

WILDCAT NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last year, we began the conversation about Artificial Intelligence (AI) from a place of uncertainty and, for many, apprehension. This year, we have shifted our focus toward embracing AI as a valuable tool that can help our teachers become more efficient, effective, and productive in the classroom.

Our teachers are also working with students to help them understand how to use AI responsibly as a tool to enhance their learning, improve efficiency, and increase productivity. We have introduced AI to our teachers through our Professional Development days, and this will continue to be an important part of our professional learning and instructional planning moving forward.

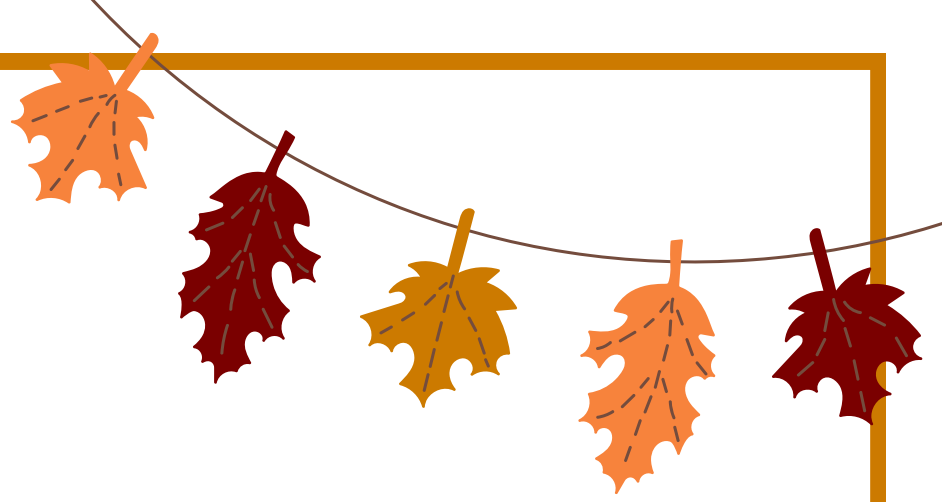
Our students will graduate from GR and enter a world in which AI will play an increasingly significant role in nearly every part of their life and work. This reality is both exciting and a little intimidating. However, I believe that if we equip our students with a strong understanding of AI and teach them how to use it responsibly and effectively, they will recognize its value as a tool to support and enhance their learning rather than as a shortcut or a means of academic dishonesty.
Our goal is to prepare students not simply to navigate an AI-driven world, but to thrive in it.

As the first quarter wraps up, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. With the exception of a few bumps along the way, our school year is going well. Please continue to keep in touch with your children's teachers whenever you have questions or concerns. Next Monday we have Parent/Teacher Conferences. This will be a great time for you to meet with the teachers to find out how the school year is going.

Lastly, I continue to recover from my bypass surgery. It is a slow process, slower than I like. However, since I do have a quality administration and staff, I am able to do most of my work from home. If you ever need anything, please shoot me an email. I will respond to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for all you do for GR, Tom Ridder

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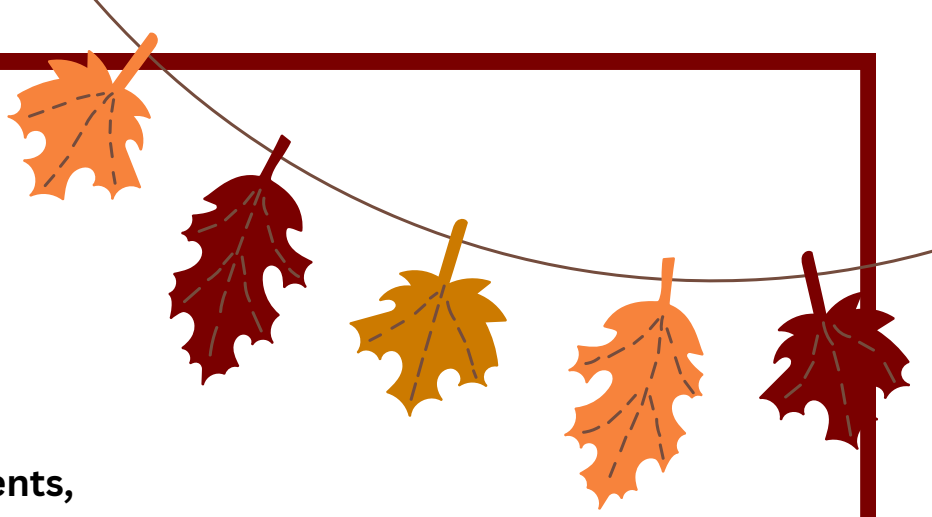


