



# WILDCAT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for being such an important part of the Glidden-Ralston Community. Over the past year, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible pride and strong sense of connection that our students, staff, families, and community members share in our school.


Glidden-Ralston is more than just a building, it's a point of pride, and the heart of our community. From our historic building to the energy and excitement in our classrooms, there's a powerful sense of belonging that continues to grow each day.

Thank you for helping make this such a special place, yesterday, today, and for years to come.

As we enter the month of October, I want to highlight the important role you play in your child's education. You are their first and most influential teacher. Your involvement truly makes a difference. Whether it's helping with homework, attending school events, or simply checking in about their day, your input helps set them up for success.

Thank you for all that you do to support Glidden-Ralston CSD. I'm excited for what the rest of the year holds, and I look forward to working together to make it a truly great one.

**Tom Ridder**  
Superintendent



## **Parents and Guardians,**

Homecoming week was a huge success. I want to send a shout out to Mr. Schumann, our student council advisor, and the student council put on a great week of events. The community and the school worked great together in supporting our students.

Fall Sports will be winding down in October- so come show your support for the Wildcats at our last home events to celebrate our senior class. Volleyball will be Oct. 2 and Football will be Oct. 17th, we will also be having a pink out that night.

Parents please check infinite campus to keep up to date on your student's grades. If you need any help please reach out to the office. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's grades, please contact our staff and see where you can help your child improve their grades.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us](mailto:tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us) or call me at 712-659-3411. I want to say thank you to parents and students to helping get our school year off to a great start. GO CATS!


**Mr. Napierala**

## **Greetings Wildcat Families,**

The school year is in full swing, and we're moving full speed ahead! I'd like to thank our entire community for the continued support of our district. We've had a fantastic start to the school year!

Our first round of district-wide Math and Literacy assessments has been completed—these are done three times a year to monitor progress. Additionally, Iowa Assessment data has been released, and we're proud to report continued growth across the district. The Iowa School Report Cards for the 2024-25 school year have also been published, and both our Elementary and Jr-Sr High School have received a Commendable Rating once again. This is a reflection of the dedication of our students, staff, and families—thank you!

As I previously mentioned, we are looking to form a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) to promote community involvement with our PK-8 students. If you're interested in helping launch this initiative, please email me at [ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us](mailto:ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us). Once we gather a list of volunteers, I will reach out to schedule a meeting that works best for everyone.



**Go Cats!**  
**Mr. Hjelle**  
**PK-8 Principal**

# Important Reminders



➡ **Reminder of phone policy-** once a high school student walks into school phones must be put away- if they are caught by staff with their phone out the teacher has been instructed to take the phone and bring it to the office. At that point our policy goes into effect:

**1st offense:** Detention, phone returned to the student following the detention.

**2nd offense:** 1 day in school suspension- the parent/guardian to pick up the phone at the end of the day.

**3rd offense:** 1 day in school suspension, and the student must turn in their phone to the office when they are at school.

**Our students have been doing a great job with the new policy and I just wanted to send out a reminder of the consequences when not following the policy.**

➡ **Safety team formed at HS:** with the help of our school Nurse, Tricia Bock, we have put together a safety team of teachers/administrators to help in case of an emergency. At our PD day in October, most of our staff will be getting certified in CPR, as well as, our safety team will practice training for other events that could happen at a school. This team will be an important part of creating a safe and stable environment within the school.

➡ **Fall classroom parties will take place on the afternoon of October 31.** Please watch for communication from your child's teacher with more specific details about those celebrations.

# Important

## Reminders pt. 2



### **Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures:**

Please pull all the way forward in the car line to keep traffic moving smoothly.



**Do not park in the no-parking zone near the crosswalk in front of the school.**



### **Attendance:**

Every day counts! Please notify the school if your child will be absent.

As we enter the cold and flu season, please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell.



**Remind your child about the importance of handwashing.**



**As temperatures drop, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Our outdoor clothing guidelines (from the Parent/Student Handbook) are:**



### **Temperature Guidelines:**

60°F & above

Short sleeves and shorts acceptable

50°F – 59°F

Long sleeves and pants recommended

40°F – 49°F

Coats or sweatshirts recommended

39°F & below

Snow pants, boots, winter coats, and gloves required for snow play; otherwise, students must stay on cleared areas



### **Morning Arrival:**

Doors open at 7:30 AM for breakfast. Please do not drop off students before that time, as supervision is not available and the weather is getting colder.



