRINCH
BUT WEAR GREEN
TODAY

Tuesday: Dec. 20th



FLANNEL FUN
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
FLANNEL OR PLAID

Wednesday: Dec. 21st



HOLIDAY/WINTER
SWEATER DAY

Thursday: Dec. 22nd



NIGHT BEFORE BREAK
WEAR PAJAMAS

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

December 6	2 nd Grade - Wausau West Planetarium 9:30 am - 11:15 am
December 8	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
December 15	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
December 15	Possible Restructuring Conversation with Dr. Hilts 6:00 pm - Library
December 19	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
December 20	PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library
December 22	NO BOOK BOWL
December 23 - January 1	Winter Break
January 5	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
January 11	4 th Grade to School Forest
January 12	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
January 13	2 nd Quarter ends - 11:30 Dismissal
January 16	NO CLASSES - Professional Development
January 17	PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library
January 19	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
January 23	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
January 26	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library

PTO
Meeting

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District News



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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 Ehler - 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. Hal Osborne – hosborn@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
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Special Ed Para – Fiona Vermote – fvermote@wausauschools.org
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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 – 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



Rotation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4 R-2	2 5 R-2	3
4	5 1 R - 1	6 2 R - 1	7 3 R - 1	8 4 R - 1	9 5 R-1	10
11	12 1 R - 2	13 2 R - 2	14 3 R - 2	15 4 R - 2	16 5 R - 2	17
18	19 1 R-1	20 2 R-1	21 3 R-1	22 4 R-1	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
WINTER BREAK						

2022 - 2023 Rib Mountain PTO

President: Jenn Aune
Vice President: Amanda Rowe
Secretary: Melissa Eades
Treasurer: Laura Brewer
Principal: Tammy Steckbauer



11-15-2022

- I. **Meeting Commenced:** 4:14 p.m.
- II. **Attendance:** Jenn Aune, Amanda Rowe, Melissa Eades, Tammy Steckbauer, Vickie Christianson, Denise Theiler, Ann Nygaard, Amanda Shuda, Emily Gaffney
- III. **Treasurer Report**
 - A. Checking: \$3,445.57
 - B. Savings: \$6,300.89
 - C. Fall Bazaar: \$4,033
 1. Bake Sale - \$555 (-\$288 from 2021); not as many baked items this year as there were in 2021
 2. Lunch - \$828 (+\$183 from 2021); charged more for the TRH baskets
 3. Spirit Wear - amount was minimal, maybe \$10, and was included in bake sale money
 4. Vendors - \$2,650 (+941.40 from 2021)- last year 32 vendors - increased price
 5. PTO owes Rib Mtn Elem \$2,016.50 for ½ Fall Bazaar proceeds. Laura will drop off the check to Denise this week.
- IV. **Secretary Report**
 - A. Fall Bazaar
 1. FB Ad: spent \$25; ran for 5 days; reached 2,681 and had 103 event responses
 2. Thank you sent to schools and People's State Bank for letting us put up banner
 3. Next Year To Do's:
 - a) E-flyer for WSD for advertising
 - b) Enlist 5th grade students to help vendors unload Friday / load Saturday and PTO could give them a portion for helping out which monies would be for graduation
 - c) Have My Local Deals available at Bazaar and have 5th grade students sell them
 - d) Skip face painting and utilize Key Club students in kitchen area
 - B. Mustang Sticker order: Denise will work on for January/February
 - C. AmazonSmile: Laura continues to work with Guidestar and IRS to be able to be a charitable organization through Amazon
- V. **Vice President Report**
 - A. Recap of Food Booth from Bazaar
 1. Make booth numbers visible for lunch delivery ease
 2. Popcorn was a huge hit

VI. President Report

- A. PTO Conferences - Thank you email sent to volunteers on 11/8/22
- B. Fall Bazaar - Thank you email sent to volunteers on 11/14/22
- C. Presentation from School Board Member - Restructuring
 - 1. December 5, 6, 8, 13 or 15. Email to Cassie Peck to determine board member availability. Tammy will start drafting a flyer and PTO will help
- D. My Local Deals. Expected delivery is after Thanksgiving. Denise will be reach out to him to see if can get prior to Thanksgiving
- E. Avalon Farm Flower Fundraiser (Randy Jaeger @ 715-443-3220)
 - 1. February is too late to contact them. About 50% profit. Delivery is usually before Mother's Day. Jenn will contact Randy to see if we can participate.

VII. Principal Report

- A. Staff Updates: need special ed para and night time janitor. Currently have a long-term substitute music teacher until January but still need to hire full-time.
- B. Enrollment paraprofessional for 2nd grade, Vicky Worzella, was added as class hit cap of 27 students.

VIII. Misc.- Parent/Teacher Comments

- A. Suggestion to do a Halloween Costume Drive/Exchange - bring outgrown costumes for kids in need
- B. PTC: Teachers were appreciative of donuts and meal
- C. Virtual Giving Tree for teacher/classrooms needs. PTO board will look into organization of this

IX. Adjourned: 5:13 p.m.