G-R Families,

Once again the first quarter has flown by, and the holiday season is sneaking up on us. As we move through the fall and winter, please be aware of temperatures and weather conditions when sending students to school. The recess clothing guidelines are listed below. For your future planning: Our PK-5 concert date has been set for December 17. The PK-2 classes will begin at 6:00 pm and grades 3-5 will begin at 6:45 pm. Our Community School Engagement Committee has also scheduled a Glow Night for January 7. Stay tuned for future announcements for this event.

Go Cats!

Mr. Hjelle
PK-5 Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Parent Teacher Conferences are on Nov 2nd- 11:30-7:30, I hope you will get the opportunity to visit with your child's teachers and take an active part in their education. Remember to check Infinite Campus as well. We are feeling positive about where our students are at right now, and a lot of that has to do with our students staying on top of their homework and the work of our staff. We hope you can make it, but if you can't and still want to visit with a teacher, please email and they will be glad to discuss your son/daughter's grades.

November brings the next round of sports. Practices for wrestling, basketball and swimming start in November. If your child is interested in a winter sport please make sure all your information is updated on Bound and they talk to the coaches about practices for the upcoming season.

The 6-12 Winter Music Concert will be December 1st. I know Mr. Fiscus has the kids working hard and will be looking forward to the performance. I hope all of you can make it to the performance to support our kids.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our kids, staff and school. The first quarter has been a tremendous start to the school year, and I know we can keep it going. Again thank you! If you have any questions or concerns please call the school 712-659-3411 or email me at tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us.

Go 'Cats!

Mr. Nap



Parents,

It's that time of year for illness!! Here are a few reminders regarding keeping your child, his/her classmates, and our staff healthy:

If your child has a fever of 100.4 or higher, he/she is NOT to be in school and should NOT return to school until he/she is fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications such as acetaminophen/Tylenol or ibuprofen/Motrin).

If your child has vomited or has diarrhea, he/she is NOT to be in school and should NOT return to school for at least 24 hours from the last occurrence AND have kept down a regular meal.

Do not send your child to school if they are sick or not feeling well. Any child determined to be ill while at school will be sent home. If your child is needing medication to help them feel better, they should continue to stay home. Just because they do not have a fever, does not mean they should be in school - rest is best during illness!

If your child has been prescribed an antibiotic for strep, pink-eye, or other bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school.

If your student is to return for a partial day after the 24 hours is completed, please keep them home for the remainder of the day.

Please talk with your child about ways to prevent the spread of illness with the following recommendations:

Teach your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands, then wash their hands.

Teach your child to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (sing the Happy Birthday song twice), especially after coughing or sneezing.

Encourage your child to keep their hands away from their face and not to touch others.

Drink lots of water, eat a well-balanced diet, and get adequate sleep.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our children and staff safe and healthy!

Nurse Tricia Bock

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

PK-5

- Call Central Office at: 712-659-3411
  - or Email Homeroom Teacher

6-12

- Call Central Office at: 712-659-3411
  - or Email Erin Shinn at: eshinn@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us



SPORT ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- If your student athlete leaves anytime during the school day (8:00am - 3:45pm) for an appointment on a day they are competing in a school activity/game, they **must bring back a physical doctor's note to the office.** If they do not return with a doctor's note proving attendance to their appointment, they will not compete in that days event.

DATE REMINDERS

November 2 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 11 - Veterans Day program 9:45 am

November 23 is a Monday that we HAVE SCHOOL due to the short week

November 25-27 - No School - Fall/Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - MS / HS Concert

December 17 - PK-5 Concert

January 7 - Glow Night Activity



OTHER REMINDERS

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures
Please pull all the way forward in the car line to keep traffic moving smoothly.

