

# RIB LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT



*Together For Children*

## RLSD MISSION

The mission of the School District of Rib Lake is to provide the highest quality education for every student in a responsive and enriching environment.

## CORE VALUES

We value:

- High expectations for all students as they grow socially, emotionally, and academically to become productive, responsible members of society.
- A strong commitment to provide passionate, knowledgeable, collaborative and skillful educators,
- Strong community school partnerships.
- Skills in communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.
- Purposeful, effective, well-maintained, and safe facilities and equipment.



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## Summer Newsletter 2015

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Lori A. Manion

It is with great anticipation and excitement that we get ready for the 2015-16 school year. Our buildings are undergoing a much needed face-lift, both interior and exterior, and staff is working hard to have our schools ready to open on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope that you are having a great summer and are reenergizing for another year of school.

It continues to be a priority for our district to effectively meet the needs of every student on an individual level. With a focus on personalized learning, teachers grow in their knowledge of how to effectively meet these demands learning a variety of different strategies. The infusion of the 4C's (Creativity, Communication, Collaboration and Critical Thinking) into the daily classroom experience continues to be an important ingredient for the success of our students. Teachers are supported with needed professional development and technology to integrate into the learning environment. As a district, we continue to explore opportunities to move to a 1 to 1 environment. It is an exciting aspect of teaching and learning!

One other very important addition to our district (and one that you will be hearing a lot about) is our "Culture of Champions". Earlier this summer, Mr. Krommenacker and two high school students participated in a conference in

Lake Placid, New York, to extend their understanding of 'life of an athlete'. Mr. K talks more about this district-wide program later in this newsletter. We are committed to developing leadership, healthy choices and respect throughout the entire school district. We are excited to begin this journey!

Many may be wondering about progress on our referendum from this spring. Here is a brief summary of items that are completed or upcoming:

- HVAC – Existing equipment has been removed to accommodate new air handling units, roof top units, unit ventilators, and energy recovery ventilators. New ductwork for air distribution has been installed.
- Roofing – Many roof areas have been removed and replaced and other areas will be upgraded throughout most of the summer.
- Building Envelope Improvements – Improvements have been made to the building shell at all three schools resulting in a "tighter envelope".
- Plumbing - The existing flush tanks have been removed and have been replaced with automatic flush valves. Water heaters have been replaced with new energy efficient units in all three schools.
- Electrical - Completed work includes upgrades to the gym lighting in the Elementary School, new panel boards and switchgear at the Middle and High School, generator back up for IT equipment, and new electrical conduit for the HVAC equipment.

Generally, the work has gone quite well. The excessive rain days earlier this summer have impacted the roofing schedule slightly but roofing completion is still expected prior to the start of the 15/16 school year. The windows have a significant lead time and installation is currently scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. Other projects continue to be on schedule at this time.

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The remainder of this newsletter focuses on news about the upcoming school year that parents and students need to know.

Please take some time to review this information and refer to our district website for additional information. Don't hesitate to contact us if there's anything we can do to help make this a successful start-up for your child(ren).

On behalf of the entire district staff, I wish you a safe, energizing, and fun remainder of your summer.

## SCHOOL START UP INFORMATION

### AUGUST OFFICE HOURS

The Middle School and High School offices will be open starting Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Office hours will be 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday through the end of August. The Elementary School office will open on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. These offices will not be open on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, or 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions prior to the opening of these offices, please stop in or call the District Office. (715.427.3222)

### COMMUNICATION

The District is committed to communicating frequently with our parents/students. We have several methods where information can be obtained:

- Phone
- Email
- District Website: [www.riblake.k12.wi.us](http://www.riblake.k12.wi.us)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rlsdpride>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/rlsdpride>
- REMIND Texts & Emails (information located on the district website)

*GET CONNECTED!*

### FOOD SERVICE UPDATES

The school district will continue to use the automated breakfast/lunch procedures for 2015-16. Due to a mandatory cost increase, full priced meals have increased.

- ❖ *Extra Milk/Juice = \$ .30*
- ❖ *Elementary Breakfast \$1.25 & Lunch \$2.50*
- ❖ *Middle/High School Breakfast \$1.60 & Lunch \$2.75*

Students eligible for free or reduced lunches during the 2014-15 school year may continue that status for 30 operating days, pending receipt and approval of updated forms from parents for the 2015-16 school year. Forms will be mailed to each family in a separate mailing.

