

Wildcat Newsletter

MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move through the winter months and begin looking ahead to the longer days of spring, I would like to thank you for your continued support, involvement, and partnership in your child's education. March brings many exciting opportunities for learning, growth, and community engagement, and we look forward to a productive season ahead.

As you know, we experienced our second snow day on Friday, February 20. While we have enjoyed a relatively mild winter so far, conditions can change quickly. We will continue to monitor the weather closely and will communicate any delays or closures through phone, email, our website, and local media outlets. If you have a teenage driver, please take a moment to review safe winter driving practices with them. Snow and ice can create hazardous conditions, and their safety is always our top priority.

We will host our Spring Semester Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 10 and March 12. Historically, spring conferences have not been as well attended as those in the fall, and we hope to see that change this year. Your child's progress during the second half of the school year is just as important, and staying connected with teachers helps ensure continued success. We strongly encourage you to make every effort to attend and engage in these valuable conversations.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns. Our office staff is happy to assist you and will connect you with the appropriate staff member if needed. We encourage you to reach out directly to ensure you receive accurate and reliable information.

Thank you again for your continuing support,

Mr. Ridder





G-R Families,

Here we are in March already! I'm sure we're all hoping that most of the cold winter weather is behind us. While the end of the school year is approaching, we still have many important dates and events coming up. Parent-Teacher Conferences and Iowa Assessments are right around the corner, and we are also looking forward to our next Family Fun Night on March 5th. We hope to see all of our elementary families there!

Iowa Assessments will take place March 23–March 27 for students in grades 3–11. A letter with additional information will be sent home soon.

Reminders

Attendance:

Please continue to ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Regular attendance is essential for academic success. We understand that illness is going around; however, after an illness, please make sure your child is fully recovered before returning to school.

Weather:

March weather can still be unpredictable. Please send students with appropriate outdoor gear for recess.

Open Enrollment & PK Sign-Up Dates:

Deadline for Grades 1–12: March 2, 2026

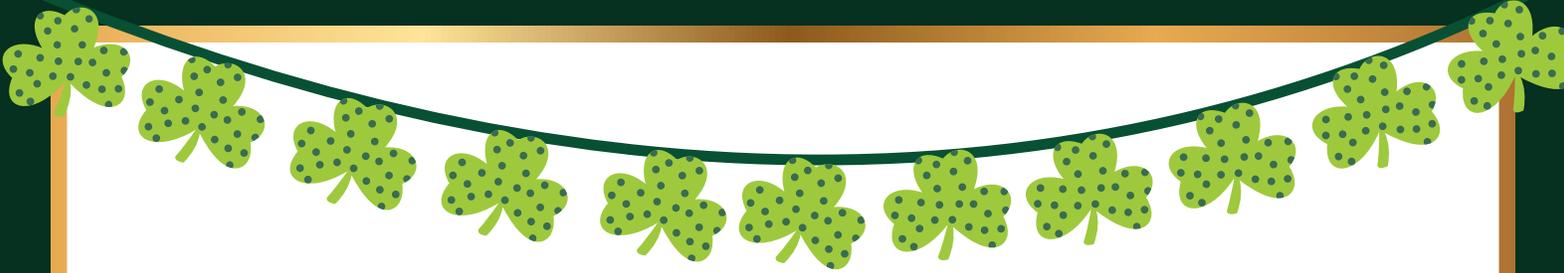
Deadline for Kindergarten: September 1, 2026

PK sign-up is now open. Please call or stop by the office to register.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 10 and March 12. If you have not already signed up for a time, please do so. A message has been sent through Infinite Campus with sign-up information.

**Warm wishes,
Mr. Hjelle
PK-8 Principal**



Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

As we look forward to Spring- our 3rd quarter winds down, and we will have our parent teacher conferences March 10th and March 12th, with no school on Friday March 13th. I highly encourage parents to attend these conferences for a couple of reasons. 1st- it is important to keep in touch with your child's teachers, see how they are doing in class and keep that connection, 2nd- grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be signing up for next school year's classes. We as a staff and administration feel this is a great opportunity for parents and students to work our future ideas/classes to lead them to a successful high school experience.

ISASP testing will take place March 23-27th. We hope you will encourage your students to perform at their best for these important tests. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to practice taking standardized tests (such as the ACT, etc) and gauge where they are strong and areas they need to improve as they continue through high school. I hope you will have a discussion about what a great opportunity the ISASP can be.

Spring sports will be starting soon. I highly encourage you to talk to your child about joining a team this spring, track or golf, and encourage them to join our early bird weights group in the morning. The weights group meets in the gym every morning at 7:15.

Again if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out 712-659-3411 or tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

GO 'CATS

Mr. Napierala

Important

Dates To Remember

March 5

Seuss-A-Palooza Family Fun Night
6:00–7:30 PM – Main Gymnasium



March 6

12:45 PM Dismissal – End of Quarter 3

March 10

Air Force Band

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:00–7:00 PM



March 12

2:10 PM Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences
2:30–7:00 PM

March 13

No School

March 23–27

ISASP Testing – Grades 3–11
Thank you for your continued support.
We appreciate your partnership as we
move into a busy and exciting spring
season!



Seuss-A-Palooza!

Pk-6 Family Fun Night!

You're invited to a SEUSS
filled fun night of games,
crafts, and snacks!

Thursday, March 5th
6:00-7:30 GR School Gym

Sponsored by the GR Community Engagment Committee

Wildcat Calendar



March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	-5:00pm Boys Basketball Awards Night (Smith Gym)	-3 rd grade Field Trip to Stephen's Auditorium	-2 nd grade Field Trip to the Civic Center in Des Moines -2:00-6:00pm Student Council LifeServe Blood Drive (Smith Gym) -4:30pm Board Meeting -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-6:00pm Family Night (Seuss-a-Palooza) 	-12:45pm DISMISSAL (3 rd Quarter Ends)	-FFA Districts in Denison
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		-9:45am Air Force Band Performance -4:00-7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences		-2:10pm DISMISSAL -2:30-7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	-NO SCHOOL -Booster Club Dodgeball Tournament	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			-1:00pm 7-12 Assembly	-4 th grade Field Trip to the State Capitol	-7:00-9:00pm Junior High Dance (Smith Gym)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	-1 st grade Field Trip to Stephen's Auditorium -RVC Academic Banquet @ Exira-EHK ISASP Testing (3rd-11th grade)					-9:00am PK-6 Dance Camp -GR Dance Team Spring Show 
29	30	31				
	-V G/B Track @ SCC	-V G/B Track @ Woodbine -V G Soccer @ Carroll				
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March 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Lasagna WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	3 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun French Fries Carrots Peaches Milk	4 WG Mini Apple Fritters or Cereal Teriyaki Chicken Wild Grain Rice Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Apricots Milk	5 WG Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Baby Carrots Mangos Milk	6 WG Strawberry Mini Bagels or Cereal Tuna and Noodles WG Dinner Roll Green Beans Tropical Fruit Milk
9 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Sloppy Joes on WG Bun Tri-Tater Carrot Sticks Pears Milk	10 WG Poptarts or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	11 WG Fruit Loops Waffles or Cereal Chicken Alfredo WG Cheesy Bread Cauliflower w/ Cheese Grapes Milk	12 WG Long Johns or Cereal Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Peaches Milk	13 NO SCHOOL 
16 WG Muffin or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk	17 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Baby Carrots Applesauce Milk	18 WG Pizza Bagel or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Sun Chips Baked Beans Grapes Milk	19 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	20 WG Blueberry Waffles or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Apricots Milk
23 WG Toast or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Pears Milk	24 Eggs & Bacon or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Romaine Salad Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	25 WG Waffles or Cereal Sub Sandwich on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Grapes Milk	26 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Breakfast Pizza Baked Chips Peas Apple Slices Milk	27 WG Poptarts or Cereal Popcorn Shrimp Rice Krispy Treat Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk
30 WG Pancakes or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Corn Cantaloupe Milk	31 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Milk			