Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter



February 17, 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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2022-2023 Calendar



Thursday, February 23rd

Thursday, March 2nd

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Wausau School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, 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").

Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Rib families,

Grades 3-5 will be participating in the WI Forward Exam during the weeks following spring break. Please see the Forward Exam Schedule on the next page. Additionally, we will be scheduling time with the kids, providing an opportunity for them to practice using the online tools and skills needed to navigate the system. This is especially important for grade 3 as this is the first time they'll take the exam.





Please consider NOT scheduling appointments of other events on the days when we are testing. Additionally, the practice and training mentioned earlier will happen during the weeks of March 27-31 as well as April 3-6. <u>Anything you can do to avoid your child missing school on these days is greatly appreciated</u>. Thank you!

Finally, we like to make sure that tummies are happy so brains can function at maximum capacity when testing. We are asking for snack donations. If you've already donated something non-perishable and nut-free, thank you. If you'd like to donate something, please simply drop the donation off in the office when it's convenient for you.



Thanks, Tammy Steckbauer, Principal



FORWARD EXAM SCHEDULE



Forward Exam State Assessment March 20 – April 29

3RD GRADE

April 12 - Math - 9:00 am

April 13 - Math - 9:00 am

April 14 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 18 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 19 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 20 - ELA - 9:00 am

4TH GRADE

April 4 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 5 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 6 - ELA - 9:00 am

April 11 - Math - 9:00 am

April 13 - Math - 9:00 am

April 14 - Social Studies - 9:00 am

April 17 - Social Studies - 9:00 am

April 19 - Science - 12:30 pm

April 20 - Science - 9:00 am

April 21 - Science - 9:00 am

5TH GRADE

April 5 - ELA - 9:15 am

April 11 - ELA - 9:15 am

April 12 - ELA - 9:15 am

April 18 - Math - 9:15 am

April 19 - Math - 9:15 am

- Please make sure iPads are fully charged each night and brought back to school each morning
- Headphones will be provided by the school, but students may use their own if they choose to.

Fleiptul Tips

 Please make sure your student(s) get(s) a restful night's sleep and a nutritional breakfast

Make up Assessments April 24 – April 28

Thank you for supporting your students!

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.



Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up

The remainder of Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 23rd and Thursday, March 2nd. Please use the link below if you still need to sign up.



Conference Sign Up

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Theiler at 715-261-0220. We look forward to seeing you!

Book Fair



You and your student(s) will have an opportunity to shop at the Book Fair. The Library will be open for shopping on Thursday, February 23rd from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, during conferences.

We are looking for a few volunteers to cashier. Please see the link below. Thank you!

Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up

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!! This event is free of charge and students must be accompanied by an adult.



So Much Fun!



The kindergartners went to see "Pete the Cat" at the Grand Theater. They all LOVED it!















100th Day of School

 1^{st} graders worked very hard to create a project displaying 100 items. Here is some of their creativity. Way to go, 1^{st} graders!





The 5^{th} graders had an Invention Convention. So many good ideas and such creativity and imagination. Great job 5^{th} graders! A big thank you to Mrs. Zingler for helping her students show their ideas and talents.

Basketball



Austin, Ryan, Will, Jack, DJ, Tavin, Miss Sears Carson, Zavier, Luke, Taiyo, Greyson Savanna, Amber

Rib had some 4th and 5th graders participate in the Basketball Jamboree at Wausau East last week. They all did a great job representing our school with their hard work and respect. A big thank you to Miss Sears who dedicated her time and talent to work with this team. Thank you to the Wausau East Athletic Director, Kurt Vanden Heuvel for organizing the event. Way to go, Mustangs!



Book Bowl

A big congratulations go out to the 4th and 5th grade students who participated in Book Bowl this year. We had 24 students participate, making up three teams. We met weekly from late November to mid-February. Each team was responsible for reading a list of books and making notes on plot, character and setting. As we strategized and prepared for the District Competition (27 teams) on February 9, we really focused on our team work skills and doing the fair share of reading to help out within the team. It turns out that all that hard work paid off. The Division I-A team came in third place and the Division II team came in second place. Our Division I-B team did extremely well, as they were only one question away from placing in the competition. We are so proud of all the students. It is quite a commitment to read all those books and take the time to meet each week. Congratulations and many thanks to all the students who made it a wonderful Book Bowl season.

Book Bowl Coaches: Mrs. McTavish & Mrs. Gauger



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 715-261-0220 ext. 40254.



