



Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

November 18, 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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No School

Nov. 23 –Nov. 25



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Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Restructuring WSD- Rib Could Be Impacted

The WSD, like many others, is facing a number of challenges. In addition to the typical ones such as declining enrollment and budgetary constraints. Wausau is also facing some new challenges surrounding staffing shortages and equity.



A Community Listening Session was held at Wausau West High School on November 16th to continue a conversation about how we can come together as a community to respond to these challenges in a more proactive way.

What's clear is it's becoming more and more challenging to continue to operate the same way we've always done with fewer dollars and more demands. What's unclear is how we should address these challenges so we may continue to provide an amazing educational experience for all.

Restructuring our district has been a topic of discussion for a long time. It seems that those conversations could now result in some significant changes as soon as the 2024-2025 school year.

In addition to a number of smaller conversations being held at different elementary schools' P.T.O. meetings, a second community-wide meeting is slated for **Dec. 7 at 5:00 pm** in the auditorium at Wausau East High School.

Rib's P.T.O. is working to schedule a smaller meeting for Rib Staff and families in December. Please stay tuned as we work out the details.

What can you do? How can you learn more? The best place to go to learn more is by visiting the Wausau School District Website. Click on the link [About WSD](#). The second thing you can do is get involved by attending the listening sessions as well as by responding to district survey opportunities to make your voice heard.

Since the next steps involve creating a plan, it's important to make sure all ideas are heard so we make the best possible decisions. I would strongly encourage you to become part of the solution to help Wausau continue to advance student learning, achievement and success.

Thank you!

Tammy Steckbauer, Principal



Kindergarteners Got to Vote!

The Kindergarten classes got to vote for their favorite Superkid on Election Day!



Veteran's Day Lunch

On November 11th, we celebrated Veteran's Day. Family members joined students for lunch. We are so grateful for all those who have served. Thank you for spending time with us.



Fall Bazaar

The annual Fall Bazaar was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without the support of so many! Thank you to the Rib Mountain PTO and the Rib Mountain staff for all of your hard work in preparing and making this event happen. Thank you to all of the families who donated to the bake sale and the lunch items and for volunteering to sell items at the Bake Sale.

We want to recognize local businesses that supported the event as well: Sam's Club, Texas Roadhouse and Lamb's Fresh Market. A huge thank you to Monica Borreson and the Wausau West Key Club for helping with the lunch counter and providing free face painting for the kids.

There were many Rib families that came to shop and it was great to see you all there. Thank you and we look forward to continued success in the future with this wonderful tradition.



PTO Fundraiser – My Local Deals

The Rib Mountain PTO will be 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 will be coming home with students the last week of November. Thank you for your support of our school and the Rib Mountain PTO.



Colder Weather is Here!

A grid of six illustrations showing winter clothing: a blue quilted jacket, brown snow pants, a grey and blue checkered beanie with a black pom-pom, blue snow boots with white fur trim, blue mittens, and a blue and white patterned scarf.

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

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 pm - Library 
December 22	Book Bowl - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Library
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

District News

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IT OUT!**



Download our New Mobile App Today!



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- 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



**COME
JOIN OUR
TEAM!**

We are looking for a
part time
**G2M(Growing Great
Minds) Out of
School Enrichment
Coordinator!**

Click here to find
out more about this job!



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

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

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:

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 – 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			



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				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						



LITTLE WARRIORS BASKETBALL



This Winter we will again be offering our Little Warriors Boys basketball sessions for boys in Grades K - 1st. These sessions will be held on Monday Nights at Wausau West High school. These sessions are designed to provide our youth players with a fun and positive basketball experience. The fundamentals of basketball will be a major focus in these sessions. Little Warriors is essential for the development of our basketball program and is highly encouraged for all players who want to pursue basketball at Wausau West. GO WARRIORS

Dates: All Sessions will be at Wausau West High School - Door 11

- Monday - December 12th
- Monday - January 2nd
- Monday - January 16th

****Friday January 27th - Little Warriors Night @ Varsity Game****

Time:

- 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Cost: Payment will be collected on the first night.

- \$20 Per Player
- Cash or Check

Checks Payable to: Wausau West Boys Basketball

Registration:

To Register please click or go to the Link Below or scan the QR Code below. Registration will be done all online. Information is also available on our website www.wausauwesthoops.com

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/UNZgY5Dx1pfBNqPWA>

