



Rib Lake Elementary January Newsletter 2025



Upcoming Events :

- Jan. 16... End of Quarter 2
- Jan. 17... NO SCHOOL- Teacher Inservice
- Jan. 20...NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice
- Jan. 27-30 ...NorthLakes Dental Clinic
- Jan. 29... District Spelling Bee
- Feb. 3... Open Enrollment Begins
- Feb. 3-7... Soup-er Bowl (non perishable soups & crackers to be collected for local food pantry)
- Feb. 10-14... Kindness Week
- Feb. 27...Early Dismissal @ 12:15 for Elementary & P/T conferences 1-6pm
- Feb. 28... Teacher Inservice
- March 4 ... Spring Pictures
- March 10-14... NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

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!

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.

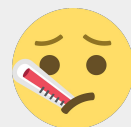


Student Absences:

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!



Become a Redmen

If someone you know would like to attend the Rib lake School District, the open enrollment period has begun. Please have them contact Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us for more information.

We would love to help them become a Rib Lake Redmen!



Open Enrollment

The application period for the 2025-26 school year is **February 3 - April 30, 2025**. Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school other than the one in which they live. Parents must complete an online application no earlier than February 3, 2025, and no later than April 30, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. The DPI website to complete an online application is: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

At this time, once a student is accepted to attend the Rib Lake School District under open enrollment, the student may continue to attend the district without having to reapply every year. For more information, please contact Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us

Tuition Waiver

If your family is moving out of the district but wishes to continue at the Rib Lake Schools, you will need to fill out an open enrollment tuition waiver or alternative application. Please contact Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us for assistance.

Child Development Day will be here soon for children ages 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ to age 4 that have not previously been screened! Please watch our Facebook page and The Shopper for more details.



Nurse Notes

Clark and Taylor County have had an increase in Mumps cases. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) is a school required vaccine starting in Kindergarten. Tips to keep from spreading mumps:

- Don't share things that have saliva on them
- Cover coughs & sneezes
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash hands with soap and water
- Clean and disinfect surfaces

Mumps is know for puffy cheeks & swollen jaw. Other symptoms include: fever, headache, loss of appetite, muscle aches & tiredness.

Complications include swelling of: testicles, ovaries, breasts, pancreas, brain & spinal cord tissue.

Contact your doctor if you have symptoms.

Taylor County and the state of Wisconsin currently has an outbreak of Pertussis also known as Whooping Cough. This can appear like a common cold and is known for the 'whoop' noise when gasping for air after a coughing fit. Those who have been vaccinated may still get whooping cough but their illness is generally milder. The Dtap vaccine is given for prevention for young children (4 doses by Pre-K). If you would like to check the status of your child's vaccines, please call the Taylor County Health Department or your students local provider.

Reach out with any questions:

Nurse Maris

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Understanding Wisconsin's Act 20: Enhancing Literacy for Students

What is Act 20? Wisconsin's Act 20 was designed to enhance reading proficiency among students in grades 4K-3. The goal is to ensure that all children are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade. Recognizing the critical importance of early literacy, this act implements specific measures to support our students in achieving this goal.



Key Requirements of Act 20

1. Early Literacy Screening: Schools are required to conduct screenings 3x yearly in AIMSweb+ for foundational literacy skills in 4K-3rd grade. This helps to identify students who may need additional support.
2. Personalized Reading Plans: For students who demonstrate reading difficulties and fall below the 25th percentile, schools are required to develop a Personalized Reading Plan (PRP). This plan will include specific goals, strategies, and interventions tailored to meet each child's unique needs. It is a collaborative effort involving teachers, parents, and, of course, the students themselves.
3. Regular Progress Monitoring: The act mandates regular progress monitoring to track the effectiveness of interventions and adjust them as necessary. This ensures that each student receives the support they need to improve their reading skills.
4. Family Involvement: Act 20 emphasizes the importance of family engagement in a child's literacy development. Schools will provide resources and strategies for parents to support reading at home.
5. Professional Development for Educators: To implement these requirements effectively, educators will receive training on best practices in literacy instruction and intervention strategies. This ensures that teachers are equipped with the latest tools and knowledge to support our students.

What This Means for Parents and Guardians:

- **Encourage Reading at Home**: Make reading a daily habit. Watch also for materials and resources sent home to continue the learning from the school day.
- **Stay Informed**: Look for updates from your child's teacher regarding their reading progress and any Personalized Reading Plans.
- **Participate in School Activities**: Join literacy events and workshops offered by the school to learn more about how to support your child's reading development.

If you have any questions about Act 20 or how it impacts your child's education, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Kindness Week 2025 February 10 - February 14



Dress Up Days:

- Monday 2/10: "Kindness is the Rib Lake way"- wear Rib Lake colors
- Tuesday 2/11: "Hats Off to Kindness"- wear your favorite hat
- Wednesday 2/12: "Wacky for Kindness"- teachers dress like students and students dress like teachers
- Thursday 2/13: "Dreaming of Kindness"- pajama day
- Friday 2/14: "We Love Kindness"- wear pink and red

No act of kindness , no matter how small, is ever wasted.



A heartfelt thank you to Taylor Credit Union for their generous donation of hats and mittens to support our local schools. RLES is so grateful to have received many warm hats and mittens for our students!



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following 5th grade students who will be advancing to the district spelling bee on January 29th.

Pictured right to left- Nathia Sosa, Bailey Harder, Alex Meyer and Andrew Jensen



Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year! With the start of a new year, many are setting New Year's Resolutions. Many REACH classes worked through their own 2025 resolutions that they would like to aspire to over the next year. The character trait for the month of January was perseverance. Students learned that perseverance is the ability to keep trying and not give up, even when things get challenging. Developing skills and working towards a goal requires perseverance and a growth mindset which is something we have been working on all year! We want to help our children develop this trait so they can grow into their fullest potential!

Happy New Year!
- Brittany Allen, RLES Counselor



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