#### **Rick Cardey, Principal**

March 2018

# **Rib Lake Middle School**

## **Daylight Savings** Time

Sunday, March 11th, Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night.

Everyone is looking forward to the snow melting and seeing green

grass and warmer spring weather!



There is NO SCHOOL March 30-April 2, 2018. School will be dismissed at 12:30 pm for students on March 29th. Quarter 3 ends on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.



### Attendance and Truancy

Studies show that developing good attendance patterns in school generally carries over into adult life. A student who misses 15 days of school a year for twelve years misses an equivalency of one full year of education. Parents are urged to schedule appointments after school whenever possible. Be sure your child gets enough sleep, eats properly, and participates in regular exercise to remain as healthy as possible. Keep in mind, the more days of school your child misses, the more likely he or she will fall behind academically. The State of Wisconsin and Taylor County have laws and guidelines for unexcused absences. Every student is allowed to miss 10 school days. Additional absences do require a note from a professional where the child may have had an appointment, excusing the child for the day.

We encourage parents to visit the school or call at any time to discuss attendance concerns. Parents, please do what you can at home to help your child avoid the consequences of missing too many days of school. If your child was/ will be absent, a phone call or note from you must accompany your child upon their return to school. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP ON THIS ISSUE!!



#### **Middle School** Dance

Students that will be participating in the



Washington, D.C., trip in June are sponsoring a dance on Friday, March 16, 2018, 7-9 pm, in the RLMS gym to help raise money for their trip. Michael Hempe will be the "DJ". Only RLMS students are eligible to attend the dance.



is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018, at Rib Lake. Details will be forthcoming.









# **Student Testing in April**

The State of Wisconsin has a student assessment called the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is scheduled to begin in early April at RLMS.

#### **Open Enrollment**

The application period for the 2018-2019 school year is February 5 - April 30, 2018. Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Parents must complete an online application no earlier than February 5, 2018, and no later than April 30, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.

The DPI website to complete an on-line application is:

http://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 Kristin Lueck at 715.427.5818 or <u>klueck@riblake.k12.wi.us</u>.

#### **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 Kristin Lueck at 715.427.5818 or <u>klueck@riblake.k12.wi.us</u> for assistance.

# Imagine College

NTC, in Wausau, WI is offering 6th & 7th grade students at RLMS the opportunity to attend Imagine College on Friday, March 09, 2018. During *Imagine College*, middle school students have the opportunity to learn about NTC and the benefits of a technical college education as well as explore five different program areas; Public safety, Internet Technology, Graphics, Diesel & Mechanical Design. Students will be bussed to & from this event. Bus departure from RLMS will be 10:30 am, with return time to RLMS scheduled for 3:10 pm. This is a free event for students. Students should pack a sack lunch since they will be enroute to NTC at lunch time. If you have any questions related to this opportunity, feel free to contact the middle school office.