

Wildcat NEWSLETTER

 April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you're likely aware, we have had to use a few snow days this semester. A common question, especially from students, is whether we will need to make up these days. As of now, there are no plans to make up the snow days. However, should we experience additional snow days, we may need to reconsider. We will notify you as soon as possible if makeup days are required.

In other news, with the passage of the PPEL vote, Glidden-Ralston is about to enter an exciting new chapter. This summer, we will begin a much-needed facelift for our school. Planned projects include relocating the main office to the area near the main entrance, installing a fire riser to provide water access to all three floors for the fire department, and renovating the first-floor restrooms. These upgrades will positively impact the overall experience for both students and staff.

We are also thrilled to announce that we've hired two new teachers who will replace our virtual Science and English instruction programs. While the virtual courses have been well-managed, having live teachers in the classroom is always a better option. These two educators will be excellent additions to our faculty, and we're excited to have them on board.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you that you, as parents or guardians, are the primary educators of your children. When your children come home each day, take a few moments to ask them about what they learned. Even if they tell you they learned nothing, encourage them to think more deeply about their day. By showing interest in their school experience, you demonstrate how much you value their education.

Thank you for all your continued support of GR.

Mr. Ridder
Superintendent

Greetings Glidden-Ralston Families,

As the spring season begins, I hope you are all feeling renewed. April is a time for growth and reflection as we approach the end of this school year and begin planning for next year. This week our 3rd-11th grade students will be taking the ISASP tests. During this time please be sure that students are well rested and properly nourished to ensure best effort. Each year we strive for growth within the district, and these tests are used as a part of that measuring system. Please also be sure that 7th-11th grade students charge their iPads prior to arriving at school this week. This is always the expectation, but will be especially important this week.

Best wishes!

Mr. Hjelle
PK-12 Principal

Reminders:

- **Tissues:** We have several classrooms running low on tissues. If you'd like to make a donation of tissues to the school please drop them by the office.
- **Attendance:** Please continue to ensure your child is attending school regularly and arriving on time. Regular attendance is essential for academic success. Having said that, we know illness is going around. Following illness, please make sure your children are fully recovered before returning to school.
- **After School Pick Up Parking:** Although we seem to be doing better, please remember there is no parking out front near the crosswalk. There are yellow lines marking the areas that are not to be parked in. Parking in these areas creates a hazard for those driving in the area of the stop sign and crosswalk.
- **Weather:** Weather can still be unpredictable in April. Please send kids with appropriate gear for recess.
- **Open Enrollment & PK Sign Up Dates:**
 - Deadline for Kindergarten is September 1, 2025
 - PK Sign Up is open. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

April Dates to Remember:

- March 31-April 4 ISASP Testing 3rd-11th Grades
- April 12-13 School Musical
- April 14 No School-Teacher Inservice
- April 17 Midterm 12:45 Dismissal
- April 18-21 No School Spring Break
- April 23 National Honor Society Induction
- April 28 No Preschool

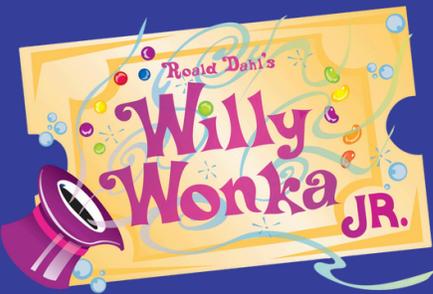
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GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS

ACTIVITIES

April Edition



We are very excited for the upcoming musical here at Glidden-Ralston. Willy Wonka Jr. performances will be on April 12th at 7:00pm and on April 13th at 2:00pm. You can pay for your tickets online through our Bound page, on the Bound app, or you can pay at the door when you arrive. Thank you to Mr. Fiscus, the students, and parent volunteers for all their time and effort to bring a musical back here to Glidden-Ralston! Best of luck to all of our performers!

Willy Wonka Cast

Willy Wonka: Hope Beeck

Charlie: Adya Messer

Grandpa Joe: Ian Cordova

Augustus Gloop: Julian Pena

Mrs. Gloop: Lena Sklenar

Veruca: Natasha Bird

Mr. Salt: Elijah Beeck

Violet: Lorrel Bundt

Mrs. Beauregarde: Makena Halbur

Mike: Drew Fiscus

Ms. Teavee: Ella Frohlich

Candy Man: Ramona Kunecke

Mr. Bucket: Brent Thielen

Mrs. Bucket: Aubrey Whitaker

Grandma Georgina: Brynlee Flathers

Grandma Josephina: Janessa Maldonado

Grandpa George: Quinten Messer

Matilda: Savanna Weeks/Ella Frohlich

James: Athena Hall

Candy Man Kids/Oompa Loompas/Squirrels:

Athena Hall, Brynlee Flathers, Erika Fiscus,

Ada Soyer, Savannah Rucker, Justice Moran

Stage Managers: Kaylee Majerus, Riley Farris,

Chezney Flathers, Tessa Soyer

Sound Manager: Isaiah Batten

Lighting: Joe Thielen, Ryan Olderog

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[Bound Page](#)

[School Website](#)

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2025-26 Preschool Sign-Up

It's time to sign your 4 year old up for the 2025-26 school year!

