Rib Lake Elementary School
November 2026 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

Nov. 13-30……World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser for 3rd-5th Grade Students

Nov. 23-27……No School, Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 5…Christmas for Kids in RLES Gym 11am-1pm

Dec. 7…..PreK Holiday Concert in RLES Gym @ 5:30pm

Dec. 14……Reindeer Shop

Dec. 17……Holiday Concerts in High School PAC (Performing Arts Center) Grades K-2 @ 6pm & Grades 3-5 @ 7:15pm

Dec. 23-Jan. 3……No School, Christmas Vacation

Jan. 15……End of Quarter 2

Jan. 18 & 19……No School, Teacher Inservice/Record Keeping

Feb. 25……Early Dismissal @ 12:15pm and Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1-6pm

Feb. 26……No School, Teacher Inservice

March 1-5……Spring Break

Chilly Weather Reminder:

As we transition into the colder months, 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!





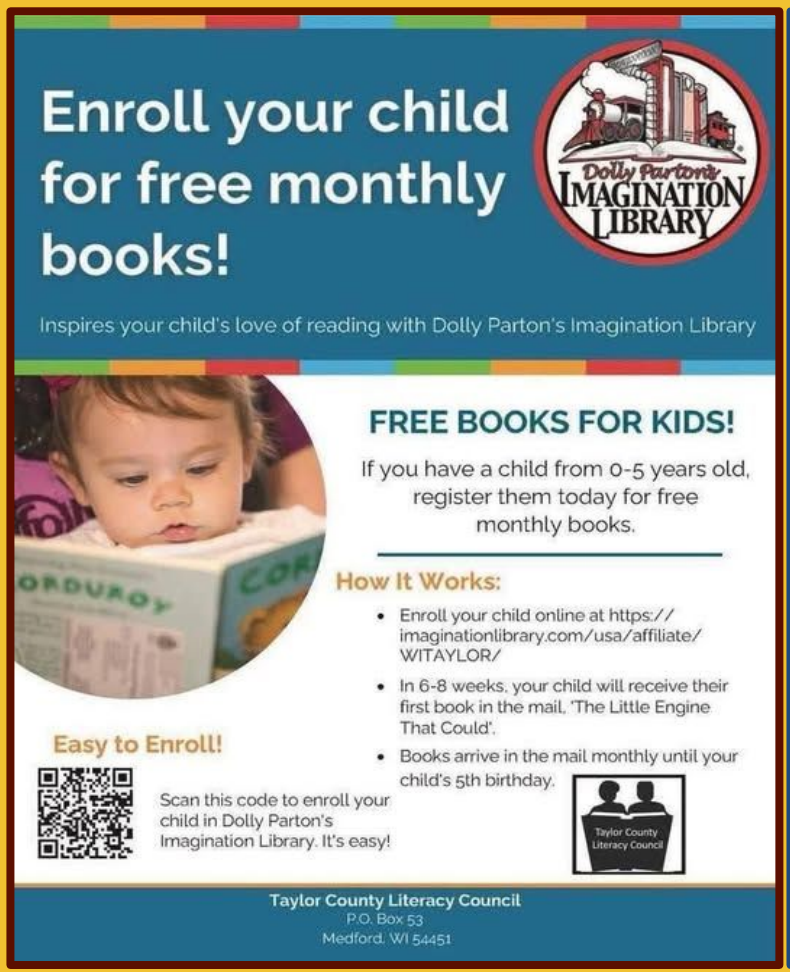
Holiday Season Support for Families

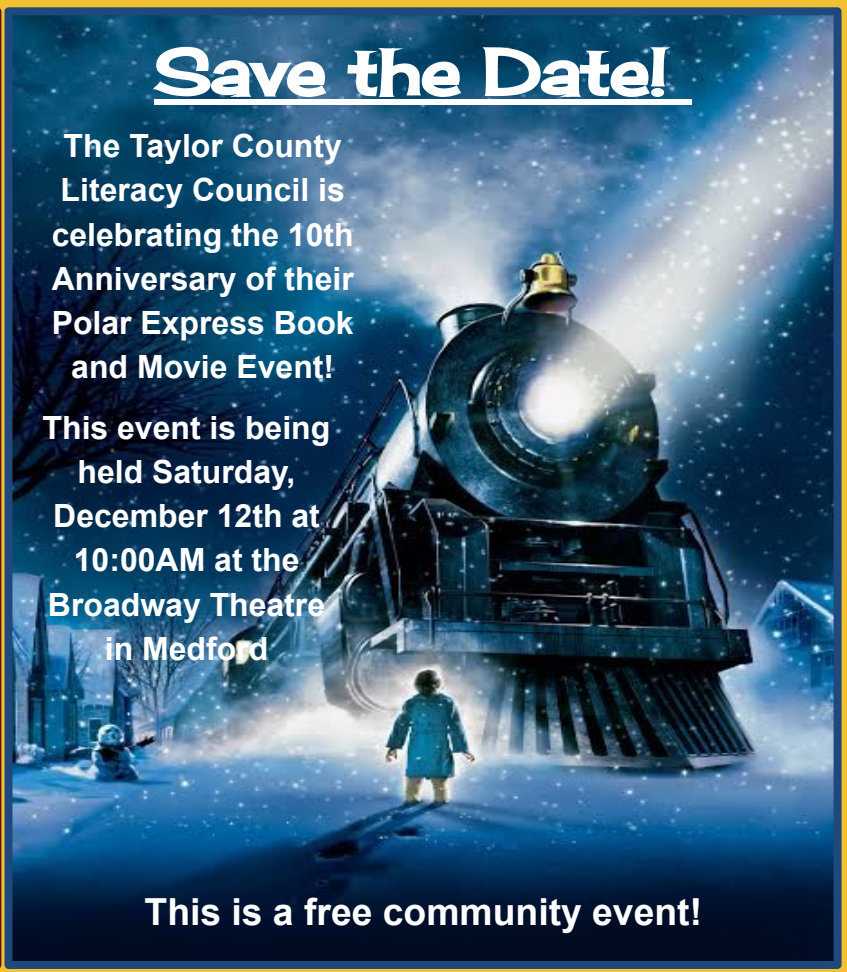
The holiday season can bring added expenses, and we want families to know that there are resources available. Several community organizations have reached out looking for ways to support our students and families this holiday season. If your family could use a little extra help with clothing, shoes, toys, or other needs, please reach out. We are fortunate to have a caring community that wants to come together to support our families and help make the season a little brighter for everyone. While we cannot guarantee that every request can be fulfilled, we will do our best to connect families with available resources. Any information shared will remain confidential and only be shared with those directly involved in coordinating requests.

If your family could use assistance or you have any questions, please reach out using the contact information below:

Brittany Allen
Rib Lake Elementary School Counselor
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Phone: 715-513-7573







Fun at the School Forest







Back in October, students enjoyed a day out in the school forest, spending time outdoors and learning through hands-on activities. They had the opportunity to explore, discover, and experience all that nature has to offer while having fun learning outside the classroom!













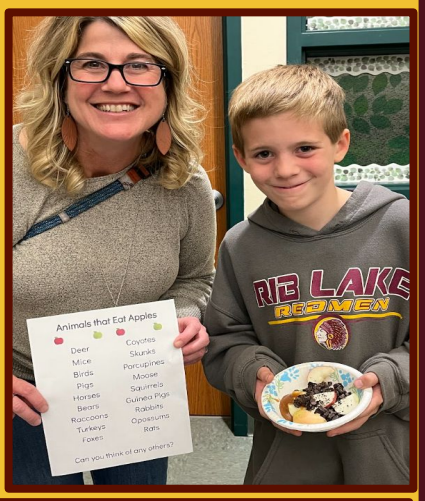
