



Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

November 4, 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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Saturday, November 12th
8am – 3 pm

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Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Rib School Goals are Focused - November Update

~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 provide an update for each of the three pillars so families are "in the know" regarding our efforts.



Academic Goal- 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 and more mature, are being asked to facilitate 2 activities a day based upon student needs.

UPDATE:

Kdn.- We have grown from completing SMART activities for 15 min. to 25 min. over the last several weeks. We will continue to refine routines and strive for 30 min./daily.

Gr.1- We have grown from completing 10 min. of SMART activities a day to 20 min./daily for the first quarter of school. We will continue to refine routines and strive to reach our goal of 30 min./daily.

Grades K-2		Grades 3-5		Goal Met		Goal Not Met	
9/1	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
9/8	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
9/15	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
9/22	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
9/29	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
10/6	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
10/13	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
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10/27	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
11/3	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
11/10	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
11/17	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
11/24	20	20	20	2	2	2	2
12/1	20	20	20	2	2	2	2

Gr.2- We have grown from doing 10 to 20 min. of SMART activities.

Gr.3- We met our goal for the last 5 weeks to practice 2 SMART activities daily.

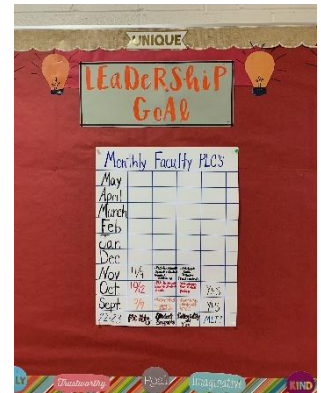
Gr.4- We met our goal for the last 5 weeks to practice 2 SMART activities daily.

Gr.5- We met our goal for the last 5 weeks to practice 2 SMART activities daily.

Leadership Goal- 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 as a staff. Another faculty meeting a month is being set aside to share concerns as well as celebrations.

UPDATE:

As a staff, we continue to meet together to learn more about each other and our students. Our goal is to increase our understanding of all students in order to better meet everyone's individual needs.



Culture Goal- 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.

UPDATE-LEADERSHIP Roles for students:

Kdn.- 35 classroom jobs have been maintained over the last 4 weeks.

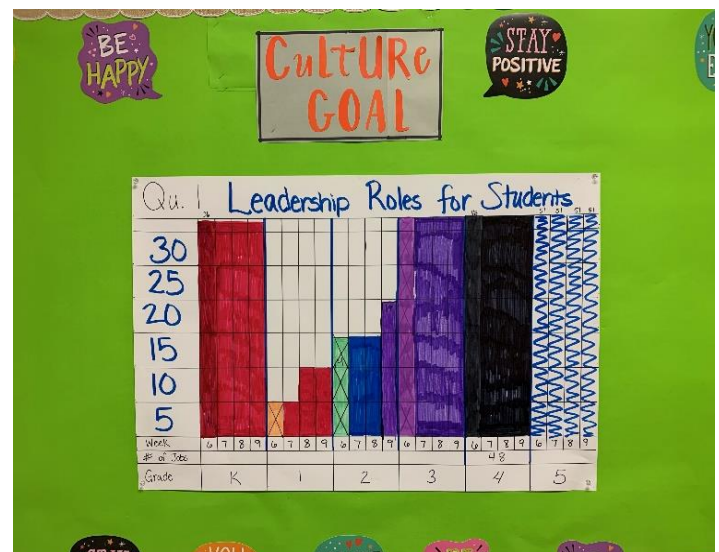
GR.1- 6 classroom jobs have increased to 10 jobs over the last 4 weeks. Each of the 10 jobs has several tasks within.

GR.2- 14 classroom jobs have increased to 19 jobs over the last 4 weeks.

GR.3- 36 classroom jobs have been maintained over the last 4 weeks.

GR.4- 48 classroom jobs have been maintained over the last 4 weeks.

GR.5- 26 classroom and 25 building-level jobs have been maintained over the last 4 weeks. Wow! That's 51 jobs for the 5th grade leaders.



Elementary Leadership Conference

Rib Mountain Elementary had five students from 4th and 5th grade chosen to be part of the Elementary Leadership Conference at the Boys and Girls Club. This program is designed to give encouragement to potential leaders while engaging them in activities that explore what it means to be a leader in school and within the community.

