

RIB LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

August 2018

Kirsten Budimlija, Principal

The 1st day of school for students is Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Middle School

Sports

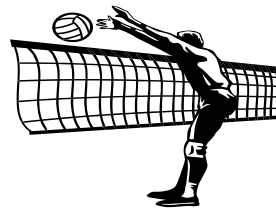
RLMS fall sports (Cross Country, Football and Volleyball) begin practice at varying dates in August. Specific information regarding these sports can be obtained from the middle school office.

Prospective athletes must meet WIAA eligibility requirements prior to practicing. If need be, you may call the office to verify your WIAA status.

A schedule of all RLMS sports contests is available on the school website.

Dual Sports Enrollment

It is the philosophy of Rib Lake Middle School to allow students to participate in a wide variety of educational experiences to prepare them for high school. Middle school students are allowed to participate in two fall sports (cross country and football for boys, cross country and volleyball for girls) with parental permission and principal approval. The coaches of both sports involved meet to make out an individual practice/game schedule for the entire season for all dual enrolled middle school athletes. Please contact Mr. Wudi, the respective sport coach or the middle school office if your child is interested in this opportunity.



Preparing for Middle School

As the days of summer quickly come to an end, an anticipation creeps in regarding the new school year and wondering if we are prepared.

Scheduling is being finalized however, at the middle school level students do not have the option of choosing what classes they will take (excepting Band & Choir) or what period they will have specific courses. It is for this reason that student schedules for RLMS students are NOT released early...all middle school students will receive their schedules on the first day of school.

All 6th graders must take part in Band or Choir (they may take both) to fulfill a music requirement. Students are being scheduled in music classes per their choice. Any changes **must** be completed by the end of the 1st week of school. Changes require a note from the parent stating the change and reason for it. The teacher and principal will also need to sign the change request before the office can make an official change of schedule.

Locker assignments will be available a few days prior to school starting. Any middle school student wishing to stop in and try their locker combination prior to the start of school should call the office first.

Parents are reminded that students will bring home several informational items on the first day of school. Please take the time to read, complete and return as needed.

Upon arriving at school on September 4th, RLMS students should report to the gymnasium for orientation and instructions.

School Supply Lists for RLMS students are available at Medford's Walmart, by contacting the middle school office or by visiting the School District Website or Facebook page.

Meet our new Principal

I am thrilled to welcome each of you to the 2018-2019 school year. My name is Kirsten Budimlja (said “K-ear-sten Bud-em-lee-ah”), the Rib Lake Middle and High School Principal. I come to Rib Lake from the even tinier (if you can believe it) town of Deer Park, in the New Richmond/Hudson, Wisconsin area. I couldn't be happier to get back to my rural roots and in a small-town community, again!

After graduating from Amery High School, I went north, and got my Bachelors of Science degrees in Biology, Broadfield Science, and Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. During my undergraduate classes, I found my love for evidence and research, which can be seen in my decision making today. Early in my collegiate career, I also realized my passion for education. I LOVE learning and growing. A career in teaching allowed me a chance to instill this zeal in students. In the teaching program, I learned best practices and formed my philosophy of education- to bridge the gap from what students know, to what they should know, in the best way possible for each student. Also during my undergraduate career, I served as a Hall Director in a residence hall of 400 underclassmen and 30 staff members. In this time, I realized my love for organization and leadership.

After graduating, I gained teaching experience at diverse age and socioeconomic levels at Northwestern High School and Superior Middle School. While teaching, I gained valuable insight in classroom management, strengthened my beliefs, and practiced new ideas in the field of education. I learned the importance of teamwork and realized my desire to lead a successful one. Through my teaching, I also realized my passion for curriculum and pedagogy.

After meeting my husband, Josh, I got a job teaching at Marshfield High School and moved to our current home near Lake Esadore. In the Marshfield School District, I was able to apply the practices I learned, through my Masters in Education Administration Program, in leadership roles such as New Teacher Lead Mentor, District Curriculum Cycle Leader, Science Personalized Learning Community Leader, Multi Tier Systems and Supports Leader, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Leader, and more.

I couldn't be more excited to continue my journey in education in the Rib Lake School District as a principal. I have seen great things in the district and hope to continue to uphold it's wonderful reputation. As Principal, I manage and problem solve in a firm, fair, and ethical manner that upholds district policy and due process. I hope you will find that my sense of humor, compassion, energy, and enthusiasm for education and our profession make me approachable and easy to collaborate with. I will continue to facilitate shared decision making, and work to make each individual feel heard, valued, respected, and supported to foster a positive and encouraging school culture, with high morale.

When I'm not in the office, you can find me stand-up-paddle-boarding with our golden retriever, Lincoln. I enjoy reading, gardening, baking, and just about any type of crafting including scrapbooking, crocheting, and quilting.

I look forward to getting to know you further as the Middle and High School Principal in the Rib Lake School District and providing the highest quality education for every student in a responsive, enriching environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at any time, with questions, comments, or concerns!

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First Day Forms

We have had a goal of reducing the amount of required forms for parents to sign throughout the year. Parents will be receiving a two sided form which covers:

- student emergency information
- field trip permission
- Internet usage
- Chromebook user agreement

This form will need to be returned by the student before receiving a Chromebook, using the school network, or participating in a field trip. Please call the high school or middle school office if you have questions or concerns.

Handbooks

The student handbooks will be available for your review at www.riblake.k12.wi.us. The district will not be printing handbooks unless specifically requested by parents. Please call the middle school office if you would like a printed handbook.