

Rib Lake Elementary December Newsletter 2025



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 715.513.7573 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 :) ❄️

Attn: 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!

Upcoming Events :

Dec. 17.....School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Dec. 18.....Christmas Concerts in High School Gym- Grades K-2 @ 6pm, Grades 3-5 @7:15pm
Dec. 19.....RLES Community Christmas Caroling
Dec. 23-Jan. 4.....No School, Christmas Vacation
Jan. 5.....School Resumes
Jan. 9.....End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 12-13.....No School, Teacher Inservice
Jan. 9.....End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 26-29.....NorthLakes Dental Clinic ❄️

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MERRY

★ CHRISTMAS ★

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!



Rib Lake Elementary paused to honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We are grateful for your courage, dedication, and sacrifice.

Our students spent time on November 11th learning about the importance of service and showing appreciation for our veterans.

Kindergarten had a special visitor! Sergeant Weinke, spoke about her time serving in the WI Army National Guard.

2nd graders made Christmas cards to send to current service members overseas.

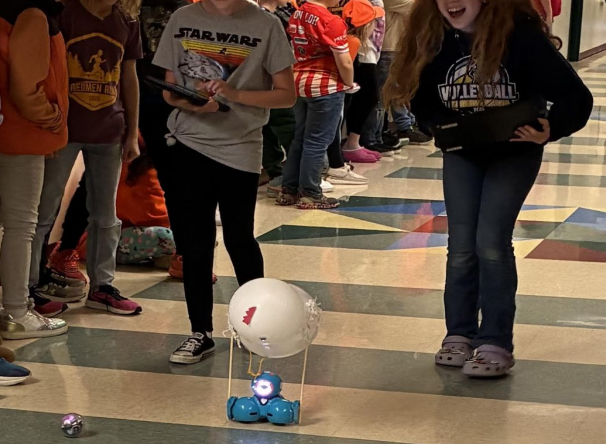
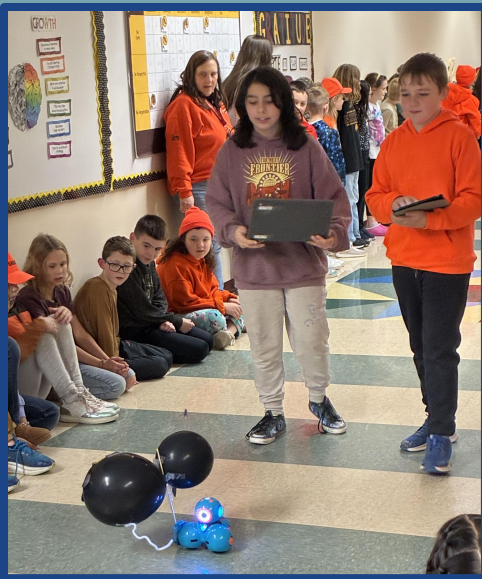
4th and 5th graders attended the district's annual Veterans Day program.

It was a wonderful day to celebrate wonderful people. Thank you, Veterans



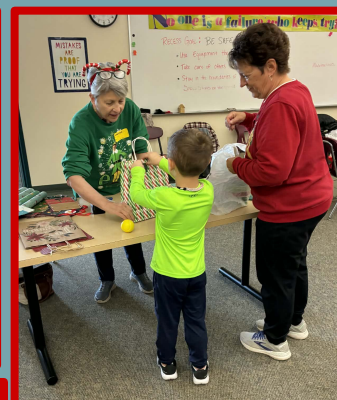
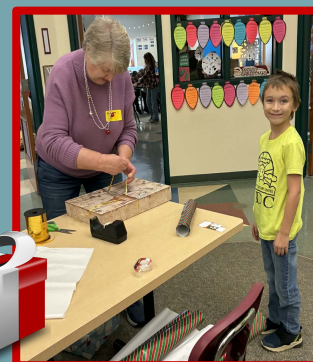
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5th Grade Balloon Parade





Thank you
local community members,
businesses and organizations for
your Reindeer Shop Donations.
With your donations and the help
of our wonderful volunteers and
high school students, each
elementary student was able to
take home gifts for their family.
Your support and generosity
made this day a great success!



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Redmen Readers

♪ Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
is telling us that Christmas break is almost here.
Be safe, make memories and remember to smile,
to make this the happiest time of year! ♪

Mrs. Hessefort here, reminding everyone that the days off from school can be a wonderful opportunity for our RLES Redmen champions to share their reading and math skills with relatives and friends! Wow Grandma Gertie with reading fluency. Knock Auntie Betsy's socks off by blazing through math flashcards. Write Uncle Ebenezer 3 perfect sentences. Little things like that are fantastic ways to keep skills fresh whilst celebrating big, beautiful brains. Make this your best Christmas break yet! See you in 2026!