Thank you for being leaders and representing Rib Mountain Elementary. You may find out more about this conference using the following link: <https://www.smore.com/stqzp>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Emily H., Owen T., Ella K., Taiyo L., Eric S.



It's no mystery that Mustangs Work Hard, Work to Be Respectful, Be There, Be Ready and Be Safe. Since the beginning of the school year, all students have been working hard to shine like leaders as we follow our School Mission Statement! The Mustang meter was full and the students earned an all school celebration. We had Chalk Fest on a beautiful, sunny day!



ALL SCHOOL REWARD



Good
JOB!!



Way to go, Mustangs!

The Wausau West French Club was at Rib Mountain Elementary School on Friday, October 21 to offer students an opportunity to celebrate French culture and language. Students ate crêpes, made marshmallow Eiffel Towers, learned colors, numbers and animals. It was a fun time for everyone!

FRENCH CULTURE

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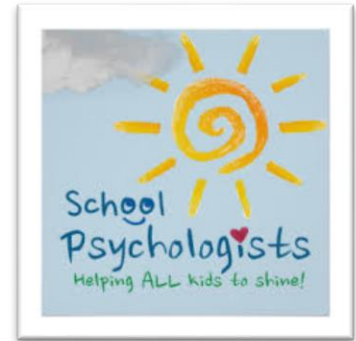


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National School Psychology Week



Next week is National School Psychology Week and we celebrate Spencer Susa, our school psychologist. This picture resonates with his personality perfectly. He is always smiling and willing to help with all of our student and staff needs.



Spencer is a true team player who is an amazing listener and problem-solver. He is approachable and collaborative and his support is unmatched. Not only does he share his talents and skills with us inside our school, but he also helps us outside as well, helping to cover recess duty when necessary. We cannot underscore how valuable he is to our school!

Thank you!

A big thank you to the PTO for organizing the meals for conferences for the teachers. Thank you to the parents who donated items or a monetary gift. We appreciate your generosity.

**THANK
YOU!**

Report Cards

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



Picture Retakes

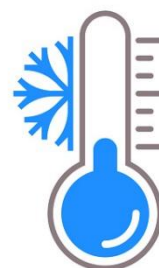
Picture retake day is Wednesday, November 9th. If plan on having your student's picture retaken, **please return the original package of pictures on picture retake day**. If your student was absent on picture day, they will have their picture taken on this day as well. You may order online @ inter-state.com/order, using code **71266WB**



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Cooler Temperatures

Colder temperatures have arrived. Please make sure your students are dressed properly for the conditions. Students will go outside unless it is raining or the temperature is below 0. If there are any families in need of help with warm clothing, please contact our Social Worker, Cortney Sears, at 715-261-0254.



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.

VETERANS, PLEASE JOIN YOUR STUDENT
FOR A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH!



Veterans Day Lunch

Friday,
November
11th



**Wild Mike's Cheesy Bites w/Marinara Sauce
Shredded Romaine, Cooked Carrots,
Apple Slices and Milk**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Please call the office by
Tuesday, November 8th to let us
know if you will be joining us.

715-261-0220.

Thank you!

Let's all wear **RED** **WHITE** & **BLUE** to show our support!

PTO Information

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 still needed to donate baked goods for the bake sale. This event is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the students and staff at Rib Mountain and help support the PTO. Drop off baked good in the office anytime on Friday, before, during or after school. Thank you!
[Fall Bazaar Sign up](#)



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!



NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

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

November 9	3 rd Grade to School Forest
November 9	Fall Picture Retakes
November 11	Veteran's Day Lunch - Wear Red, White & Blue
November 12	Fall Bazaar - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
November 15	PTO Meeting - 4:15 pm - Library 
November 17	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
November 18	Spirit Day
November 21	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
November 23-25	Fall Break - No Classes 
December 1	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
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 19	Stand for the Silent - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
December 20	PTO Meeting - 4:15 om - Library 
December 22	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
December 23 - January 1	Winter Break

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WE ARE HIRING!



