



Rib Lake Elementary School

November 2024

Newsletter



Chilly Weather Reminder:

As the temperatures continue to drop, 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 :)



Upcoming Events:

Nov. 20...School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

Nov. 27-Dec. 1...No School, Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 7...Christmas for Kids @ the middle school from 10:30a-12:30p

Dec. 9...PreK Christmas Concert @ 5:30pm in RLES Gym

Dec. 16-17...Reindeer Shop

Dec. 17...Christmas Caroling

Dec. 18...School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

Dec. 19...Christmas Concerts in High School Gym- Grades K-2 @ 6pm, Grades 3-5 @ 7:15pm

Dec. 21-Jan. 1...No School, Christmas Vacation

Jan. 2... School Resumes



BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

U.S. News & WORLD REPORT

2025

2025 Best Elementary Schools

Rib Lake Elementary placed among the top 40% of elementary schools in the state of Wisconsin, making it a U.S. News Best Elementary School! You can read the full article by clicking on the link below!

<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/wisconsin/rib-lake-elementary-222121>

Students Met Quaver

Rib Lake music students in grades 3-5 met Graham Hepburn, aka Quaver.

Hepburn is the Vice President of Content and co-founder of QuaverEd, the music curriculum used with all Rib Lake elementary students.

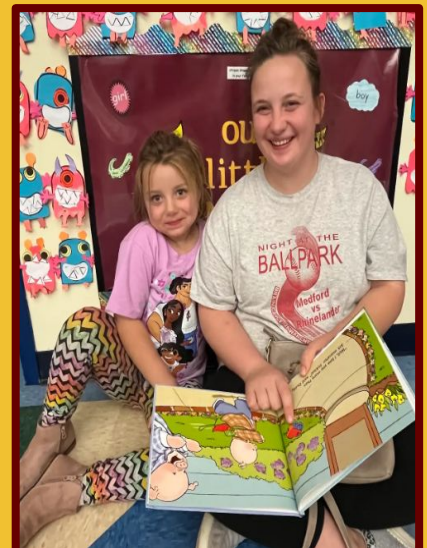
Internationally known Hepburn discussed the importance of learning coming from the heart and the influence that music has on us all. Asking questions to Hepburn from: Where he gets his ideas from when composing music to why he feels music is important today, students were serenaded with their very own individual song.



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Family Reading Night

Here's the "scoop" on how Family Reading Night on October 21, 2024 at RLES went. Sixty-eight families with a total of 210 people were in attendance. An ice cream theme was carried throughout with families invited to visit a reading station where gently used books were looking for new homes, a Scholastic® book fair was on hand for purchasing opportunities, a make-your-own ice cream flip book station gave a memento from the evening, and lastly, stuffed ice cream cones and ball toss games promoted some physical activity to wear off the ice cream treats that were generously donated by the Medford Walmart. An informational session about ACT 20 and the Science of Reading was presented, as well. All students received a complimentary new book to "sweeten" the deal. The next Family Reading Night will be on March 25, 2025.



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Halloween Fun

Students had fun dressing up in their costumes and passing out treats during their classroom parties. The high school students also joined in on the fun, passing out treats for all students.



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Make a Change With Your Change

By: Presley Radtke

Florida has some devastating news, they are in hurricane season. This is very depressing because people who live in Florida are having everything they have ever known destroyed left and right! So us 4th graders did something about this. We completed a fundraiser called, Make a Change With Your Change. We had students and families bring in change from their home. In total we raised \$1,075.50! Your donations went to a charity called Samaritan's Purse. Thank you everyone who pitched in to help people in Florida rebuild their homes and hearts. Again thank you everyone who donated.



CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

Grades 3-5

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Our fundraising project for the 2024-25 school year is scheduled for **November 15- November 30, 2024**. We will be selling candy bars from ***World's Finest Chocolate***.

Each candy bar will sell for \$1.00. The variety of candy bars is milk chocolate, milk chocolate with almond, dark chocolate with almond, caramel, and crisp flavors. On the first day of candy check out (**Friday, November 15th**), students will only be allowed to check out one variety pack of 60 candy bars. Beginning **Monday, November 18th**, students may return any unsold candy bars and turn in any funds raised.

Proceeds of the fundraiser have been/will continue to be used to partially fund trip costs, classroom enhancements not covered by the annual school budget and student reward programs.

The procedure we will use is as follows:

Candy Check out - Office personnel will make the initial distribution at RLES on **Friday, November 15th**. Any student wishing to check out additional items at a later date will be able to, when their first pack is sold and funds for those bars are turned into the office.

Collection of Monies - Monies may be turned in to office personnel at RLES. However, it is mandatory that all monies are due and unsold candy returned by the **deadline of December 3rd**. If monies and/or candy are returned after the deadline, the student is no longer eligible for the prizes.

Incentives - Starting this year, there will be prizes for the top 3 sellers!!! After the top 3 prizes there will be a lottery drawing for other prizes available to win! To get entries students selling 10 bars or more will be entered into a drawing for prizes (including movie passes, gift certificates and cash prizes.)

PLEASE BE REMINDED, YOUR STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY!!

Sincerely,

Jonathon Dallmann, Elementary Principal

Student Absences:

Cold and 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.

While we understand that students need to stay home when they're not feeling well, we also want to emphasize the importance of them returning to school as soon as they're feeling better. Regular attendance is so important for student success!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS			
1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much..			
If you miss:	That Equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years of schooling thats:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Here are a few great ways to help you stay healthy:

- Drinking enough water: 5-8 cups (8oz) a day
- Getting enough rest/sleep: 8-13 hours a day depending on your students age
- Good hand hygiene: Wash at least 20 seconds with warm water & soap
- Being active: Aim for 30 minutes a day- make it fun, include the whole family
- Staying up to date with vaccinations
- Eating a well balanced diet: Lots of fruits & veggies
- Stay home if you are not feeling well so as not spread those germs to others

Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



How?



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

LIFE IS BETTER WITH

CLEAN HANDS



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Counselor's Corner

Hello Families!

Throughout the month of November students focused on the character trait **Gratitude!** Many REACH classes placed a focus on the meaning of gratitude and how we express it. Students learned that it can be very difficult to maintain a positive attitude when things are not going their way, but gratitude reminds them to look at all they do have, such as their knowledge, skills, accomplishments and many other things to be grateful for. Gratitude helps to reinforce the growth mindset which is a concept we learned about earlier this year. Having and reinforcing gratitude will help as students continue in their academic career and over time will allow those "not so great" situations to have less impact on their overall attitude and mental health.

I encourage you to talk with your children about the meaning of gratitude by taking time to reflect and notice the things that you are thankful for during this Thanksgiving season.

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

