

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tony Napierala, and I am the new 9–12 Principal and Activities Director. I'm truly excited to join the Glidden-Ralston school community.

I bring over 20 years of experience in education, having served as a high school social studies teacher, middle and high school physical education teacher, coach, and administrator. I look forward to learning from the outstanding staff and students here at Glidden-Ralston.

I'm excited to have a fun, productive, and successful school year. I can't wait to meet everyone and become part of this great district. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns at tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us or by calling the school at 712-659-3411.

Go Wildcats! Mr. Tony NapieralaPrincipal / Activities Director

Welcome Back, G-R Families!

The 2025-2026 school year is just around the corner, and we are excited to get off to a great start here at Glidden-Ralston! This is my 29th year in education and second year at G-R. I'm very much looking forward to another fantastic year working with our wonderful students, staff, and community.

Let's make it a great year together!

Go Cats!

Mr. Hjelle

PK-8 Principal

NEW STAFF WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome several new faces to our K-8 faculty this year:

- Mr. Tom Borchers Guidance
- Ms. Allison Hike-Wonder Art
- Ms. Morgan Koehler 1st Grade
- Mrs. Emily Mohr English
- Ms. Kristen Campbell PE
- Ms. Erin Shinn Administrative Assistant
- Mrs. Allison Wenck Science
- Mr. Marc DeMoss IJAG Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming these talented educators and staff members to the G-R family!



Open House: Our Open House will be held on Thursday, August 21, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This is a valuable opportunity to meet your child's teachers, explore the school, and connect with other families.

Cell Phone Policy: We are implementing a revised cell phone policy this year. Students will not be permitted to use their phones from the first bell in the morning until the final bell at the end of the day. This change aligns with recent state legislative priorities and is intended to promote more meaningful in-person interactions and reduce distractions during the school day.

- **Grades 4–6:** Students who bring phones will turn them off and place them in a designated classroom phone holder upon arrival. Phones will remain stored until the end of the school day.
- **Grades 7–8:** Students who bring phones to school will turn off their phones and place them in a phone holder on the 3rd floor at the beginning of the day. These holders will be securely stored in the office. Phones may be picked up during our Homeroom/WIN period at the end of the day.
- **Grades PK-3:** Students with phones should keep them in their backpacks in their designated area throughout the day.
- Lockboxes: will be provided for ALL 9-12 students to securely store their phones. Every time a student enters the building during the school day, they are expected to place their phone in the lockbox. Phones may be retrieved when leaving the building.

If you need to contact your student during the school day, please call the office or email their teacher directly. We understand that there will be some exceptions from time to time due to different circumstances. Please communicate with us and we will handle situations on a case-by-case basis.



Cell Phone Policy Violations:

- **First offense:** Phone will be taken to the office, and the student will serve detention.
- **Second offense:** The student will serve an in-school suspension, and a parent or guardian will be required to pick up the phone.

Schedule Change: We will be transitioning to an 8-period day, moving away from block scheduling. We believe this change will be a positive step for both our students and staff.

Crosswalk: In the past you may have been used to seeing temporary stop signs at the intersections of 5^{th} & Idaho and 6^{th} & Idaho, but over the summer the city has removed the temporary signs and replaced with a permanent stop.

Reminders for a Smooth Start:

- School doors open at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Please do not drop students off before this time.
- Please avoid parking in the no-parking zone near the front crosswalk.

Recess Clothing Guidelines:

- 60°F and above: Short sleeves and shorts are fine
- 50°F-59°F: Long sleeves and pants are required
- 49°F-40°F: Coats or sweatshirts recommended

39°F and below: Snow pants, boots, coats, and gloves are required to play in snow. Without appropriate gear, students will remain on cleared surfaces.



August 21 - Back to School Night (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

August 25 - First Day of School

September 1 - No School (Labor Day)

September 3 - Booster Club Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

September 10 - School Board Meeting

September 24 - Picture Day

September 22–26 – Homecoming Week

SAVE THE DATE!

GRADUATION CEREMONY:

MAY 17TH, 2026 @ 1:00PM





Activities

August Edition

- August 15th: Fall Sport Pictures
- August 22nd: V FB @ COLO (Scrimmage)
- August 25th: JV/V VB vs CM
- August 28th: V XC @ GOWRIE
- August 29th: V FB vs FD ST EDS
- August 30th: V VB @ East Sac

Glidden-Ralston Wildcats Activities

602 Idaho St. Glidden, IA 51443 tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

BREAKFAST

Served 7:30 to 8:00

PK-12 Full Price\$2.10	PK-12 Full	ull Price		\$2.10
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Reduced	Price	\$0.30
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LUNCH

K-12 Full Price	\$3.05
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PK Full Price\$2.40

Reduced Price\$0.40

FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION

If you would like to apply for free and reduced price meals, please fill out the application located on our school website under the Food/Health section.

MENU

AUGUST 2025

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BREAKFAST

WG MUFFIN OR CEREAL FRUIT JUICE MILK

LUNCH

PEPPERONI PIZZA RICE KRISPIE TREAT CORN PEACHES MILK

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BREAKFAST

WG FRENCH TOAST STICKS
OR CEREAL
FRUIT
JUICE
MILK

LUNCH

CORN DOG CARROT STICKS W/ RANCH GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT MILK

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BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST PIZZA
OR CEREAL
FRUIT
JUICE
MILK

LUNCH

HAMBURGER ON WG BUN
PEAS
ROMAINE LETTUCE W/ CHERRY TOMATOES
PEARS
MILK

BREAKFAST

WG BAGEL W/ CREAM CHEESE
OR CEREAL
FRUIT
JUICE
MILK

LUNCH

CHICKEN NUGGETS SUN CHIPS COOKED CARROTS MIXED FRUIT MILK

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BREAKFAST

YOGURT W/ NUTRIGRAIN BAR
OR CEREAL
FRUIT
JUICE
MILK

LUNCH

CRISPITO
TORTILLA CHIPS W/ SALSA
REFRIED BEANS
FIESTA BEANS
ROMAINE LETTUCE W/ CHERRY TOMATOES
PINEAPPLE
MILK