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Family Reading Night

233 smiling faces from 67 families enjoyed an evening of literacy centered around an animal theme at Rib Lake Elementary on 10-20-26. Whitehaven Petting Zoo brought a plethora of animals from a snake to a porcupine. The crew shared many facts about their friendly critters. In another station, families worked together by researching a plastic toy animal and then created artistic box habitats. In yet another station, a friendly letter format was shared and practiced by students. They chose a family member or friend to write an animal-themed card to for sharing. The school's Parent Group had families brainstorming what types of animals eat apples before enjoying apple nachos and animal crackers. The Scholastic Book Fair provided new books to read at home. Finally, door prizes from Medford McDonald's, Fourmen's Farm & Home and Tractor Supply were raffled off. The event was toad-ally and udder-ly fin-tastic!























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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 to students.













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RLES Students of the Month for October



October's character trait was **Friendship**, and we are so proud of the students who showed what it means to be a good friend! Throughout the month, students focused on kindness and respect, cooperation and sharing, communication, problem-solving, inclusion, and empathy. We encourage students to continue putting these friendship skills into practice each day by being kind, including others, listening, and treating others the way they would like to be treated.

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month:

•Hudson Skrzypchak • Elmer Rychtik • Beau Grubbs • Lainey Van Luven • Nicole Weiler • Eivin Thums • Alaina Asher • Grace English • Nash Olson • Chet Loertscher • Lawren Vassar • Baylor Fuchs • Braxton Fuchs • Bella Beach



November's Character Trait of the Month: Gratitude



Throughout November, students will be learning about what it means to show gratitude and how we can express appreciation in our everyday lives. We will focus on saying thank you, recognizing and appreciating others, having a positive perspective, respecting our materials and environment, and giving back by helping others.

