

# Rib Lake Elementary March 2023 Newsletter



## **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 715.427.5818 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. Thank You :)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS ....**

- | Feb 7-April 28.....Reg. Open Enrollment
- | Feb 27-March 3.....Read Across America Week
- | March 2.....Forest Springs winter fun day
- | March 6&7... Northwoods dental/fluoride
- | March 8&9....PreK & K Fluoride treatment
- | March 9.....School Board Meeting @6:30 pm
- | March 11.....State Spelling Bee
- | March 12..Daylight Savings, spring ahead
- | March 22.....Spring Pictures/K Grad pics
- | March 24.....End of Qtr 3. Early Dismissal @ 12:15 pm
- | March 27....NO SCHOOL
- | March 28- March 31.....Book Fair
- | March 30.....Family Reading Night 6-7:30pm
- | April 7.....No School, Good Friday
- | April 10 & 11 .....No School, Easter Break





# PreK Options for 2023-24



Hello parents,

Thank you to all of the parents who participated in the 4K Survey that was sent out by the district. Through this survey we were able to determine that the majority of the parents of our incoming students (76%) would like an all day PreK program. We did have a few parents desire to keep the PreK program as we currently have it, but the numbers did not provide a viable option. In this scenario, one classroom would have possibly had 8 students and the other classroom over 25 students. With this information, the board decided to hire another full time PreK teacher. Rib Lake Elementary will be having 2 full day PreK classrooms in the upcoming school year.

Parents will have **2 options** for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.



1. Full Day PreK 5 days a week
2. Students would come half days in the morning 5 days a week. Parents are able to pick up their child from the office at 12:00. This would be after lunch and recess.

If you have any questions about our PreK program for the upcoming school year, please feel free to contact Jon Dallmann at 715-427-5818 or [jdallmann@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jdallmann@riblake.k12.wi.us)

## LEGACY GARDEN

The Rib Lake School is **still taking donations for the Legacy Garden pergola** that is being built in the front of the elementary school. The Legacy Garden will be a quiet place for students to read and learn, as well as a beautiful place for teachers and staff to



rejuvenate. The legacy part of our garden is to have a place to honor the school community by adding benches, pergola, and other commemorative items to the to the legacy garden in times of need.

We were inspired by our beloved Brandy Schafer and her love of wonder and beauty to build this beautiful outdoor learning area that will help foster the learning of young minds for many years to come.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

## Become a Redmen

If someone you know would like to attend the Rib lake School District, the open enrollment period has begun. Please have them contact Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or [afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us) for more information. We would love to help them become a Rib Lake Redmen!



## Open Enrollment

The application period for the 2023-24 school year is **February 6 - April 28, 2023**. Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school other than the one in which they live. Parents must complete an online application no earlier than February 6, 2023, and no later than April 28, 2023 by 4:00 p.m. The DPI website to complete an online application is:

<https://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 Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or [afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us)

## 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 Amy Foster at 715.427.5818 or [afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:afoster@riblake.k12.wi.us) for assistance.

Feb. 22, 2023

## NATIONAL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

Fourth grade students showed their appreciation to our bus drivers yesterday by holding a sign which was signed by RLES students. A huge shout out to our very own bus drivers and Bartelt Bus Service. Rollie Thums, Jeff Probst, Darrel Lind, Jeanine Bartelt, Andy Weinzatl, Chip Bartelt, Steve Schreiner, Todd Henderson, and Jay Thums



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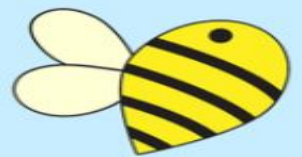
## SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Ava Dallmann, Kaelyn Blomberg, and Aubree Wichlacz for participating in the Regional Spelling Bee in Athens February 7th.

Fifth grader, *Kaelyn Blomberg* took first place in the regional Spelling Bee! She is onto Madison on March 11 for the Badger State Spelling Bee. Way to go Kaelyn!!!

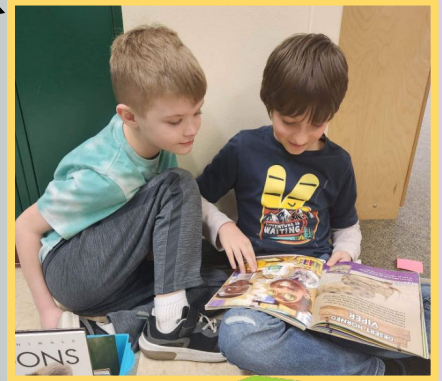


# SPELLING BEE



# Read Across America Week

February 28 - March 3



Reading is FUN!!!



**\*REMINDER\* FAMILY READING NIGHT IS MARCH 30TH, 6:00PM - 7:30PM**



Teachers bring book characters to life...

