

Rib Lake Elementary December Newsletter

2024



Student Absences:

Cold & flu season are upon us!!! Sadly, with that, your student may not be able to attend school because he/she is not feeling well. **Please remember to call the school at 715.427.5818 before 9 a.m.** and let us know that your child will be out of school. Without a note or phone call, your child will be marked unexcused for that day. Thank You :)



Attn: Elementary School Parents

Please send your child to school wearing their snow pants if they do not eat breakfast at school. The doors open at 7:45 am with many busses arriving close to that time. Students are to go outside for morning recess or go to breakfast. If the student comes without their snow pants on they will need to put them on before going out to recess and this is very difficult for the younger students. Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Events:



- Dec. 18...**School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm in District Office Board Room
- Dec. 19...**RLES Christmas Programs in RLHS Gym- Grades K-2 @ 6pm and Grades 3-5 @ 7:15pm
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1...**No School, Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 2...** School Resumes
- Jan. 16...**End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 17...**No School, Teacher Inservice
- Jan. 20...**No School, Teacher Inservice
- Jan. 27-30...**North Lakes Dental Clinic

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Chilly Weather Reminder



Although the weather has been quite warm, the temperatures are bound to drop and when they do, please be reminded that students are to bring appropriate outdoor clothing. School policy is that children will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature is 5 degrees or warmer for PreK - 2nd grade and 0 degrees or warmer for 3rd - 5th grade.

Please put your child's name on their clothing - that will help us find the right owner for the items that are brought to the lost and found table. Thank you!

Rib Lake's School Forest Day was featured in the **Wisconsin Science Digest**! Below is the article highlighting what our School Forest Day entails and showcasing the many educational resources available to teach our students during this special event. Thank you to Martha Danowski and all the organizations, staff members, and students for making the day such a great experience!



Hello Science Education Colleagues,

Below are a few science education resources I've heard about. If you have announcements to share about science or STEM-related professional learning and resources, please send them my way for the next edition. A record of these emails can be found on my website: dpi.wi.gov/science/social-media.

First, I was excited to hear about the Rib Lake School Forest Day that was held on October 8th. It's an outdoor learning event for elementary and middle school students that connected with lots of community partners, rotating through different areas. Taylor County Land Conservation supported a stream ecology activity. Ice Age Trail Alliance presented about the geology of the forest. A private forester and a DNR forester presented on forest ecology and Smokey Bear's 80th anniversary. Chequamegon Bird Club presented on the birds inhabiting the forest. Martha Danowski, Rib Lake HS science teacher, presented about amphibian animals and their biology. 4-H presented a tree identification talk. The area DNR game warden gave a presentation about predator animals. The Rib Lake Library provided a story time with a forest connection. And there were more! The students and presenters alike look forward to this event every year!

Cheers,
Kevin



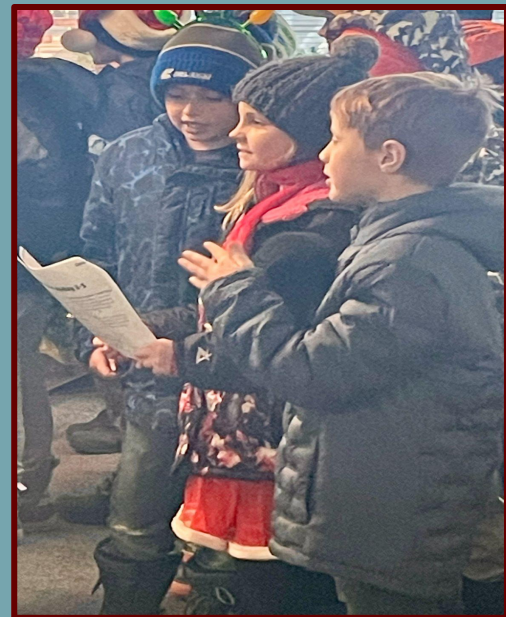
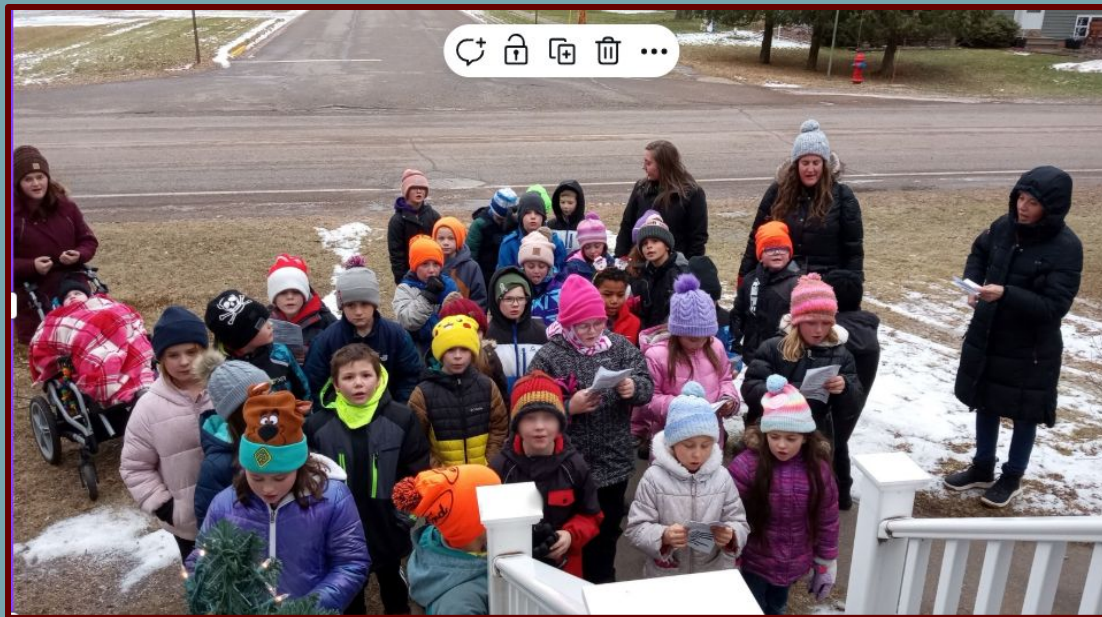


Thank you local community members, businesses and organizations for your Reindeer Shop Donations. With your donations and the help of our wonderful volunteers and high school students, each elementary student was able to take home gifts for their family. Your support and generosity made this day a great success!



