



Rib Lake Elementary February 2026 Newsletter



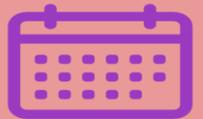
“When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world.”— Harold Kushner

♥ *happy* ♥
Valentine's
♥ *day* ♥

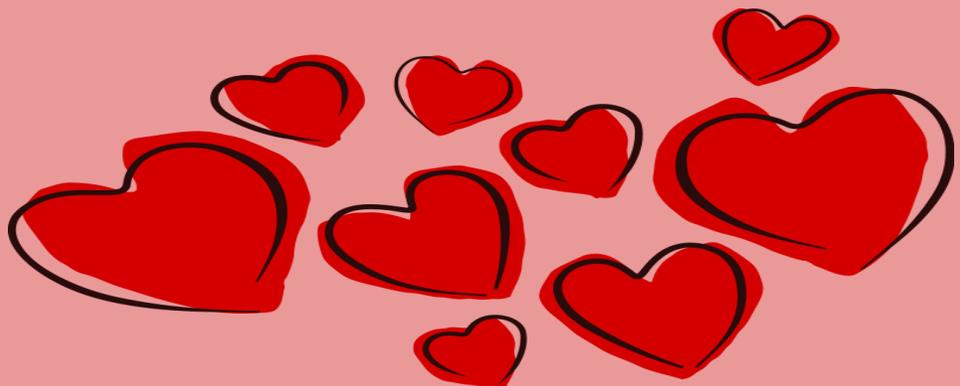
Student Absences:

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 9a.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. 19.....Early Dismissal @ 12:15pm for Elementary & P/T Conferences from 1-6pm
- Feb. 25.....School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm in the District Office Boardroom
- Mar. 5.....Child Development Day
- Mar. 6.....Grandparents Day @ 1pm
- Mar. 9-13.....No School, Spring Break
- Mar. 17.....Spring/Kindergarten Graduation Picture Day
- Mar. 20.....End of Quarter 3, Early Dismissal at 12:15pm/ Teacher Record Keeping
- Mar. 23-27.....Spring Book Fair
- Mar. 24.....Family Reading Night 6-7:30pm
- April 3.....Good Friday, No School
- April 14-15.....North Lakes Dental Clinic
- April 17.....No School for Students, Teacher Staff Development
- April 30.....Open Enrollment Ends





SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our 5th grader, Presley Radtke, for winning the district spelling bee! She along with 5th grader, Molly Toth moved on to regional spelling bee in Stratford on February 11th. Molly competed as an alternate speller and took home first place! She will be heading to the Badger State Spelling Bee at the Mitby Theater in Madison on Saturday, March 21!

This is the fourth year in a row that a speller from Rib Lake has won the regional spelling bee!



Soup-er Bowl



The 5th grade sponsored a Soup-er Bowl food drive to coincide with the Super Bowl. RLES students collected 295 soup and cracker items for the Rib Lake Food Pantry.

Congratulations to Mr. Scheithauer's class for bringing in the most items and earning an extra recess!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Soup-er Bowl a success!

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Schierl Tire Coloring Contest

Congratulations to Evelyn Harrenstein, who was the 1st place winning artist for the Medford area in the Schierl Tire Winter Wonders Coloring Contest. Evelyn received a \$100 Visa gift card and Rib Lake Elementary received a donation of \$500 that went towards 5th grade activities. Evelyn's art will be featured on the cover of Schierl Tire's New Year's cards that will be sent to their customers in the Medford area.



Bus Driver Appreciation Week- Feb. 9-13th

To celebrate our bus drivers, students wrote and colored letters of appreciation. Drivers also received a small token of thanks—a pack of gum for "going the EXTRA mile." Thank you to Bartelt Bus Service and our dedicated drivers: Rollie Thums, Jeff Probst, Darrel Lind, Jeanine Bartelt, Andy Weinzatl, Chip Bartelt, Steve Schreiner, Todd Henderson, Jay Thums, Mike Wudi and Jack Buksa.



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RLSD Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Updates:

- School day hours: The start of school will adjust to 8 am for the school district and the end of the school day will be 3:18 pm for the elementary school and 3:27 pm for the middle and high school.
- These additional instructional minutes will allow the district to have a few more days for teacher inservice and collaboration to better serve our students. With this, we were able to remove some half days for students which we know are harder for some families and add in those staff development days along with a couple more development days for staff.

School District of Rib Lake 2026-27 School Calendar

August					September					October				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4				1	2
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
17	NT	NT	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	PTC	I
24	I	I	RK	28	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23
31					28	29	30			26	27	28	29*	I/RK

November					December					January				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4					1
9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15*
I	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	I	RK	20	21	22
30					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29

February					March					April				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5				1	2
8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	I
22	23	24	PTC	I	22	23	24	25*	26	19	20	21	22	23
					I/RK	30	31			26	27	28	29	30

May					June				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18
24	25	26	27	28*	21	22	23	24	25
31					28	29	30		

Quarter	Dates	# Days
1	8/31/26-10/29/26	42
2	11/2/26-1/15/27	42
3	1/20/27-3/25/27	41
4	3/30/27-5/28/27	43

- First Day (8/31/26) & Last Day (5/28/27) of School
- I Teacher Staff Development (Aug 25-26, Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 23, Jan 18, Feb 26, Mar 29, Apr 16)
- I/RK Teacher Record Keeping (Aug Flex, 1 between Aug 27, Oct 30, Jan 19, Mar 29, and May 28)
- Early Dismissal
- NT New Teacher Staff Development
- * End of Quarter
- No School for Students
- May 21 Graduation

Make-Up Days (Inclement Weather or Health)
 The first two(2) cancellation days will not be rescheduled.
 All other days will be at the school board's discretion.
 *March 29 & April 16 may be used for make-up day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Oct. 15 & Feb. 25 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Student Days	168
PT Conferences	2
Teacher Days	182
Concerts & Fine Arts	0.5
TOTAL:	182.5



Redmen Readers



Did you know February 9th is National Pizza Day, February 17th is National Pancake Day and February 23rd is National Banana Bread Day? Is anyone else getting a little hungry after reading that sentence? Well, all three of those days provide a great excuse to get into the kitchen with your kids. Reading a recipe is smart math and reading practice. It also is an incredibly tasty way to make memories bonding together.



Check out the free site below and enjoy the deliciousness!

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/packages/recipes-for-kids/cooking-with-kids>

Reminder: Don't forget to mark your calendars for Family Reading Night coming up on March 24, 2026!



Counselor's Corner



This month, we focused on the character trait of kindness and celebrated Kindness Week (Feb. 9-13). During our REACH lessons, we explored how even small acts of kindness can make a big impact. A simple gesture- like a kind word, a helping hand or a thoughtful note- has the power to brighten someone's day and create a more compassionate and caring community. Take this opportunity to perform a random act of kindness with your child and inspire others to do the same! Here is a list of ideas:

Give Compliments: Offer sincere compliments to friends, family, and even strangers to brighten their day.

Pay It Forward: When you're at a coffee shop or drive-thru, pay for the order of the person behind you.

Send Thoughtful Messages: Send uplifting messages or notes to friends, reminding them of your appreciation and support.

Help a Neighbor: Assist a neighbor with tasks like shoveling snow, mowing their lawn, or grocery shopping.

Donate to Charity: Contribute to a charitable organization or cause that you're passionate about.

Visit the Elderly: Spend time with elderly individuals in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, offering companionship and a listening ear.

Volunteer Your Time: Volunteer at local charities, shelters, or community events to make a positive impact.

Together we can make the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time!

Source: <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/random-acts-of-kindness-day-2024/>