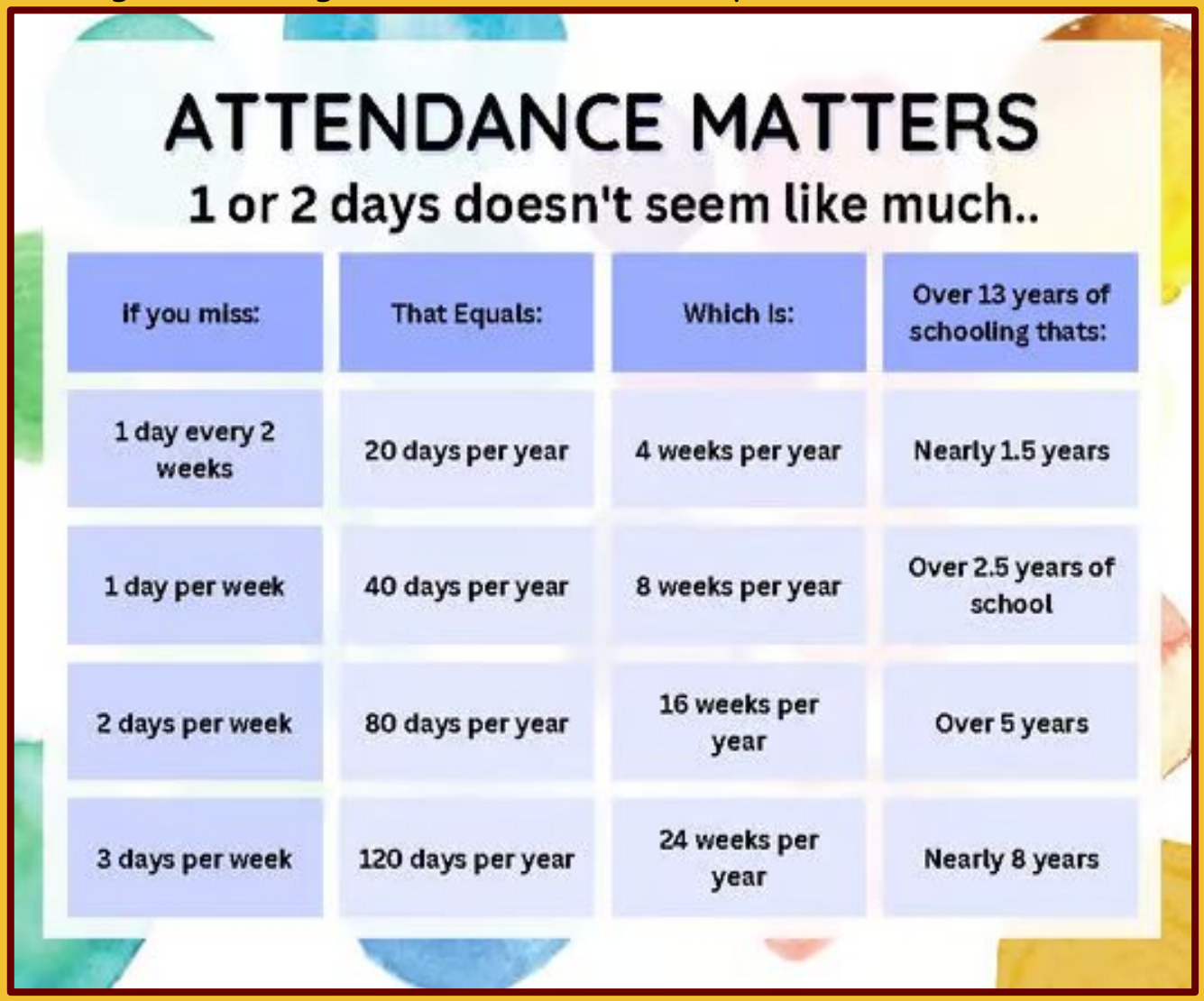
Students will be encouraged to look for the good, appreciate the people and things around them, and find ways to make a positive difference.

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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 715.513.7573 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.

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!



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.

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Counselor's Corner

Hello Families!

Throughout the month of November, students are focusing on the character trait **Gratitude!** Many of our REACH classes will focus on what gratitude means and the different ways we can express it. Students will learn that while it can sometimes be difficult to maintain a positive attitude when things don't go our way, practicing gratitude helps us focus on what we do have, including our knowledge, skills, accomplishments, and the many other things we can be thankful for.

Gratitude also helps reinforce the growth mindset, a concept we learned about earlier this year. Learning to recognize and appreciate the positive things in our lives can help students as they continue throughout their academic journey. Over time, this practice can also help students work through challenging situations and recognize that one difficult moment doesn't have to define their overall outlook.

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

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's social and emotional well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out at 715-513-7573 or ballen@riblake.k12.wi.us.