It is the policy of the district that all students shall have an opportunity to participate in the school lunch/breakfast program. However, those with negative balances will be denied hot lunch access. Such individuals will be served an alternate cold lunch. The only exception would include cases of "extreme circumstances" which are appealed to the District Administrator.

Each family has been issued a "password" to allow access to account balances. Families new to the district will be mailed information regarding their account. If you need assistance with this process, please contact your respective school office.

### FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Parents of children entering Four-Year-Old Kindergarten are invited to an orientation on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the K-2 center at Rib Lake

Elementary School. This is an opportunity for parents and children to become familiar with their teacher,

classroom, daily routine, and preschool curriculum. A child's early school experiences are critical to their success, and in working collaboratively with parents, we want to ensure a positive start for every child. We look forward to meeting you on August 24<sup>th</sup>!

### HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please remember to fill out and/or update your student's medical information and emergency contacts at the beginning of the year so we can notify you, in a timely manner, of health issues when your child(ren) are at school.



Students may need to receive medication during school hours related to either acute or chronic conditions in order for them to benefit from educational services. Administration of medication by school staff must follow established policy/procedures:

1. Prescription medication (including asthma medication) must be in original bottle/container with current label including student's name, name of medication, dose, and name of physician.
2. A new permission form must be submitted each school year.
3. Non-prescription medications should also be in original container. Only parent/guardian signature is required, unless medication is to be administered other than dosage on bottle. In this case, physician's signature is also required.

If you have any questions or health concerns regarding your student or health issues at school, please feel free to call your student's school.

**NEW STUDENTS / NEW FAMILY ADDITIONS**

If your family has recently moved to the area and you have a student(s) you would like to enroll in the Rib Lake School District, please contact the appropriate school office to ensure a smooth start for your student.

If you have a recent addition to your family, please contact Neva at 715.427.5446. The school district records all children (along with pertinent information) that live within the district. This information ensures families are contacted when age appropriate school offerings are available for their children.

**REDMEN GEAR**

If you are looking for some Redmen apparel for yourself or your student, stop in at the Elementary School office. We have several items to choose from in our school store. Come check it out!

**STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

Parents are asked to thoroughly review all information sent home with students on the first day of school. These items will include emergency forms (to be completed and returned), student handbooks, internet consent forms, etc. Please take the time to review this information with your student. Handbooks are also located on the website of each school.

**STUDENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**



One of the areas of concern that arises each year is student school attendance. The state and local attendance regulations that the school district is mandated to comply with are outlined in your student's handbook, and are discussed with students on the first day of school. Parents or guardians **MUST** contact the school when their student will be/has been absent. If this is not done, the student will be marked 'UNEXCUSED' which eventually leads

to truancy reporting. Parents are also encouraged to obtain verification for any appointments to professionals for their child. Please take the time to review this issue with your student since we are obligated by the state to enforce it. Students in grades K-12 may be excused from school by their parent for no more than 10 days each year and must have a medical/legal excuse for any days beyond this point.

The school feels family outings are very valuable educational opportunities. Anyone planning a family trip must complete a family trip form and return it to their child's building principal prior to the anticipated event. This will pre-excuse your child and request assignment make-up permission. Unless other arrangements have been made with individual teachers, it is required that homework be completed before trip departure or at the latest, upon return to school.

**STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS**

Recommended supply lists for students entering PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2015-16 school year are available at Medford's Wal-Mart & Kmart, by contacting the elementary or middle school office, or by checking the school website. The high school requires students to have pens, pencils, note paper, student organizer or notebooks, and highlighters. Other needed materials are schedule specific and will be discussed on the first day.

