

Wildcat

December 2024

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the close of the calendar year, I want you to reflect on all that your children have accomplished during the first half of the school year. December is a time of happiness and joy, and as I look back, I am truly thankful for the dedication of our students, the hard work of our staff, and the support of our families. Together, we are creating a learning community that is something we all can be proud of.

Highlights from the First Semester

The first semester has been filled with some exciting times and achievements for all of our students. Whether it is academic achievements, or activity accomplishments, our students continue to shine brightly. Everyone of our students did positive things during the first semester. Let your children know you are proud of them.

Looking Ahead: A Strong Finish to 2024

As we look ahead to the final weeks of 2024, we are excited for the upcoming events and activities planned for our students and families that will be in full bloom starting in December. From winter concerts and holiday performances to end-of-year celebrations, December is a wonderful time to connect with one another and celebrate our collective achievements.

Please note that schools will be closed for the winter break from **December 23rd until January 1st**, and I encourage you to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with your loved ones. We are looking forward to returning in the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm to continue the work we have started.

Staying Safe and Healthy

As we enter the winter season, I want to remind everyone to stay safe and healthy. Please encourage your children to dress warmly and practice good hygiene, especially as we navigate cold and flu season. If your child is feeling unwell, we ask that you keep them at home to rest and recover, ensuring the health and safety of everyone in our schools.

Wishing You a Joyous Holiday Season

I want to wish each of you a peaceful and joyous holiday season. May this time be filled with warmth, happiness, and moments of reflection. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming year.

Tom Ridder
Superintendent



Dear Glidden-Ralston Families,

As we approach the end of 2024 and the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect upon the progress we've made and my appreciation for the continued support from our school community. I'm sure many of you have seen that statewide school report cards have been released. Over the past 3 years, Glidden-Ralston has shown tremendous growth. There is still room for improvement, but as a community we should be proud of the progress that has been made. Both the G-R Elementary and G-R JH/SH received commendable scores. We are committed as a district to providing continued growth and excellence in the classroom.

This month is a month to celebrate the spirit of giving and to focus on the importance of community. Please keep others in mind during this time. If you are a family that could use assistance this holiday season, please reach out to our School Counselor, Mrs. Bach via email: kbach@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us.

Warm regards,

Mr. Hjelle
PK-12 Principal



December Dates to Remember:

- December 9
 - No School- Teacher Inservice
- December 16
 - 5:30 K-3 Winter Concert
 - 6:30 4-6 Winter Concert
 - 7:30 7-12 Winter Concert
- December 20
 - 2:45 PK Winter Concert
- December 23-January 1
 - Winter Break
- January 2
 - Return to School



Reminders:

- The doors to the school open at 7:30 for breakfast and the weather is beginning to become colder. Please do not drop your children off prior to 7:30.
- Winter is coming. Please send your children with appropriate clothing. The following guidelines are listed in the Parent/Student handbook:
 - 60°F or above: Short sleeves and shorts are acceptable.
 - 50°F-59°F: Long sleeves and pants 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. Otherwise, students will stay on hard, snowless surfaces.
- Please do not park in the no parking area near the crosswalk in front of the school.
- Chronic Absenteeism is an emphasis this year in the State of Iowa. Please reach out if you have questions about how we are handling this here at G-R.



GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS



ACTIVITIES



DECEMBER EDITION

The winter sports season is officially here! All levels of basketball have played at least one game already. We also have students wrestling down at Coon Rapids and one student swimming with Carroll.

You can find our Coaches Directory on Bound and on our school website under Athletics. For the most up to date scheduling, please refer to Bound. Also keep in mind, the schedule is ever changing as some schools have a hard time filling a complete roster. We always try our best to communicate any changes and our coaches should be doing the same.

We have had a great showing for our Strength & Agility workouts. In the Weightroom, we have had anywhere from 8 to 14 boys and/or girls. For Agilities, we usually have between 20 to 32 students. It is never too late to join!

Here is our schedule:

- Agilities- Monday/Wednesday 6:30am-7:00am (7-12 graders)
- Weightroom- Tuesday/Thursday (8-12 graders)
 - Boys- 5:45am-6:45am
 - Girls- 6:45am-7:30am

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are very thankful to have all of our coaches and sponsors here at Glidden-Ralston. They put in a lot of time and effort with your students. There are a ton of things they do that go unnoticed, and we really appreciate their passion to give our Wildcats the best experience possible. Thank you coaches and sponsors!

I hope everyone in the Glidden-Ralston Community has a Happy Thanksgiving!

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BOX TOPICS

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.



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on participating
Trick-or-treat
snacks*



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on participating
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dough products*



Buy 2, Earn 4
on participating
Monster Cereals*



Buy 2, Earn 4
on participating
Chex & Chex Mix
products*



Buy 1, Earn 2
on participating
Pillsbury
frozen waffles*

*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.

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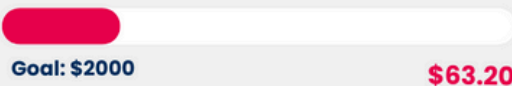


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Wildcat Calendar



December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	-JHGGB @ South Central Calhoun (Rockwell City)	-VBB/JVB vs West Harrison -Varsity Swim @ Spencer 	-6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-State Dance Competition @ Wells Fargo 	-JHB/VBB @ Paton-Churdan	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	-NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice) -VBB @ WG	-VBB @ Exira-EHK	-4:30pm Board Meeting	-VBB vs. Greene Co.		-Varsity Swim @ Hoover HS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	-1:00pm Loess Hills Ag Presentation for Kindergarten -Varsity Swim @ Carroll Winter Music Concerts: 5:30pm K-3 rd grade 6:30pm 4 th -6 th grade 7:30pm 7 th -12 th grade	-VBB @ Woodbine 		-1:00pm Swan Lake Presentation for Kindergarten -Triangular Swim @ Carroll	-2:45pm PK Winter Music Concert  -VBB vs. Boyer Valley	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>NO SCHOOL- Winter Break!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Holidays</i></p>						
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Holidays</i></p>						
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December 2024 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Pepper Slices Peaches Milk	3 WG Pancakes or Cereal Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Pears Milk	4 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Chicken Nuggets French Fries Corn Oranges Milk	5 WG Toast or Cereal Hamburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Apple Milk	6 Long John or Cereal Turkey Sandwich Sun Chips Carrot Sticks Banana Milk
9 NO SCHOOL 	10 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Crispito Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Black Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	11 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Pizza Romaine Salad Apricots Cookie Milk	12 Nutrigrain Bar/Yogurt or Cereal Chicken Patty on WG Bun Sun Chips Corn Pears Milk	13 WG Breakfast Bagel or Cereal Chili Cinnamon Roll Celery Sticks Carrot Sticks Apple Slices Milk
16 WG Toast or Cereal Lasagna WG Breadstick Broccoli w/ Ranch Peaches Milk	17 WG Waffles or Cereal Mr. Rib Baked Chips Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	18 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes w/ Gravy Peas Grapes Holiday Dessert Milk	19 WG Poptart or Cereal Corn Dog Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Black Eyed Peas Tropical Fruit Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sun Chips Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Applesauce Milk
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