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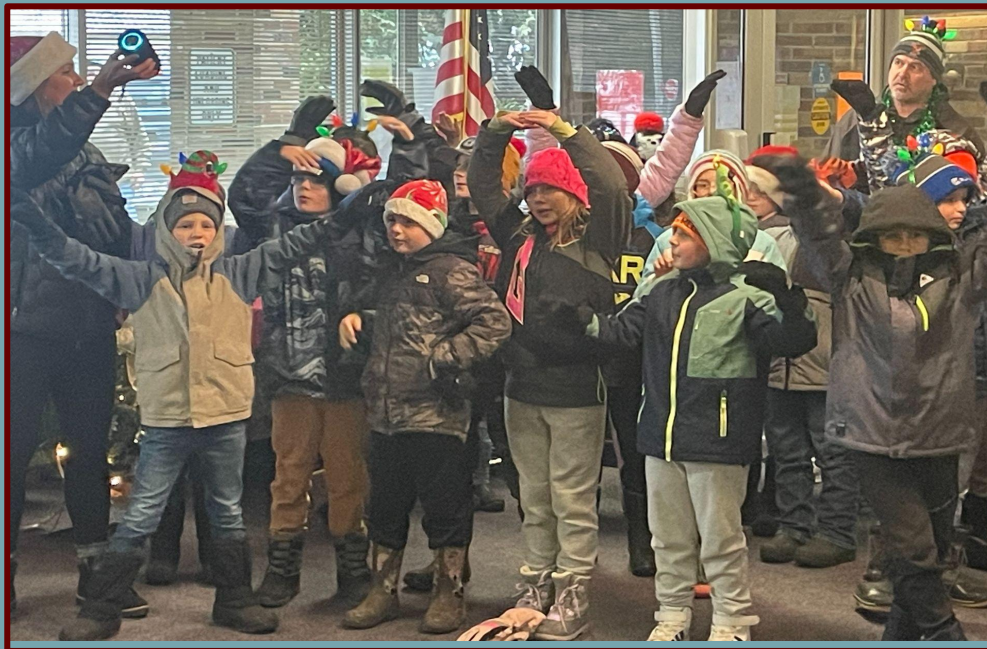
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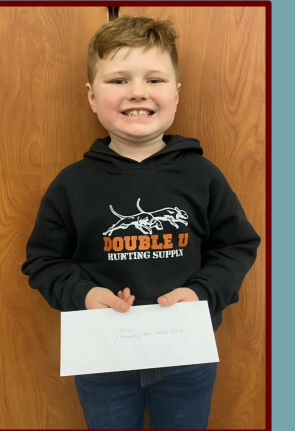
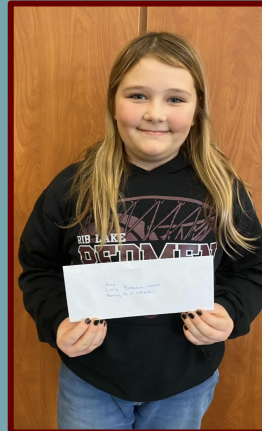
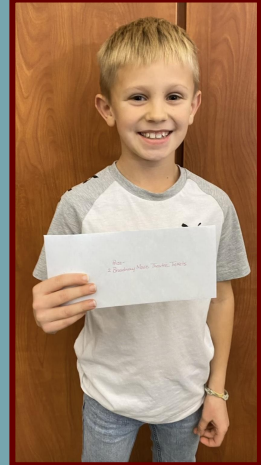
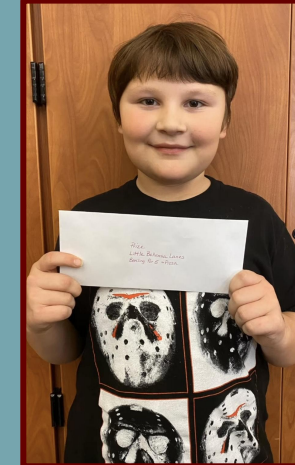
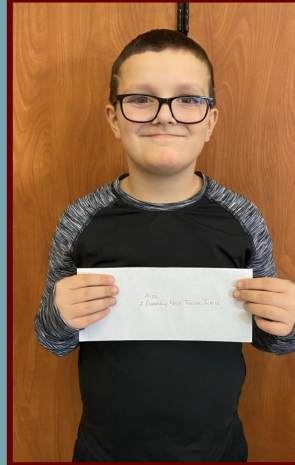
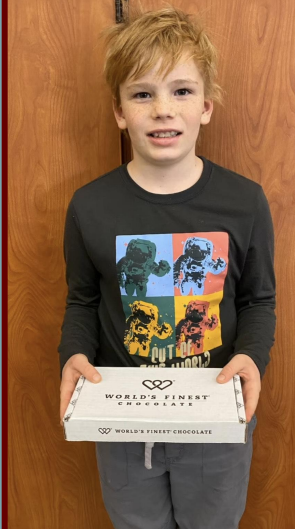


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World's Finest Chocolate Winners



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Redmen Readers

Ho-Ho-Holy Christmas-a-roni! How did December get here so quickly? As the 2024 portion of this school year finishes up, you may be in need of some ideas for continued learning over break. Check out <https://www.safekidgames.com/christmas-games/> for some games that might be new to your child. If you're interested in online stories being read aloud by such celebrities as Meryl Streep, Kevin Costner, Betty White, or Seth Meyers, visit <https://storylineonline.net/> to enjoy a plethora of titles. I highly recommend Arnie the Doughnut being read by Chris O'Dowd. See if your family enjoys it, too! Have a safe and great memory-making Christmas break! See you in 2025!

😊 Mary Hessefort (Reading Interventionist)



Staff had fun dressing up for candy cane day!



Counselor's Corner



Hello Families! During the month of December, students focused on the character trait empathy. Students learned empathy means putting yourself in someone else's shoes and trying to understand how they feel. It's important for children to be able to see things from someone else's point of view, even if they don't agree with them or feel the same way they do.



When students learn about empathy, they are more equipped to recognize when someone is angry, sad, happy, or scared. Once they learn how to recognize others emotions and feelings, they are better able to respond with understanding and kindness. Doing this will help them to build relationships and connect with others.



You can help your students learn empathy by giving them opportunities to practice and by modeling how to be empathetic. Starting this during their elementary years will have a huge impact on who your students will be as they continue their academic journey.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's social and emotional well being, please do not hesitate to reach out at 715-427-5818 or ballen@riblake.k12.wi.us



-Brittany Allen, Elementary School Counselor

