

# WILDCAT

## NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

This newsletter marks the final edition of the 2025–2026 school year. Our principals are incredibly proud of the many accomplishments and achievements of our students, both in activities and athletics, throughout the year. Their dedication and hard work have truly stood out, and they have represented our school extremely well.

The final three weeks of school will be filled with celebrations recognizing our students' successes. We are especially excited to honor our seniors at the Graduation Ceremony on May 17 at 1:00 p.m. This has been a wonderful group of students, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. They have made a lasting and meaningful impact on our school community.

As mentioned last month, several renovation projects will take place over the summer. These improvements will not interfere with our regular summer activities. Since many staff members are away during this time, email will be the most effective way to reach anyone you may need to contact.

We hope you and your children have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

**Mr. Ridder**



**G-R Families,**

Here we are in the last month of the 2025-26 school year. As we near the end, we definitely don't slow down. You'll see many dates to remember this month.

As we start thinking about next year, school supplies come to mind. You will find school supply lists posted on the school website under registration. In addition, we are working with a company called EPI that provides an opportunity for you to purchase your school supplies all at once. They will deliver them to the school and they'll be waiting for your child / children when students return next Fall. There is a flyer in this newsletter with directions about this option.

There will also be a flyer sent home with all PK-5 students in the coming days.

**Best Wishes!**  
**Mr. Hjelle**  
**PK-8 Principal**





**Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:**

Happy May! Boy has the school year gone fast and we are excited in the high school to finish the year on a strong and positive note.

The spring sports schedule is winding down, with state qualifying meets for both golf and track coming up. Boys golf sectionals is in Newell on May 13th, Girls golf sites have not been released yet but will be on May 15th and State Qualifying meet for Boys and Girls track is on May 14th at Audubon. Good Luck to all our athletes! With spring sports winding down, that means baseball and softball will soon be starting, we are looking forward to an exciting season.

Summer weights will run Monday through Thursday starting May 27th. We will run two sessions 7am - 7:45am and 8am-8:45 am. We will be running the lifting sessions the same way we have been running the before school and weight lifting classes that we had in place during the school year. We highly encourage all our athletes to attend and make themselves that best athletes and teammates they can be.

Keep an eye out for our ISASP results. Our early returns are fantastic! Our students showed a lot of improvement and growth. Make sure to ask your students about their results in the coming days and if you see some of the staff give them a pat on the back, they have put a lot of time and effort into helping our students do their best. Great Job Wildcats.

Come help us celebrate our senior class of 2026. On May 13th we will have our Senior Awards Night starting at 7pm. And on May 17th, we will be having our graduation ceremony at 1pm. We are excited and proud to show off our newest grads, we know that they will do a great job in the future.

Again if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out. Have a great Summer!

**Go 'Cats**

**Mr. Napierala**



# DATES TO REMEMBER

SEE THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR TIMES

**May 7**, FFA Banquet 6:00 PM

**May 13**, Senior Awards Night 7:00 PM

**May 14**, Elementary Track and Field Day

**May 17**, Graduation 1:00 PM

**May 18**, 7th-11th Grade Awards Assembly

**May 19**, K-12 Spring Music Concerts

5:30 PM K-3

6:15 PM 4-6

7:00 PM 7-12

**May 21**, PK Music Program 12:15 PM

**May 21**, 12:45 Dismissal End of Q4



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<b>Transitional K</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>\$85</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>4th &amp; 5th</b>	<b>\$83</b>

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# ROLLING VALLEY CONFERENCE ART SHOW RESULTS

**Bella Davis** - Honorable Mention Acrylic Painting,  
Printmaking 1st place, Mixed Media 4th place, Handbuilt Ceramics 2nd  
place