**STUDENT WALKERS**

For safety reasons, elementary students that walk to school should use the marked crosswalk by the middle school. This crosswalk connects with the walking trail that leads to the elementary school. **NO STUDENT SHOULD WALK TO SCHOOL ALONG CTH D.**

**TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks are available to students at no charge. However, if it is determined

that a student damages/loses any district owned book during the time it is entrusted to the student, the student/student's family is responsible for the cost of damages incurred or the replacement cost of the book.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Bus Stops for 2015-16 will be as follows:

Rib Lake

- 402 State Road
- Methodist Church
- Lakewood Credit Union
- Corner of Landall & Front
- Pebble Valley Driveway
- West Street (top of the hill)
- Middle School

Westboro

- Westboro Library
- CTH D between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street



Bus stop location information is available in all school offices. Pick-up and drop-off times for all routes will be consistent with 2014-15 times. For further details or any individual busing questions contact Bartelt Bus Service (715.748.2538)

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

RLES welcomes the following new additions to their staff:



- Mrs. Jensen – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Mrs. Scheithauer – Special Ed Aide
- Ms. Logan – Special Ed Aide
- Ms. Hedrington – Speech Clinician
- Mrs. Franz – CLC Coordinator

Students should report to their assigned classrooms on the first day of school. Staff will be available for students needing assistance.

**Classes will begin every day at 8:20 a.m.** and dismissal times are as follows: 4 year old KG—3:00 p.m., grades K-2—3:05 p.m., and grades 3-5—3:10 p.m. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available to students beginning Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast is served from 7:55-8:20 a.m. daily.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL**

Students entering grades 6-12 should enter the gymnasium in their assigned building upon arrival to school on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The school day for students in grades 6-12 runs from 8:10 a.m. to 3:20

p.m. Breakfast will be available daily from 7:50 - 8:05 a.m., starting September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Class Dues:** Class dues will be \$15.00 per year for freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Class dues should be paid in the High School office. Class dues are used to cover class activities, prom, and graduation expenses.

**Middle School Music:** All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must take part in band or choir (they may take both) to fulfill a music requirement. Students in grades 7-8 have fulfilled this requirement and are encouraged to have music be a part of their schedule. Any changes to a

students' music schedule must be completed by the end of the first week in September. Changes require a note from the parent stating the change and the reason for the change. The teacher and principal will also need to sign the change request before the office can officially change the schedule.

**High School Class Schedules and Schedule Change Timeline:** Students should receive their schedules in the mail after July 31<sup>st</sup>. Schedule change dates will be on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We are always eager to accept volunteers to serve on library and athletic committees, as well as lend a hand in any of our school programs. Senior citizens can not only help our youth but take advantage of our unique STEP program offsetting a portion of their property tax. If interested, please call the district office at 715.427.3222 at your convenience.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:**  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 3:15 p.m.  
Elementary Library



Check Out Our  
Website  
[www.riblake.k12.wi.us](http://www.riblake.k12.wi.us)

**SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!**

Applications are now being accepted for substitutes in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Secretaries
- Aides
- Kitchen
- Custodial



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIB LAKE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held in the Rib Lake Elementary building, District Office board room, unless the Board of Education determines another place within the school district. The Annual Meeting will be held the last Monday of October. Public notice shall be given in accordance with State Law.

**RIB LAKE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION:**

- Jerry Blomberg,**  
Board President
- Scott Everson,**  
Vice-President
- Joan Magnuson,** Clerk
- Steve Martin,** Treasurer
- Amber Fallos,** Member
- MaryAnne Roiger,** Member
- Stacy Thusty,** Member

**Contact Information:**

- (715) 427-3222 Administration Office
- (715) 427-3220 Rib Lake High School
- (715) 427-5446 Rib Lake Middle School
- (715) 427-5818 Rib Lake Elementary School

[www.riblake.k12.wi.us](http://www.riblake.k12.wi.us)

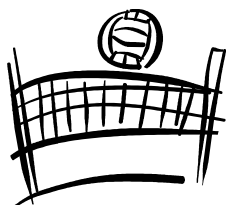
**Administration:**

- Lori Manion, District Administrator
- Rick Cardey, Secondary Principal
- Jonathon Dallmann, Elementary Principal

**ATHLETICS**

**Concussion Pre-Testing:**

Concussion pre-testing will be available to all student athletes in grades 6-12 again this year. Any new or current athlete who was not tested last year should contact their coach or an Athletic Director for more information. The recommendation is for athletes to be tested every 2 years. Testing sessions will be scheduled before each sport season.



**Athletic Season Passes\*:** Season passes for athletic events will be available beginning on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the high school office.

The prices are as follows:

- Family: \$40.00
- Adult Single: \$20.00
- Student: \$15.00
- Senior Citizen: FREE (60 and over)

\*School District of Rib Lake residents only.

