

WILDCAT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation to each of you for your dedication and commitment to our school community. This time of year is an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of togetherness, kindness, and the spirit of giving.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. Together, we are building a strong foundation for their future, and we are incredibly grateful for the role you play in their growth and development.

May this season bring you joy, peace, and renewal, and may this coming year be filled with even more success, growth, and opportunities for learning.

On behalf of our entire school district, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tom Ridder
Superintendent

P.S. Remember the holiday break runs from December 23rd through January 1st. January 2nd will be the first day of school after the holidays.





Dear Glidden-Ralston Families,

I'd like to wish you all the best for this holiday season and Happy New Year! As January approaches, my hope is that all of our students and families have time to rest and refresh as we move into the second half of the school year.

For snow days or any other emergency situations, we now have a new alert system that will run through our Infinite Campus. In order to receive text messages through this system, you'll need to opt into that option within the system. This can also be used to receive texts for other messages that originate through Infinite Campus. There are directions later in this newsletter to help you through this process.

As always, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our families. We encourage you to stay connected with the school through events and engagement with your child about their learning experiences.

Warm regards,

Mr. Hjelle
PK-12 Principal



January Dates to Remember:

- January 2
 - Return to School
- January 10
 - 1st Semester ends - 12:45 Dismissal. HS students can leave at 12:20 if they choose not to stay for lunch.
- January 13
 - No Preschool

Reminders:

- The doors to the school open at 7:30 for breakfast. This time of year is very cold. Please do not drop your children off prior to 7:30.
- 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. We understand that illnesses happen, especially this time of year. Please provide doctor's notes to the office when seeing a physician and be cognizant of how many days your student may be missing.



MERRY
Christmas



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Basketball
Team



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GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS ACTIVITIES

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NEW ALERT SYSTEM



We are excited to announce the implementation of our new message alert system through Infinite Campus. This new alert system will allow you to receive text messages and voice messages regarding school closings, food service balances, attendance, and so much more.

Please note: This new message alert system has replaced our old alert system for weather related notifications. In order for you to receive a notification regarding school closings, early outs, or late starts, you must opt in to receive text message or voice message alerts on the Parent Portal.

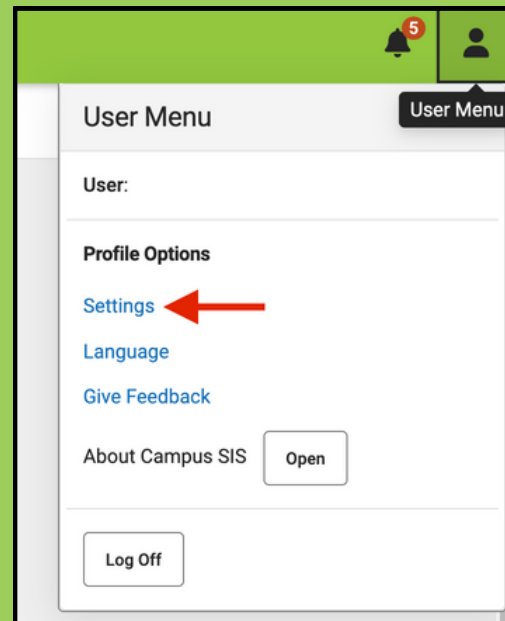
Follow the instructions on the next page on how you can receive text message or voice message alerts.

If you do not have access to the parent portal on Infinite Campus, you may fill out the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/XKMdSWdM6CRtAC1L6>

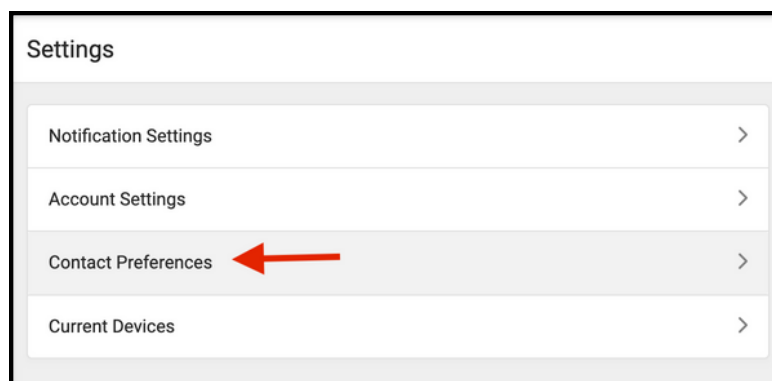
1 STEP

After logging into your parent portal, click on the user menu located in the right hand corner of the screen. Choose Settings.



2 STEP

Click on Contact Preferences.



3 STEP

Check the boxes next to each message category for which you would like to receive a text message or voice message.