Volunteer Information



Looking for ways to volunteer?

Here's how to sign up.

We appreciate all of our volunteers!

Volunteer Information



Dates to Remember

3rd Grade to Leigh Yawkey Art Museum February 20

February 20 Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library

February 21 PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library Meeting

February 23 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Scholastic Book Fair - 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Decade Dance - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Gym

2nd Grade to Grand Theater - 10:00 am February 27

1st & 3rd Grade - 1:00 pm

The Magic School Bus

5th Grade School Forest February 27- March 1

March 2 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 3 Spirit Day Spirit!

February 24

5th Grade - John Muir Tour - 9:00 am March 7

March 14 PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm Library Meeting

Spirit/ March 17 Spirit Day

3rd Quarter ends - 11:30 Dismissal

March 20-24 Spring Break - No Classes

Spirit Day Spirit! March 31

4th & 5th Grade to Grand Theater - Yamato

PTO

District News



Summer School Registration



EARNING!

Online Registration

Students currently enrolled in a Wausau School District 4K program will automatically roll into their home school for the 2023-2024 school year. If your child was NOT enrolled in the Wausau School District 4K program or is new to the Rib Mountain area and will be 5 years old by September 1, 2023, please use the link above to register your child.



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)

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.

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.



G2M Community Connections

Extend your Summer
Learning with Community
Connections! Have a
FREE lunch and
join in the fun (Monday Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM)
with Community partners like 4-H, Boys and Girls
Club, Monk Botanical
Gardens and much more!
G2M = Growing Great
minds!



For students in

K-Grade 4,
classes are held at GD
Jones, Hawthorn Hills,
Lincoln, Riverview and
Thomas Jefferson
Elementary schools!

For more information and to register on-line at: https://tinyurl.com/wsdsummer2023

Cost for the 6 week program is \$40/student; \$100/family; For students economically disadvantaged, the reduced cost is \$10/student.

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 - <u>csears@wausauschools.org</u> School Counselor – Mrs. Cathy Ehlert - <u>cehlert@wausauschools.org</u> School Psychologist – Mr. Spencer Susa - <u>ssusa@wausauschools.org</u> Alex Hein – BSN, RN - <u>ahein@wausauschools.org</u> (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>
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
Special Ed Para – Mrs. Amanda Shuda – ashuda@wausauschools.org
Special Ed Para – Miss Kayli Thao – kaylisthao@wausauschools.org
Special Ed Para – Miss Fiona Vermote – fvermote@wausauschools.org
Enrollment Para – Mrs. Vicki Worzella www.vwv.eula@wausauschools.org
Food Service – Mrs. Pam Welch, pwelch@wausauschools.org
Food Service – Mrs. Victoria Klingensmith – yklingensmith@wausauschools.org
Health Aide – Mrs. Debbie Gauger – dgauger@wausauschools.org

Custodial Staff:

Lead Custodian – Mr. James Heidmann, <u>jheidman@wausauschools.org</u>
Night Custodian Miss Katie Haydon – <u>khaydon@wausauschools.org</u>
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:SO AM - 12:10 PM LUNCH RECESS - GRADE 4 & GRADE S

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

11:SS AM - 12:1S 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

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

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

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM KINDERGARTEN RECESS

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

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 & S (MRS. VICKIE CHRISTIANSON)

MUSIC: 4 & 5 (MR. NICK PETERS)





Rotation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19	20 4 R-1	5 R-1	1 R-2	23 2 R-2	3 R-2	25
26	27 4 R-2	28 5 R-2				







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Free Camp T-shirt to first 100 campers!



Wausau West

Bring glove, helmet, & bat (if available)

> Food provided after the camp!

Sunday, Feb. 26th

\$15

10:30-11:45am 1st Gr

12:15-1:45pm 2nd-4th Gr

2:15-3:45pm 5th-8th Gr

Register Now!



Pay at Door!

Registration Link

https://forms.gle/i6G1NBEvQNxLGKrg7

grade West Baseball Coaching staff will be offering a great opportunity for our young players to learn hitting and throwing mechanics, defensive fundamentals, along with how to be a

BOYS & GIRLS

1st-8th

good teammate! Join them for one or both sessions if possible!

Sunday, March 12th

\$15

10:30-11:45am 1st Gr

12:15-1:45pm 2nd-4th Gr

2:15-3:45pm 5th-8th Gr

Location: Wausau West Field House

Wausau West High School 1200 W Wausau Ave.