**Alexis Borkowski** - Honorable Mention Ink Drawing

**Hope Beeck**- Pencil Drawing 4th place, Colored Pencil Drawing 4th place,  
Printmaking 5th place

**Madilyn Trost** - Oil Pastel 4th place

**Anna Steinkamp** - Lettering and Poster 3rd place, Black and White  
Photography 2nd place,  
Color Photography 4th place, Mixed Media Honorable Mention,  
Textiles and Fibers 5th Place, General Crafts Honorable Mention

**Skyler Mowear**y - Handbuilt Ceramics 5th place

**Luke Sporrer** - General Crafts 5th place

**Emmersynn Chaney** - Scratchboard 1st place





# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 all G-R Athletic dates & times will only be located through our Bound Athletic Calendar

You will find this calendar on the  
Glidden-Ralston School Website!






The image shows a screenshot of a website navigation menu. At the top left, there is a 'CALENDARS' link with a calendar icon. To the right is the 'Infinite Campus' logo. Below these are several menu items: 'DISTRICT CALENDAR', 'BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU', 'ATHLETIC CALENDAR' (which is circled in red), '2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR', and '2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR'. On the right side of the menu, there is a 'DROPTDOWN' menu with a downward arrow.

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/gliddenralston>

# Wildcat Calendar



# May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Market Day -VB Golf @ Oak Park -JH G Track @ Collins-Maxwell 	-VG Golf @ Coon Rapids -VG Soccer @ Denison
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	-JH G Track @ SCC -VG Golf @ Crestwood Hills	-VB Track @ Woodbine -VG Soccer @ Carroll 	-5 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Living History Farms -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-6:00pm FFA Banquet -V G/B Track @ SCC -VG Soccer @ Carroll -VG Golf @ Crestwood Hills	-JH B Track @ East Sac -VG Track @ Ogden	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	-VG Golf @ Coon Rapids -VG Track @ East Sac	-JH B Track @ Boyer Valley -VG Soccer @ North Polk	-4:30pm Board Meeting -7:00pm Senior Awards Night	-Elementary Track & Field Day -11:00am Senior Meal in Lunchroom	-PK-3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Trip to Kellan's Kingdom -VG Soccer @ Carroll -9:00am Senior Send Off -9:30am Graduation Rehearsal -10:00am Seniors Elmer Smith Gravesite	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
-1:00pm Graduation Ceremony 	-VG Soccer @ Carroll -V/JV BB @ IKM-Manning -8:15am 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Awards	-6 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Swan Lake Spring Music Concerts: -5:30pm K-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade -6:15pm 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade -7:00pm 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	-V/JV BB vs. Carroll	-12:15pm PK Program -12:45pm DISMISSAL (4 <sup>th</sup> quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Ends) -State Track @ Drake	-Teacher In-Service -State Track @ Drake	-State Track @ Drake 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		-V SB @ Lytton -V/JV BB @ Lytton	-V/JV BB @ OABCIG  -V/JV SB vs. Ogden		-V/JV BB vs. Madrid	-V SB @ MVAOCO
31		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, <a href="mailto:tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us">tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us</a>				

# May 2026 MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Romaine Salad Pineapple Milk
4 Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	5 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Sloppy Joes on WG Bun Tri-Tater Carrots Romaine Salad Mangos Milk	6 WG Pancakes or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Corn Apples Milk	7 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk	8 WG Toast or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Peas Peaches Cookie Milk
11 WG Strawberry Mini Bagels or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun Carrot Sticks Bell Pepper Slices Pears Milk	12 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Black Beans Strawberries Blueberries Milk	13 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Breakfast Pizza Sun Chips Peas and Carrots Apple Slices Milk	14 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	15 WG Frosted Donuts or Cereal Sub Sandwich on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Peaches Milk
18 WG Toast or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Cup Milk	19 WG Muffin or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Smiley Fries Green Beans Watermelon Milk	20 WG Waffles or Cereal Chicken Nuggets Baked Chips Corn Peaches Milk	21 WG Long Johns or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Baby Carrots Fruit Cup Cookie Milk	22 
25	26	27	28	29
		summer time		