Do not park in the no-parking zone near the crosswalk in front of the school.

As temperatures drop, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Our outdoor clothing guidelines (from the Parent/Student Handbook) are:

Recess Clothing Guidelines
When the “feels like” temperature is below 10 degrees - Inside Recess

When the “feels like” temperature is 10 or higher - Outside Recess

60°F or above: Short sleeves and shorts are acceptable.
50°F-59°F: Long sleeves are necessary.
49°F-40°F: Coats or sweatshirts are recommended.
39°F or below: Snow pants, boots, winter coats, and gloves are necessary to play and walk on the snow.

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



Visit our G-R Scholastic Book Fair!

November 2nd

9:00am - 7:00pm

GLIDDEN-RALSTON PRESENTS:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

~ Friday, March 5th **@ 6:00pm**

~ Saturday, March 6th **@ 6:00pm**

~ Sunday, March 7th **@ 1:00pm**

Audition dates are still TBD

MONDAY OFFICE HOURS

November Edition

Monday, November 2nd

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Monday, November 16th

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday, November 23rd

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

normal school day

During these times someone will be avalible in the G-R Office!

Wildcat Calendar November 2026

*For the most up-to-date information on sports and activities, visit *gobound.com*!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 -NO SCHOOL -Parent/Teacher Conferences (11:30am-7:30pm) -Scholastic Book Fair (9:00am-7:00pm) -RVC Honor Choir @ CAM	3	4 -4:30pm Board Meeting -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	5 -4:00pm Fill out the FAFSA Night @ DMACC	6	7 -Girls Swimming State Qualifying Meet @ Johnston 
8	9 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.) -HS Girls Basketball Practice Begins 	10	11 -8:30am Breakfast for Veterans -9:45am Veteran's Day Program	12 -6:00pm Fill out the FAFSA Night @ GR	13	14 -VG BB Scrimmage @ Atlantic
15	16 -NO SCHOOL (PD Day) -HS Boys Basketball Practice Begins -JHB BB @ CAM	17	18	19 -JHB BB @ Audubon	20 -MidTerm -VG/B BB @ Southeast Valley	21
22	23 -JHB BB vs. Ar-We-Va	24 -JHB BB vs. Newell-Fonda	25 -NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)	26 -NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving) 	27 -NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)	28
29	30 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.) - JV/VG BB vs. Kuemper Catholic					

The Glidden-Ralston CSD offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Agricultural Education, Business Education, Health Occupations Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and Industrial Education. It is the policy of the Glidden-Ralston CSD not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Tom Borchers, School Counselor, 602 Idaho St, Glidden, IA 51443, 712-659-3411, tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

November 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal WG Pizza Breadsticks Sun Chips Peas Carrots Pears Milk	4 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Corn Apple Slices Milk	5 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Tenders WG Mac & Cheese Broccoli w/ Cheese Mangos Milk	6 WG Long Johns or Cereal Hot Ham & Cheese on WG Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Milk
9 NO SCHOOL 	10 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Pork Tenderloin on WG Bun WG Mac & Cheese Green Beans Peaches Milk	11 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Chicken Alfredo WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cooked Carrots Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	12 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese WG Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Fiesta Beans Apple Sauce Milk	13 WG Muffin or Cereal Pigs in a Blanket Baked Chips Corn Orange Slices Milk
16 NO SCHOOL	17 WG Mini Strawberry Bagels or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun Baked Chips Carrot Sticks Bell Pepper Slices Pears Milk	18 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Beef and Noodles WG Roll Green Beans Peaches Milk	19 WG Pancakes or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Tri-Tater Carrots Romaine Salad Mangos Milk	20 WG Toast or Cereal Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Peas Mixed Fruit Cup Milk
23 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Strawberries Blueberries Milk	24 WG Apple Fritters or Cereal Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rosey Applesauce WG Cookie Milk 	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL 	27 NO SCHOOL 
30 NO SCHOOL				

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Menu's Subject to Change.