**SUPERKIDS CHARACTERS**

from our new curriculum





# RIB LAKE PRIDE PUMP

March

THIS MONTH'S DONATIONS GO TO:

**BOYS' BASKETBALL  
+  
THE ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND**

Each month, [Medford Cooperative, Inc.](#) generously donates \$0.03 of every gallon of gas purchased from the Rib Lake Pride Pump (pumps 3 and 4) to the Rib Lake School District.

All proceeds from the month of March will go towards the boys' basketball program and the elementary school playground.

As always, we thank Medford Cooperative for their generosity and support of our school district!

Rib Lake Elementary is looking to build a new and inclusive playground that will allow students to engage in meaningful and safe ways. Our current playground is 22 years old, has a number of broken components, and is not ADA (handicap) accessible.

The overall cost of this project is around \$300,000. The District hopes to have a large portion of this covered by the Fulcrum Foundation, and we are currently in the final round of the interview process with them.

Additional financial support/donations from community members and local businesses who are willing to help us provide this play structure for the children of Rib Lake will also show increased community support for this playground. This will increase the likelihood that the Fulcrum Foundation will support this project.

This is a flyer on the proposed playground. To pledge a donation, please visit <https://bit.ly/RLSPlayground>. Filling out this form is only a pledge of money at this time. No money will be collected until April, depending on if the Fulcrum Foundation can be a primary financial source for this project.

Thank you all for your support of Rib Lake Schools and our students! [#RLSD](#) [#RLSDPride](#)



## New Playground



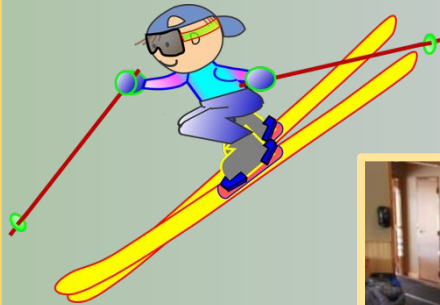
Rib Lake Elementary is planning to upgrade its 22-year-old playground and replace it with a more inclusive model that all students can use to engage, explore, and play. This playground will contain many varying elements and activity areas that are handicap accessible. We also plan to provide a new rubber base material for safer play for all students. This new playground will not only allow our students to experience safe and impactful learning, but also help engage all children of the Rib Lake community in beneficial physical activity, social development, and healthy lifestyles. This is a massive undertaking, and we are reaching out to our community to help support this project and allow it come to fruition.



## Donations

<b>Friend</b>	\$100 - \$499	Name recognition in the elementary hallway leading to the playground
<b>Supporter</b>	\$500 - \$999	+ Recognition on a sign at the playground
<b>Explorer</b>	\$1,000 - \$4,999	+ Recognition on our school website
<b>Adventurer</b>	\$5,000 - \$9,999	+ Recognition on our District Facebook page
<b>Engineer</b>	\$10,000 - \$24,999	+ A thank you letter with a company overview sent to all families in the District
<b>Visionary</b>	\$25,000+	+ A speaking opportunity at the opening ceremony, naming rights to specific areas of the playground, and a press release to the Star News thanking the supporter

# Forest Springs Winter Fun Day



WINTER  
WONDERLAND

A snowman with a blue hat and a red scarf stands next to a green Christmas tree with white snow on its branches. The text 'WINTER WONDERLAND' is written in a large, blue, stylized font.

# Counselor's Corner

Hello Families! As parents, we want to protect our children from as much as we can. We may monitor what they watch on television or the video games they play, we provide them with healthy eating choices, or we may try to prevent them from an activity that we know is not safe for them. There are times, however, that we may need to allow our children to struggle in order to help build their character. How can we help them to bounce back from these setbacks?

- **Remind them** that you love them unconditionally. Your love isn't tied to their performance in school.
  - **Focus on the positives.** Mistakes are actually opportunities for learning. Help your child think about what they can do differently in the future.
  - **Praise what you can.** "Most of your answers were correct on this test. That's an improvement."
  - **Be realistic.** If you know they are doing their best and they still don't bring up a grade, don't let them think you are disappointed. Instead, focus on creating a plan for improvement.
  - **Move on.** Don't dwell on the failure. When parents spend too much time talking about setbacks, children can have a harder time getting past them.
  - **Don't argue** with your child's teachers or coaches to try to get them to change a decision or a grade. Your child needs to learn to respect their decisions.
  - **Don't take over.** If your child earned a low grade on a writing assignment, talk about ways to improve, but don't jump in and write the next paper for them.
  - **Be a role model.** Handle your own mistakes and failures in positive ways.
- Source: D. Walsh, No: Why Kids-of All Ages-Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It, Free Press.

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 [mkomarek@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:mkomarek@riblake.k12.wi.us)