Glidden-Ralston offers a full day, 5 day a week preschool program with a focus on kindergarten readiness. A parent orientation meeting is planned for August, prior to the start of the school year. (Child must be 4 by September 15, 2025.) Call 712-659-3411 or email rconner@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us to reserve your child's spot for fall classes.

Information needed when you contact us:

-  **Child & Parent Name**
-  **Parent Phone Number**
-  **Household Address**
-  **Child's Birthdate**
-  **Parent Email**

You will still have to register your child when fall 2025-2026 school year registration begins, this is only to give us an idea of class sizes. There are preschool packets available in Central office if you would like to stop in and pick one up or we can also send home with a sibling at your request. There are health records included to be filled out that you may want before the fall.

Wildcat Calendar



April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 -HS Track @ Woodbine	2 -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	3	4	5
ISASP Testing (3rd-11th grade)						
6	7 -2 nd grade Carroll County Solid Waste Presentation -HS Girls Track @ Gowrie -HS Golf @ Anita	8 -Kindergarten Swan Lake Conservation Presentation -8 th grade Swan Lake History Day -HS Track @ Panorama	9 -5 th grade BizTown -4:30pm Board Meeting	10 -HS Golf @ Sac City -JH Track @ Audubon (IKM Host)	11	12 -Musical (Willy Wonka) 
13 -Musical (Willy Wonka)	14 -NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service) -HS Boys Track @ Gowrie -HS Golf @ Woodbine	15 -JH Track @ Panorama	16 -Juniors Building My Future Expo	17 -12:45pm DISMISSAL (Mid-Term) -HS Track @ ACGC (Guthrie Center) -JH Track @ Woodbine	18 -NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)	19
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20 	21 -NO SCHOOL (Spring Break) -HS Golf @ Atlantic (EEHK Host)	22 -2 nd grade Carroll County Conservation Presentation -HS Track @ Gowrie -JH Track @ WCV (Stuart)	23 -6:00pm National Honor Society Ceremony	24 -HS Track @ WCV (Stuart)	25 -Kindergarten & 2 nd grade Loess Hills Presentation -HS Girls Golf @ SEV (Dayton)	26 -GR PROM 
27	28 -NO PRESCHOOL -2 nd grade Field Trip to Des Moines Performing Arts Center -HS Boys Track @ Woodbine -HS Golf @ Dunlap	29 -HS Track @ WG (Granger)	30			
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April 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Hot Ham and Cheese Smiley Fries Broccoli & Cheese Pears Milk	2 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Chicken Patty on WG Bun Romaine Salad Corn Apple Milk	3 Poptart or Cereal Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Peas Peaches Milk	4 WG Muffins or Cereal Fish Sticks WG Roll Tater Tots Green Beans Grapes Milk
7 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Corn Tropical Fruit Milk	8 Poptart or Cereal Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Pears Milk	9 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Corn Dog Mac-n-Cheese Cucumber Slices Bell Pepper Slices Applesauce Milk	10 Stuffed Waffles or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Refried Beans Salsa Cup w/ Tortilla Chips Pineapple Milk	11 WG Bagels w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Fish Sandwich Green Beans Carrot & Celery Sticks Oranges Cake Milk
14 NO SCHOOL 	15 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Mr. Rib on WG Bun French Fries Peas Bell Pepper Slices Orange Slices Milk	16 Sausage Pancake Wraps or Cereal Orange Chicken WG Rice Peas & Carrots Banana Milk	17 WG Muffins or Cereal Turkey Sandwich Sun Chips Carrot Sticks Banana Cookie Milk	18 NO SCHOOL 
21 NO SCHOOL 	22 WG Bagels w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Pears Milk	23 WG Pancakes or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Smiley Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	24 Poptart or Cereal Meatloaf WG Roll Whipped Potatoes Peas Grapes Milk	25 Donut Rings or Cereal Chili Dog French Fries Corn Carrot Sticks Applesauce Milk
28 WG Muffins or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Corn Refried Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	29 Stuffed Waffles or Cereal Goulash Garlic Bread Broccoli Cucumber Slices Peaches Milk	30 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Chicken Nuggets String Cheese Street Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk		