

Wildcat

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we enter the month of April, we begin to look ahead to the conclusion of the school year. The 2025–2026 school year is progressing quickly, and there is still important work to be accomplished. It is essential that students remain focused on their priorities, particularly finishing the year strong. We also appreciate your continued support as parents and guardians in reinforcing this focus, especially as students may be tempted to become distracted by the pleasant spring weather.

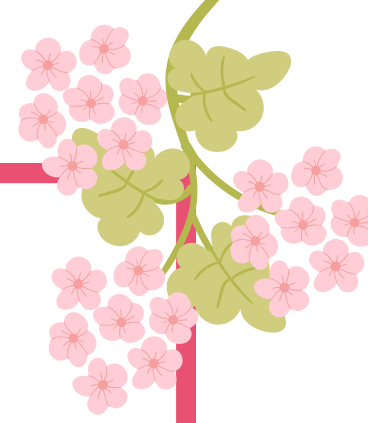
A major renovation planned for this summer is the relocation of the school office to a space adjacent to the main entrance. Currently, the office is situated at one end of the building, while the primary entrance is located at the opposite end. This relocation will enhance building security and provide greater convenience for students, staff, and visitors. The new main office will also include a dedicated nurse's office, further improving accessibility and overall efficiency.

Spring Break will take place from April 3 through April 6. We hope your family enjoys this break and is able to relax and spend meaningful time with family and friends. Upon our return, we will begin the final stretch of the school year, which will include a variety of end-of-year activities.

**Thank you for all you do for Glidden-Ralston.
Mr. Ridder**



APRIL 2026



Dear Parents/Students,

Spring is here! As we turn to the final couple of months of the school year, we want to make sure that our students finish strong. Please keep up with Infinite Campus, remind your students to do homework, study for tests and make sure they finish the year on a high note.

In April our students will be performing in this year's musical "Alice in Wonderland Jr". The kids have been working hard and this will be a great opportunity for the community to see how talented the students are in the fun performance. The play will be on April 10th, 11th, and a matinee on the 12th.

The GR Booster Club will be having a new fund raising event on April 18th-Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased at the school store website:

<https://gr25-26wildcatgear.itemorder.com/shop/home/> To learn more about this event go online or talk to a booster club member. Should be a great night!

The annual Jr/Sr Prom is on April 25th. Come to the grand march and see our kids decked out in their best attire. I know the students are looking forward to this event, and it should be an amazing evening.

Finally, our spring sports are off to a great start. All of our participation numbers are up for our spring sports, we are excited about all the hard work and dedication our athletes are showing. Remember we have an early weight lifting session at 7:15 every morning, never to late to start and get better, be a part of something bigger, as we keep getting better.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email me tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us or call the school 712-659-3411

Go Cats!
Mr. Napierala



G-R Families,

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is approaching so quickly! As we move through these final weeks, it's important to stay focused and finish strong. During the first week of April, our focus will be on completing any Iowa Assessments that were missed.

Looking ahead to next year, we will be making a few changes to better utilize our staff and resources:

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Class: We will be adding a TK class for students who were in PK this year and may benefit from an additional year before entering Kindergarten, as well as for students who have not attended PK but will turn 5 on or before September 15, 2026.

6th Grade Schedule: Sixth-grade students will transition to an eight-period schedule to align with the 7th and 8th grades. This will be a smooth adjustment, as students already change classes throughout the day, and most of their classes will continue to be held on the 2nd floor.

Thank you for your continued support as we finish the year strong and prepare for a successful 2026–27 school year!

**Best wishes,
Mr. Hjelle
PK–8 Principal**

Important

REMINDERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Open Enrollment & PK Sign Up Dates:

Deadline for Kindergarten is September 1, 2026

PK- If you've not already done so, please call the office to get on the list!

DATES

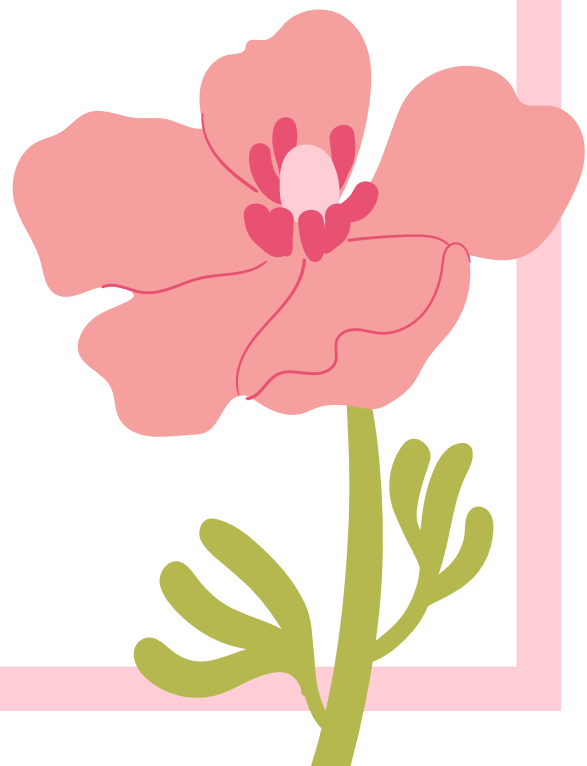
April 3-6 No School Spring Break

April 10 PK-3 Sweet Treat with Special Person

April 10-12 School Musical

April 20 No Preschool

April 27 No School Teacher In-Service





Name of Student:
Grade/Homeroom:
Number of yearbooks:

Would you like personalization? _____

*If yes, fillout linesbelow with personalizationtext

*If more than one yearbook is being personalized, make a note on the back of this sheet with additional personalization.

1st line
(\$10) _____

2nd line
(\$10) _____

Icons
(\$5) _____

Yearbook price until 4/17/26\$50

4/18/26-5/22/26 \$55

5/22/26-5/30/26 \$60

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to Glidden-Ralston Yearbook for the correct total and deliver them to Erin or Kyli in the office. Cash is also accepted for the correct amount.

*If you would prefer to buy online follow this link.

<https://yearbookforever.com/school-store/1o136NIsOdi026SJ4I6Rqh1D>

GLIDDEN-RALSTON BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS



Run for the Roses

A Kentucky Derby Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of Derby-style fun to support
Glidden-Ralston Schools!



Date: April 18



Location: The Lincoln Club



Time: 5:30 PM – Happy Hour
6:00 PM – Dinner



Goldfish Races



Best Dressed Award



Games, Fun & Prizes

\$50 per person
includes dinner

All proceeds go to the Glidden-Ralston booster club

Grab your hat & bowtie...
and come help us








Run for the **Roses!**




Wildcat Calendar



April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			-8:30am Kindergarten Field Trip to Ames -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-NO PRESCHOOL -ISU Go Further Conference -VG Soccer @ Carroll  -VB Soccer @ Atlantic	-NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	-NO SCHOOL (Spring Break) -VG Soccer @ Bondurant-Farrar -VB Soccer @ Carroll	-VB Track @ Panorama -VG Track @ Southeast Valley -Esports vs. Woodbine	-Iowa Youth Institute (WFP) in Ames -4:30pm Board Meeting	-JH B/G Track @ Audubon -VB Golf @ Lake City -VG Soccer @ Greene County -VB Soccer @ Carroll	-7:45am PK-3 Sweet Treats with Special People Breakfast -7:00pm Alice in Wonderland Musical	-7:00pm Alice in Wonderland Musical 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
-2:00pm Alice in Wonderland Musical	-VB Track @ Southeast Valley -VG Soccer @ Winterset	-JH G Track @ Panorama -VG Soccer @ Logan-Magnolia -VB Soccer @ Carroll -Esports vs. KP		-JH B/G Track @ Woodbine -VB Track @ AC/GC -VG Soccer @ Carroll -VB Soccer @ Ballard	-Mid-Term -VB Soccer @ Carroll	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
-State FFA Convention (19 th -21 st) 	-NO PRESCHOOL -VB Golf @ Dunlap -VB Track @ Southeast Valley -VG Soccer @ Carlisle -VB Soccer @ Carroll	-6:00-8:00pm Art Fair Open House -Esports vs. New London	-Rolley Valley Conference Art Fair 	-Drake Relays	-Drake Relays -VG Golf @ Oak Park -VG Soccer @ Carroll -VB Soccer @ ADM	-Drake Relays -G-R Prom -7:00pm Grand March 
26	27	28	29	30		
	-NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service) -VG Golf @ Coon Rapids -VG Soccer @ Kuemper -VB Soccer @ Carroll	-Hawk Relays -VG Soccer @ Carroll -VB Soccer @ Boone -Esports vs. Lake Mills		-VB Soccer @ Carroll -VG Track @ Woodbine -VB Soccer @ Carroll 		
<p>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</p>						

April 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Strawberries Apricots Milk	2 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Spaghetti WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	3 NO SCHOOL 
6 NO SCHOOL 	7 Eggs & Bacon or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Carrots Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	8 WG Fruit Loops Waffles or Cereal Chicken Alfredo WG Garlic Bread Corn Grapes Cantaloupe Milk	9 WG Toast or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Apricots Milk	10 WG Strawberry Mini Bagels or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun Green Beans Tropical Fruit Milk
13 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Milk	14 WG Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Baby Carrots Mangos Milk	15 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Breakfast Pizza Sun Chips Peas and Carrots Apple Slices Milk	16 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Sloppy Joes on WG Bun Tri-Tater Corn Tropical Fruit Milk	17 WG Muffin or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk
20 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Hof Dog on WG Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Baby Carrots Grapes Milk	21 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Sub Sandwich on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Peaches Milk	22 WG Pancakes or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Corn Cantaloupe Milk	23 WG Blueberry Waffles or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Pears Milk	24 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Baby Carrots Applesauce Milk
27 NO SCHOOL 	28 WG Poptarts or Cereal Popcorn Shrimp Baked Chips Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	29 WG Mini Apple Fritters or Cereal Teriyaki Chicken Wild Grain Rice Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Apple Slices Milk	30 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun French Fries Carrots Romaine Salad Peaches Milk	