



WILDCAT NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the month of October, I am excited to share that things are going well at the Glidden-Ralston School District. Our students and faculty have adapted well to the longer school days that are part of our transition to a four-day school calendar. Our athletic teams continue to represent our school with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and class.

After a few setbacks, the office and school entrance project is nearing completion. We appreciate everyone's patience throughout the process and look forward to having this important project finished. Overall, there is a great deal of positive momentum throughout the Glidden-Ralston School District.

I encourage you to take time each day to visit with your children about their school day. This simple conversation reinforces the importance of education and shows your children that you value their learning experiences. When you make their education a priority, you set a powerful example and encourage them to do the same.

I also encourage you to become involved in our school community. Whether you volunteer, attend school meetings, support our activities, or participate in school events, your presence truly makes a difference. Strong schools are built through strong partnerships among students, families, staff, and the community. Together, we can continue to create an even stronger and more supportive environment for our children.

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you at our upcoming activities and events.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to provide a positive and enriching experience for all of our students.

Mr. Ridder



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Hello Wildcat Families,

We are off and running through another school year! I'd like to thank our entire community for the continued support of our district. We've had a fantastic start to the school year! Keep in mind that we are now entering our 4-day week schedule and will not have school on Mondays unless we schedule a make-up day for weather or have a short week, such as Thanksgiving week.

Our first round of district-wide Math and Literacy assessments has been completed—these are done three times a year to monitor progress.

As we move through the year please keep in mind the importance of attendance at school. Every day counts! Please notify the school if your child will be absent. As directed by the state we will send letters home when a child is absent for 10%, 15%, and 20% of school days in a semester. Each of these will also be communicated to the County Attorney's office.

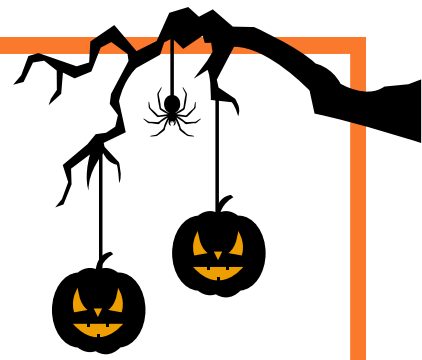
Upcoming Event:

Fall classroom parties will take place on the afternoon of October 30. Please watch for communication from your child's teacher with more specific details about these celebrations.

Go Cats!

Mr. Hjelle

PK-5 Principal



Dear Wildcats,

As we get to the midway point of the 1st quarter, I want to say thank you for a great start to the school year. This midway point is a great chance to visit with students and teachers about grades, assignments and expectations, to make sure we finish the quarter in a positive manner.

Remember when checking Infinite Campus, if you have an Incomplete, it doesn't affect your grade, it is used when you are sick or have an excused absence. If you have a missing grade - it counts as a 0 until you turn it in. The assignment still needs to be completed and turned in. Please get these turned in ASAP. If you see a 0 in the gradebook you can NO LONGER turn in that assignment. Don't wait until the last minute, talk to your teacher and get your assignments turned in. Parents and students, make sure you are checking IC regularly and if you have concerns or questions, please contact the teacher.

The fall sports season is winding down, please come out and support our teams in the final weeks of the season and wish them luck as the tournament season starts. We will be celebrating a "Pink Out" at our Senior Nights- **Volleyball is Oct 8th and Football is on Oct 9th.** Please come out to support our seniors and support a great cause by purchasing your Pink Out shirt on our school store site.

Finally, thank you for all of your support for our students and school. Our Booster club golf event was a great success. Your continued support of our school and booster club allows us to continue to provide opportunities for our students and staff.

Again if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us or call the school at 712-659-3411.

Go 'Cats

Mr. Napierala



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

October 17 - Youth VB Tournament

October 23 – End of Q1

October 28 – School Picture Retakes

Looking Ahead:

November 2 – Parent-Teacher Conferences



OTHER REMINDERS

Morning Arrival

Doors open at 7:30 AM for breakfast. Please do not drop off students before that time, as supervision is not available and the weather is getting colder.

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.

Health & Wellness

As we enter the cold and flu season, please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell.

Remind your child about the importance of handwashing.

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.



MONDAY OFFICE HOURS

October Edition

Monday, October 5th

7:30am - 4:00pm

Monday, October 19th

7:30am - 4:00pm

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

FFA FRUIT SALE



4 SEASONS
FUND RAISING

Fruit Sales

***Starts September 30th
through October 30!th***

Glidden-Ralston FFA

Delivery: Week of Nov. 30th

Contact: kwallace@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

OR any FFA member!

www.4sns.com



Wildcat Calendar



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 -JH/JV/V VB vs. Boyer Valley 	2 -V FB vs. Audubon	3 -V XC @ Pocahontas
4	5 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.) -V XC @ Shadow Valley -V VB Quad @ Ogden 	6 -JH/JV/V @ CAM -V XC @ SCC -V Girls Swim @ Carroll	7 -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	8 -JH/JV/V VB vs. IKM-Manning (Senior Night) -V Girls Swim Triangular @ Fort Dodge	9 -V FB vs. East Mills (Senior Night)	10 -V Girls Swim @ Summit
11	12 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.) -JH FB @ CR-B -V XC @ OABCIG -JV VB @ Carroll -V VB RVC Tournament	13 -V Girls Swim Triangular @ Boone -V VB RVC Tournament	14 -4:30pm Board Meeting	15 -V XC @ Pocahontas -V VB RVC Tournament	16 -V FB @ CR-B 	17 -Youth VB Tournament @ G-R
18	19 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.) -JH FB vs. Audubon	20	21 -1:40pm 6 th -8 th grade Fund Your Future Presentation	22 -V Girls Swim Triangular @ Sioux City West	23 -End of 1 st Quarter	24 -V Girls Swim @ Lewis Central
25	26 -NO SCHOOL (Mon.)	27 -V Girls Swim Triangular @ Carroll 	28 -School Picture Retake Day	29 -8th grade girls @ Go Further STEM Conference (ISU)	30	31 
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

October 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Romaine Salad Apple Sauce Milk	2 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Chicken Strips WG Mac & Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk
5 NO SCHOOL	6 WG Long Johns or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	7 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Broccoli w/ Cheese Apricots Milk	8 WG Toast or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Peas Peaches WG Cookie Milk	9 WG Strawberry Mini Bagels or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun Carrot Sticks Bell Pepper Slices Pears Milk
12 NO SCHOOL	13 WG Muffin or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Chips Corn Watermelon Milk	14 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cooked Carrots Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	15 WG Waffles or Cereal Chicken Nuggets French Fries Broccoli w/ Cheese Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Sub Sandwich on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Peaches Milk
19 NO SCHOOL	20 WG Toast or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Cup Milk	21 WG Pancakes or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Corn Apple Milk	22 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Strawberries Blueberries Milk	23 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Sloppy Joe on WG Bun Tri-Tater Carrots Romaine Salad Mangos Milk
26 NO SCHOOL	27 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Breakfast Pizza Sun Chips Peas & Carrots Pears Milk	28 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Beef Stroganoff WG Roll Romaine Salad Green Beans Peaches Milk	29 WG Muffin or Cereal Hot Ham & Cheese on WG Bun Baked Chips Carrot Sticks Garbanzo Beans Pineapple Milk	30 WG Long Johns or Cereal Pretzel Dog WG Mac & Cheese Corn Apple Slices Pumpkin Cookie Milk 