**Grade 6-12 Athletics:** All athletes must have the following on file BEFORE they can practice:

1. A WIAA physical or permission card. Email or call Mr Cardey or Mr. Wudi to find out which one you need.
2. High School athletes must have a signed copy of the Rib Lake Athletic Code, the WIAA Rules of Eligibility and a concussion form on file to practice. All athletes must sign the Athletic Code EACH YEAR. If you have questions, contact the Head Coach of your sport or Mr. Wudi at (715) 427-3220 or mwudi@riblake.k12.wi.us

**Following is a list of starting dates for Rib Lake Athletics:**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Football First Activities
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Volleyball & Cross Country First Practice
- August 25<sup>th</sup> Middle School Football, Volleyball, & Cross Country

Middle and high school students are allowed to participate in two fall sports with parent, coach, and athletic director approval.

The coaches will be responsible for making up an individual

practice schedule for each dual sport athlete at the start of the season. If you have questions concerning this opportunity, please contact Mike Wudi or Rick Cardey at (715) 427-3220.

**Rib Lake Fitness Center:**

Come join the Rib Lake Fitness Center! Clean, contemporary equipment, cardio/nautilus and free weights, knowledgeable staff, easy access, flexible hours, etc. The fee schedule is as follows:



Resident Family	\$90
Resident Individual	\$50
Resident College Student	\$25
Senior Citizen-Individual	\$40
Senior Citizen-Family	\$75
Non-Resident-Individual	\$100
Non-Resident-Family	\$180

\*Senior Citizen rates apply at age 60.

Fitness room hours are Mondays - Fridays from 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

If interested in membership, please contact Fitness Center Coordinator Jim Dobbs at (715) 965-0933 or [jimdobbs@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jimdobbs@riblake.k12.wi.us)

→Memberships make great gifts!

***Rib Lake School District Community Learning Center Opens!***

*Our mission is to provide a safe before and after school environment to enhance and accelerate student academic growth AND support youth and family development.*

**Program Components**

- Homework Help
- STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Activities
- Reading Rewards
- Arts & Crafts, Music, and Drama
- World Cultures
- Sports
- School Yearbook (Middle School)



Registration begins  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

CLC Coordinator:  
Nicole Franz  
nfranz@riblake.k12.wi.us

**Dates:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Monday – Thursday when school is in session

**Time:** Immediately after school until 5:30 p.m.

## ANNUAL NOTICES

The following notices are available to the public at the specified locations:	
ANNUAL NOTICES	LOCATION
Notice of Child Find Activity Record Confidentiality	Website
Pupil Records – Student Privacy (Military Opt Out)	Website and Handbooks
Student Bullying	Website and Handbooks
Student Non-Discrimination Notice	Student Handbooks and Website
Complaint Procedures	Student Handbooks and Website
Video Monitoring	Student Handbooks and Website
Title I Parent Involvement & Progress	Student Handbooks and Website
Programs for English Language Learners	Student Handbooks and Website
Education of Homeless Children & Youth	Newsletters and Websites
Accommodating Students’ Religious Beliefs	Website
Pest Management Notification	Website
Human Growth & Development	Grade Level letters to parents
Asbestos Management Plan	Website
Student Attendance	Student Handbooks and Website
Student Locker Searches	Student Handbooks and Website
Youth Options	Website & Course Handbook
Use/Possession of Electronic Communication Devices	Student Handbooks and Website
Elector Registration Information	Newsletter & Poster
Meningococcal Disease Information	Website

### ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the School District of Rib Lake is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child’s parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Jonathon Dallmann, Director of Special Education, at 715.427.3222, or by writing him at P.O. Box 278, Rib Lake, WI 54470.

### NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS

The School District of Rib Lake completed a comprehensive inspection of district buildings to determine the presence of asbestos containing material and initiatives to eliminate and control the presence of asbestos have been implemented. Some amounts of asbestos conating material remain in district buildings. MacNeil Enviromental testing conducts a surveillance of all sites and the district receives updated reports.

