

WILDCAT

Newsletter

January 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the second semester, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Your involvement plays a vital role in the success of our students and our schools.

The start of a new semester offers a fresh start and renewed focus. Our students have already accomplished so much, and we are proud of their hard work. This semester, our staff remains committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Please encourage your children to set new goals, stay organized, and take advantage of the many academic supports and extracurricular opportunities available to them. Parents and guardians can support this effort by maintaining open communication with teachers, keeping an eye on their children's progress, and encouraging positive study habits at home.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. Please continue to check for school communications and district updates so you are informed of important dates, events, and any changes that may arise.

We look forward to a successful and productive second semester and appreciate your ongoing support.

Mr. Ridder



G-R Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026—we are excited for another great year in our G-R community. We look forward to getting back into the swing of things after the holiday break.

Coming up in January, we will host our Snow Much Fun Family Night on January 9, from 6:00-8:00 pm. This event will be full of activities for our elementary-aged students. We will also have an ice cream social with a free-will donation to help fund this event and future activity nights at the school. We hope to see many of you there! We will be offering a couple of raffle baskets as well. If anyone would like to donate goods or services to a basket to be raffled off at the event please contact me ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us.

We will also be kicking off our Book Blast program, an opportunity to put books into the hands of all our PK-6 students and classrooms. The kickoff for this event is January 20, so be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Go Cats!
Mr. Hjelle



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday break allowed you time to see friends and family, while enjoying the break from school. We as a high school staff are looking forward to kicking off the second semester in a positive way and look forward to what the new year will bring.

On Jan 14th, Mr. Borchers, our school counselor, will be having our Sophomores and other students taking the ASVAB. This test is a career aptitude test given by the military. If you have any questions about the test please get a hold of Mr. Borchers

Mrs. Wallace's marketing classes will soon be out in the community, looking for support, by selling ads during our athletic contests that are played on our hudl fan page. We hope this will be a great experience for our students as they learn and implement all aspects of marketing. If you are interested about getting an ad made, please contact Mrs. Wallace.

We have implemented Jr. open campus starting the 2nd semester for Junior students in good standing. We are hoping this incentive will help with attendance, grades and behavior. It is also an opportunity for our students to show growth, trust and maturity.

Please come support our basketball teams, wrestlers, and swimmers as they finish up the second half of the winter sports season. I know the students and staff appreciate your support and we are looking forward to a great rest of the season.

Again, we appreciate all that you do for our students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

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IMPORTANT

Dates to Remember



JANUARY 9TH

SNOW MUCH FUN FAMILY NIGHT

JANUARY 17TH

4-6 GIRLS BOOSTER CLUB BASKETBALL

JANUARY 18TH

4-6 BOYS BOOSTER CLUB BASKETBALL

JANUARY 20TH

BOOK BLAST KICKOFF



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY EVENT

6:30-7:30pm Wednesday January 14th
Mrs. Mohr and Mr. Borchers will be
hosting a Scholarship Essay Writing
event for Seniors.

If any juniors or seniors are interested in
having assistance with writing
scholarship essays or assistance with
filling out scholarships, please come and
attend this resource. This will take place
in Mrs. Mohr's classroom on 3rd floor,
room 305.

Contact Mrs. Mohr or Mr. Borchers with
any questions.



Important Announcement



Glidden-Ralston CSD is looking for substitute teachers! We are especially low in the elementary level. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hjelle:

ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

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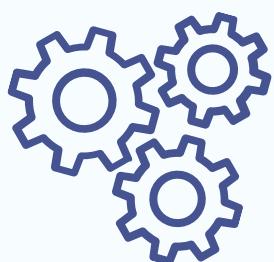
G-R VEX Team Competes at State Center

Glidden-Ralston students competed in the VEX IQ Robotics Competition on Saturday, December 6, at State Center. VEX IQ is a competitive robotics program that brings together students from multiple schools to test their problem-solving, teamwork, and engineering skills.

Glidden-Ralston was represented by two teams at the competition. The first team included Bo Hofer, Wylder Kunecke, Rowan Clark, Rowen Tuel, Max Strunk, Sam Baker and Charlie Foley, who finished in 15th place. The second team consisted of Brock Woolsey, Elijah Beeck, Ian Cordova, and I.B., earning an 11th-place finish.

This year's competition theme, Mix and Match, challenged students to design, build, and program robots to complete a variety of tasks on a 6-foot by 8-foot rectangular field. Teams earned points by successfully completing teamwork challenges during their matches.

The event provided students with an opportunity to apply their robotics knowledge while developing collaboration and critical-thinking skills. Overall, the competition was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all students involved.





2026-27 Preschool Sign-Up

It's time to sign your 4 year old up for the 2026-27 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, 2026.) Call 712-659-3411 or email kware@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us to reserve your child's spot for fall classes.

Information needed when you contact us:

- Yellow crayon icon: **Child & Parent Name**
- Pink crayon icon: **Parent Phone Number**
- Green crayon icon: **Household Address**
- Blue crayon icon: **Child's Birthdate**
- Purple crayon icon: **Parent Email**

You will still have to register your child when fall 2026-2027 school year registration begins, this is only to give us an idea of class sizes. We will notify you when preschool packets are available to pick up in Central office. There are health records included to be filled out that you may want before the fall.



Thank You

Dear Families, Friends, and Staff,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the incredible kindness and support you've shown me during my cancer treatment. The food, flowers, and thoughtful gestures have meant more than I can ever fully express.

During this challenging time, your generosity has provided comfort, encouragement, and many moments of joy. Each meal and every bouquet served as a reminder of how fortunate I am to be surrounded by such caring and compassionate people.

Thank you for thinking of me, for your continued support,

and for helping lift my spirits when I needed it most. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you.

With sincere appreciation,
Bonnie Bock

Wildcat Calendar



January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break 	2	3 -V GB vs. Exira-EHK -V Swim @ Des Moines East
4	5 -JH/JV/V GB @ CAM	6 -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	7 -JH BB @ Newell-Fonda -VBB vs. Tri-Center	8	9	10 -V GB @ Westwood -V BB @ Westwood -V Swim @ Summit
11 -JH BB @ Paton-Churdan	12 -JV/V BB @ Woodbine -V GB @ Woodbine -V Swim @ Carroll 	13 -4:30pm Board Meeting	14 -JV/V BB vs. West Central Valley	15 -JV/V GB vs. Ar-We-Va	16	17 -Booster Club Youth BB Tournament -V Swim @ Fort Dodge
18 -Booster Club Youth BB Tournament	19 -JV/V GB @ Ogden	20 -JH GB @ Boyer Valley -JV/V BB @ Boyer Valley -V Swim @ Boone	21 -JH GB @ Kuemper	22 -JV/V BB vs. CR-B 	23	24 -V Swim @ Lewis Central -V Wrestling @ Ogden
25 -JH GB vs. Newell-Fonda	26 -V Wrestling @ CR-B 	27	28 -V Swim @ Carroll -JH BB vs. Colo-Nesco	29 -JV/V GB vs. Paton-Churdan	30	31 -V Wrestling @ AC/GC -8:00am-6:00pm AAU VB Tournament
		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				

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

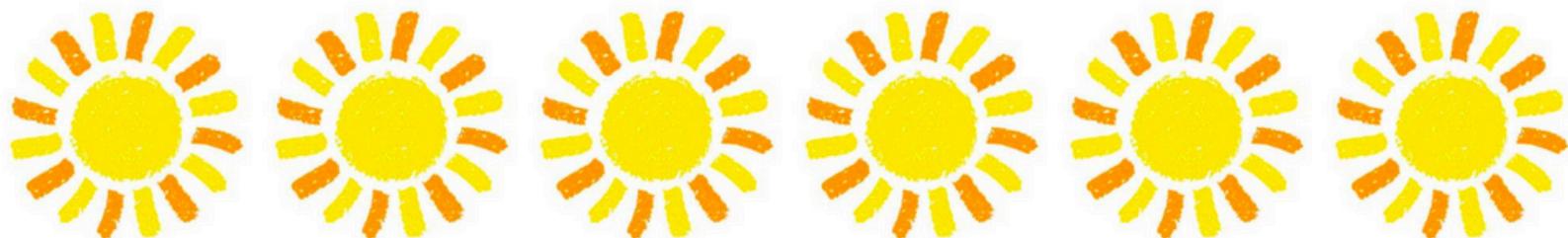
January 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 NO SCHOOL 	2 NO SCHOOL 
5 WG Toast or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Pears Milk	6 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun French Fries Carrots Peaches Milk	7 WG Waffles or Cereal Beef & Bean Burrito Fiesta Beans Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Celery Sticks Applesauce Milk	8 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Chicken Alfredo WG Cheesy Bread Broccoli w/ Cheese Grapes Milk	9 WG Muffin or Cereal Breaded Chicken Sandwich on WG Bun Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
12 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Breakfast Corn Dog Baked Chips Peas & Carrots Apple Slices Milk	13 WG Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	14 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	15 WG Pizza Bagel or Cereal Chili WG Cinnamon Roll Bell Pepper Slices Corn Strawberries Milk	16 WG PopTart or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Apricots Milk
19 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Milk	20 WG Long Johns or Cereal Pulled Pork on WG Bun Baked Chips Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	21 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomatoes Black Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	22 WG Pancakes or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Green Beans Cantaloupe Milk	23 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Baby Carrots Mangos Milk
26 WG Muffin or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk	27 WG Waffles or Cereal Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Peaches Milk	28 WG Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Sub Sandwich on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Grapes Milk	29 WG Toast or Cereal Lasagna WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	30 Eggs & Bacon or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk

Did you know we serve

BREAKFAST

every morning? Join us!



7:30 to 8:00