District Wide Dress Up Days



Monday 12/15

- Christmas Movie Marathon
- Dress like your favorite Christmas movie character

Tuesday 12/16

- Feeling Frosty
- Dress like a snowman or all in white



Wednesday 12/17

- Sweater Weather
- Wear your favorite Christmas sweater

Thursday 12/18

- Kris Kringle's Crew
- Dress like an elf, Santa, or a reindeer



Friday 12/19

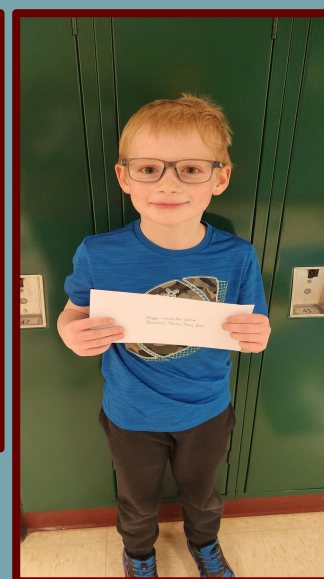
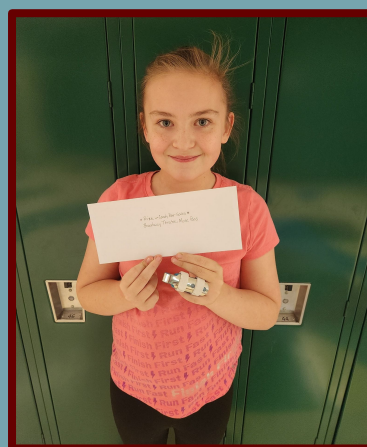
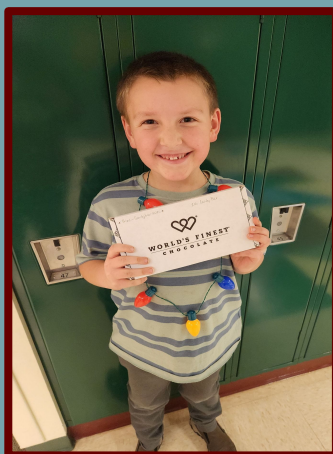
- Christmas Crazy
- Dress in all Christmas gear

Monday 12/22

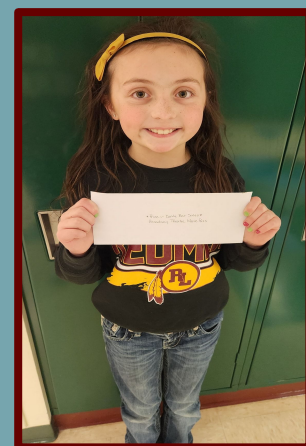
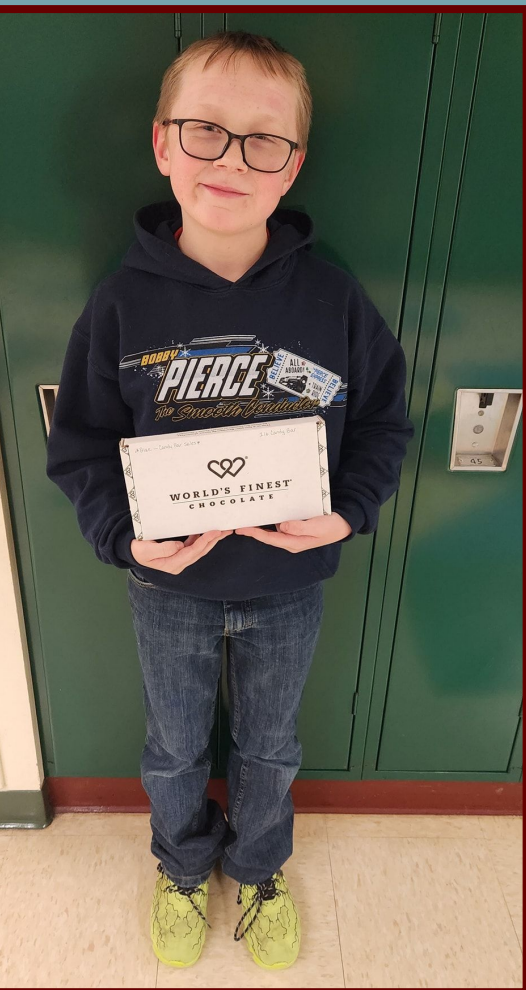
- Christmas Morning
- Wear your pajamas



World's Finest Chocolate Winners



Our candy bar fundraiser has wrapped up. Prizes were given to the top sellers and a few random drawing winners. As an elementary school, we would like to thank anyone who purchased from one of our mini salespeople!





Counselor's Corner



Hello Families! During the month of December, students focused on the character trait empathy. Students learned empathy means putting yourself in someone else's shoes and trying to understand how they feel. It's important for children to be able to see things from someone else's point of view, even if they don't agree with them or feel the same way they do.



When students learn about empathy, they are more equipped to recognize when someone is angry, sad, happy, or scared. Once they learn how to recognize others emotions and feelings, they are better able to respond with understanding and kindness. Doing this will help them to build relationships and connect with others.



You can help your students learn empathy by giving them opportunities to practice and by modeling how to be empathetic. Starting this during their elementary years will have a huge impact on who your students will be as they continue their academic journey.



As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's social and emotional well being, please do not hesitate to reach out at 715.513.7573 or ballen@riblake.k12.wi.us.



-Brittany Allen, Elementary School Counselor