An asbestos Management Plan is on file and available for inspection in the District Office. 1236 Kennedy St. Rib Lake, WI 54470 (715)427-3222

### RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

According to the law, public institutions must provide directory information to individuals that request this information. Therefore, the Rib Lake District Board of Education has adopted a policy which enables individuals to secure directory information. This information includes student’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, photographs, degrees and awards received and the name of school most recently attended by the student. **If you do not want part or all of this information made available, please put this in writing and submit to the school office no more than 14 days after students start school.**

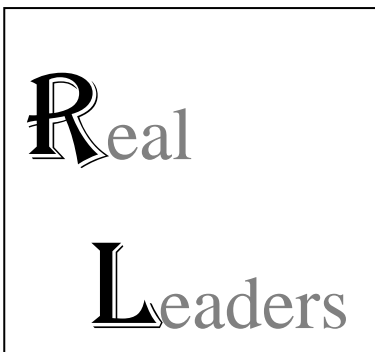
### *Equal Educational Opportunity Pupil Nondiscrimination Provisions*

The right of a student to participate fully in classroom instruction and extracurricular activities shall not be abridged or impaired because of sex, race, religion, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, pregnancy, marital or parental status, physical, learning, mental, or emotional disability.

## Culture of Champions

Written by: Mr. Krommenacker

This summer, Hunter Swan, Hailey Wudi and myself took a trip to the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York for an in-depth conference focused on John Underwood’s Life of an Athlete program. It was an incredible experience in which we learned a large amount of valuable information while getting a chance to see many historical sites, including the Olympic Museum, the “Miracle on Ice” hockey rink, Olympic ski jumping practice, climbing the tallest point in New York and more! Hunter and Hailey also got to train with the Navy SEALs! But the most important part of our experience is how we will begin to build a “Culture of Champions” in the Rib Lake School District. By starting with a core group of “Real Leaders” (RL), we are in the beginning stages of planning a school year in which we build leaders, demonstrate and educate on healthy choices, and earn respect for our school. By focusing on these three ideals, we are hoping to instill a Culture of Champions which will provide a fun, positive and respected environment for all students and teachers. Some of the ideas brainstormed so far by students include: monthly lunch get-togethers between high school & elementary students, twice a month group morning workouts (for students AND teachers) followed by a recovery meal & presentation on a wellness topic, increased school spirit at all sporting and extra-curricular events, “Code-Red” athletic games in which students provide a playoff-type atmosphere (think sectionals basketball), along with high school student led activity days at the middle and elementary schools. These ideas along with others have been created by students to improve the overall experience in the Rib Lake School District. In the process our goal is to create Real Leaders who are willing to build and maintain a Culture of Champions!



## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIB LAKE 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August	20	New Teacher Staff Development (new teachers only)
	26	<b>No School</b> - Staff Development
	27	<b>No School</b> - Record Keeping
September	1	First Day for Students
	7	<b>No School</b> - Labor Day
	25	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - Staff Development
October 15		<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - P/T Conferences MS/HS 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm ½ Staff Development Elem.
	29	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - End of Quarter 1 - ½ Record Keeping
	30	<b>No School</b>
November	12	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - P/T Conferences Elem. 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm ½ Staff Development MS/HS
	25-27	<b>No School</b> - Thanksgiving Vacation
December	17	Elementary Holiday Concert
	23-1/1/16	<b>No School</b> - Christmas Vacation
January 4		School Resumes
	21	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - End of Quarter 2 - ½ Staff Development
	22	<b>No School</b> - Record Keeping
February	25	<b>12:30 Student Dismissal</b> -P/T Conferences 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	26	<b>No School</b> - Staff Development *
March	24	<b>12:30 Student Dismissal</b> - End of Quarter 3 - ½ Record Keeping
	25-28	<b>No School</b> - Easter Vacation
April	22	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - ½ Staff Development
	26	MS/HS Fine Arts Open House
May	17	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - ½ Staff Development
	30	<b>No School</b> - Memorial Day
June	2	<b>12:30 pm Student Dismissal</b> - Last Day of School - ½ Record Keeping

Quarter	Dates	# Days
1	9/1/15 – 10/29/15	42
2	11/2/15 – 1/21/16	48
3	1/25/16 – 3/24/16	43
4	3/29/16 – 6/2/16	47

When in need of information or forms,  
always check the Rib Lake School  
District website –  
[www.riblake.k12.wi.us](http://www.riblake.k12.wi.us)