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. 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 – mflash@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 - hburress@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:

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Learning Recovery Resource Teacher

Mrs. Ann Nygaard, anygaard@wausauschools.org

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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 – Kayli Thao – kaylisthao@wausauschools.org

Enrollment Para – 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 – 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 5 R-2	2 1 R-1	3 2 R-1	4 3 R-1	5
6	7 4 R - 1	8 5 R - 1	9 1 R - 2	10 2 R - 2	11 3 R-2	12
13	14 4 R - 2	15 5 R - 2	16 1 R - 1	17 2 R - 1	18 3 R - 1	19
20	21 4 R-1	22 5 R-1	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 1 R-2	29 2 R-2	30 3 R-2			

2022 - 2023 Rib Mountain PTO

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



10-18-2022

- I. **Meeting Commenced:** 4:15 p.m.
- II. **Attendance:** Jenn Aune, Laura Brewer, Melissa Eades, Denise Theiler, Amanda Shuda, Hali Koebe, Morgan Post, Nina Mialka, Cindy, Miranda
- III. **Treasurer Report**
 - A. Checking: \$1,500.98
 - B. Savings: \$6,300.89
 - C. Spirit Wear Online Sales \$253.00
- IV. **Secretary Report**
 - A. Credit Card Processing - Square vs. CheddarUp; discussion regarding pros and cons; we will not be pursuing credit card processing at this time as there is no major need.
 - B. Cub Scout Pack 453 will be rechartered soon; nothing PTO needs to do.
 - C. Passive Fundraising
 1. [Amazon Smile](#); Denise did check with Charles Kirsch-WSD business office said as long as PTO has their own "account" we can proceed; Melissa will work with Laura
 - D. Veteran's Day Breakfast (Friday 11/11) - in the past PTO has helped with. Per Denise, this year they will be having lunch. The school will take over this event.
- V. **Vice President Report**
 - A. No updates
- VI. **President Report**
 - A. [PTO Survey Response](#)
 1. 3 responses from 4th grade parents as of 10/13. Parents commented about time of meetings, agenda, parent connection group, family night at Sylvan Hill, and Festival Food cards
 2. Based upon survey, future PTO reminders will include upcoming minutes
 - B. Student Directory - were sent out; printing was \$12.95
 - C. [PTC Taco Meal](#) - November 3
 1. Last items were volunteered
 2. Thank you Denise for sending the Seesaw!!
 - D. My Local Deals
 1. Discussion regarding when to sell. Current books expire at the end of December. Books would make great stocking stuffers/gifts. We agreed to sell the week after Thanksgiving.

VII. Principal Report

- A. YTD update: going smoothly, however, there are staffing challenges. Long-term music sub coming October 31 or November 1; no applicants. 2nd grade paraprofessional, no applicants.

VIII. Fall Bazaar

- A. Vendor Updates: 52 paid booths-39 vendors. Gym is full and will have a few in the hallway. Still accepting vendors and will until the day before.
- B. Gym set-up: no gym class that day so will be taped up in the afternoon by staff
- C. Volunteers
 - 1. Denise will send out Seesaw. Currently 2 people signed up
- D. Concessions
 - 1. McTavish & Friends Replacement; no response from parents that were emailed. Melissa and Amanda will reach out to Marilyn to get trained.
- E. Face Painting: Denise touched base with Monica Borreson (Wausau West Key Club); she will have lunch counter workers and face painters.
- F. Banner Signs at John Muir, Grant and Thomas Jefferson Schools, People's State Bank;
 - 1. City of Wausau has approved and no permit needed as banners will not be up longer than 30 days.
 - 2. Thomas Jefferson Melissa will deliver and school will put up
 - 3. John Muir & Grant have been approved; Melissa will hang up
 - 4. People's State Bank (Rib Mtn location); Melissa received approval from branch manager, Ka Ying, and will put up
- G. Thank You & Save the Date Reminders for next year: Denise has created cards that will be placed at vendor booths for them to provide contact info for next year
- H. Spirit Wear Sales: Only 1 donation so far.

IX. Misc

- A. **Parent Comment:** Discussion regarding bake sale and pricing.

X. Adjourned: 4:50pm

Bridging Brighter Smiles is holding their next dental clinic at Rib Mountain Elementary on **Thursday November 17, 2022**. It is not too late to enroll if you are not already enrolled!

As a reminder, enrollments are accepted for all students 4K-12!



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