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Preferred Language
Your district may send some communications in languages other than English. If you prefer to be contacted in a different language, please specify your preferred language.
US English

Message Preferences
School districts use Infinite Campus to send notifications to students and their families and contacts. Messages can be as simple as announcing a holiday concert, posting grades or declaring a snow emergency. By selecting text for any of the options below, you are consenting to receive text messages from your school district. Standard message and data rates may apply. Message frequency can vary.
To opt out of receiving texts, uncheck the Text boxes below at any time. You can also opt out of ALL text messages from your district with your phone by replying STOP.
Please read the [Terms of Service](#) prior to opting into text messaging.
Use of this service is subject to our Privacy Policy located at: <https://www.infinitcampus.com/policies/privacy-policy>

Phone Email

	HOUSEHOLD PHONE	VOICE	TEXT (SMS)
Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CELL PHONE	VOICE	TEXT (SMS)	
Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WORK PHONE	VOICE	TEXT (SMS)	
Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





Save

Weather related notifications such as school closings, early outs, and late starts fall under the Priority category. You must check one of the boxes for Priority to receive weather related notifications. If you do not check a box, you will not receive the weather related notifications.

Wildcat Calendar



January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			NO SCHOOL~ Last day of Winter Break! -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting		-JHGB/VBB @ CAM 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		-HS Wrestling @ Carroll HS -VBB @ Ar-We-Va 	-4:30pm Board Meeting	-JHGB vs. Colo	-12:45pm DISMISSAL (1 st Semester Ends) -VBB vs. CR-B	-HS Wrestling @ CR-B -Booster Club BB Tournament
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
-Booster Club BB Tournament 	-NO PRESCHOOL -JHBB vs. NF	-VBB @ West Harrison -Varsity Swim @ Lincoln HS		-JH Wrestling Meet @ WG -JHBB @ Ar-We-Va -JHGB vs. Ar-We-Va -VGB/VBB vs. WCV	-JHB/VBB vs. Paton-Churdan	-HS Wrestling @ Griswold HS -Varsity Swim @ Fort Dodge
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	-1:00pm Loess Hills Ag Presentation for Kindergarten -JH Wrestling @ Ogden -VBB vs. Ogden	-JH Wrestling @ Carroll -JHGB vs. CR-B -VBB vs. Exira-EHK -Varsity Swim @ Boone		-1:00pm Swan Lake Presentation for Kindergarten -VGB/VBB @ River Valley (Correctionville)	-JHGB @ Kuemper	-HS Wrestling @ Ogden HS -Varsity Swim @ Lewis Central-Titan Hill
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	-JH Wrestling @ Audubon -JHGB @ NF	-HS Wrestling @ Riverside -JHGB vs. BV -VBB vs. Woodbine		-6:00pm JVB @ SE Valley -Triangular Swim @ Carroll 	-VBB @ Boyer Valley	
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, Kaylee Bach, School Counselor, 602 Idaho St, Glidden, IA 51443, 712-659-3411, kbach@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us						

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

January 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 NO SCHOOL 	2 WG Waffles or Cereal Chicken Nuggets French Fries Corn Pears Milk	3 WG Toast or Cereal Crispito Tortilla Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Milk
6 Nutrigrain Bar/Yogurt or Cereal Spaghetti WG Breadstick Romaine Salad Pears Milk	7 WG Muffins or Cereal Baked Chicken WG Dinner Roll Potatoes Green Beans Pears Milk	8 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Hamburger on WG Bun French Fries Corn Applesauce Milk	9 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Orange Chicken WG Rice Peas Carrot Sticks Peaches Milk	10 Long Johns or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Mac-N-Cheese Baked Beans Peaches Milk
13 WG Toast or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Romaine & Tomato Street Corn Tropical Fruit Milk	14 WG Pancakes or Cereal Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sun Chips Broccoli w/ Ranch Clementine Milk	15 WG Cinnamon Roll or Cereal Pizza Romaine Salad Black Eyed Peas Apricots Cookie Milk	16 WG Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Flying Saucers Green Beans Apricots Milk	17 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Chili w/ Crackers WG Cinnamon Roll Carrot & Celery Sticks Pickle Spears Apple Slices Milk
20 WG Breakfast Bagel or Cereal Meatloaf WG Dinner Roll Potatoes Cooked Carrots Pears Milk	21 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Broccoli Pears Milk	22 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal BBQ Pulled Pork on WG Bun Potato Salad Baked Beans Pears Milk	23 WG Waffles or Cereal Nachos Corn Fresh Apple Cookie Milk	24 WG Muffin or Cereal Chicken and Noodles WG Dinner Roll Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Apricots Milk
27 Nutrigrain Bar/Yogurt or Cereal Corn Dog Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Black Eyed Peas Tropical Fruit Milk	28 WG Pancakes or Cereal Sloppy Joe on WG Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Apple Milk	29 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes w/ Gravy Peas Grapes Milk	30 WG Toast or Cereal Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Corn Apricots Milk	31 Long Johns or Cereal Tater Tot Casserole Romaine Salad Carrot Sticks Applesauce Milk

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Menu's Subject to Change.