# **Important**

## **Dates to Remember**

**October 6** – No Preschool

**October 20** – No School (Teacher Inservice)

**October 24** – End of Q1 / 12:45 PM Dismissal

**October 29** – School Picture Retakes

**November 4 & 6** - Parent Teacher Conferences

**Graduation Ceremony:**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 1:00pm**

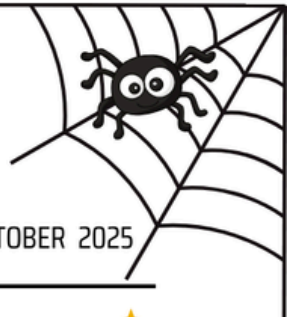




GLIDDEN-RALSTON  
SCHOOL

# BOX TOPS NEWS

OCTOBER 2025



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TOPS PRODUCTS  
AND FORGOT TO  
GIVE GRADE  
CREDIT?**

*You still can!*

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Tops App
2. Click My  
Earnings
3. Click on any  
item in Earnings  
History
4. Click Give Credit
5. Select your  
child's grade

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IS IN  
THE LEAD!**

Winning Grade will receive  
an extra recess with giant  
popsicles in May!



**OCT 13-OCT 19  
STACK THE BONUSES  
ONE WEEK ONLY!**



**ONE WEEK ONLY!**

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**BUY 4, EARN 20  
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†New participants MUST scan a receipt during National Box Tops Week to earn Bonus Box Tops. (10/01 - 10/31 only)

**BOX TOPS TRIVIA WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE ALL  
WEEK! WINNERS GET BOX TOPS CREDITED TO THEIR CHILD'S GRADE!**



**DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS  
APP YET? DOWNLOAD NOW!**

**SCAN  
ME!**



**JOIN THE  
OCTOBER  
CHALLENGE!**



1. Join at the  
beginning of  
the month
2. Open the Box  
Tops app
3. Click join  
challenge
4. Earn more  
bonus box  
tops!



**CONNECT YOUR  
WALMART ACCOUNT  
AND YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO SCAN  
RECEIPTS!**

1. Open the Box  
Tops app
2. Click Connect  
Walmart  
Account
3. Box Tops \$ will  
automatically be  
sent to the  
school!



## BONUS OFFERS

Offers are valid in a single transaction between 10/1/2025-10/31/2025



**Buy 2, Earn 6**  
on all Monster  
Cereals\*



**Buy 2, Earn 5**  
on all Totino's  
products\*



**Buy 2, Earn 5**  
on all Go-GURT  
products\*



**Buy 3, Earn 5**  
on all Betty Crocker  
products\*



**Buy 3, Earn 5**  
on all fruit snacks  
and bars\*

**NEW FEATURE:  
EARN  
WITHOUT  
SCANNING!**



\*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



The banner features a light green background with faint, stylized illustrations of various fruits including apples, lemons, and pineapples. The main text is in a large, bold, brown font, and the dates are in a smaller, bold, brown font at the bottom.

# FFA Fruit Sale Fundraiser

October 13th - November 14th





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**Delivery will be the week of December 17th**

# Wildcat Calendar




# October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			-6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-JH/V/JV VB vs. EEHK (SENIOR NIGHT) 	-V FB @ Audubon	-JH/JV/V XC @ Pocahontas -V VB @ Riverside -Carroll Band Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	-NO PRESCHOOL -JH FB vs. Ar-We-Va -V VB @ Ogden	-JH VB @ PC -JH/JV/V XC @ SCC -V Swim @ Boone 	-4:30pm Board Meeting	-JH/JV/V VB @ Woodbine -V Swim @ Carroll	-V FB @ EEHK	-V Swim @ Summit -Booster Club VB Tournament
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	-NO PRESCHOOL -JH VB vs. CRB -JV VB vs. Carroll -JH/JV FB @ Audubon -JH/JV/V XC @ OABCIG	-JV/V Swim @ Newton		-JV VB RVC Tournament @ CRB -JH/JV/V XC @ Little Sioux	-V FB vs. CRB (SENIOR NIGHT) 	-V Swim @ Lewis Central -V VB RVC Tournament @ BV
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	-NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-service)	-9:10am 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Fund Your Future Assembly		-V Swim @ Sioux City West	-12:45 DISMISSAL (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		-V Swim @ McCreary 	-School Picture Retake Day		-2:00-3:00pm 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Fall Carnival in the Smith Center 🎃	
National FFA Convention						
<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, <a href="mailto:tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us">tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us</a></p>						

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# October 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Peaches Milk	2 WG Pizza Bagels or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Milk	3 WG Waffles or Cereal Mr. Rib on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Grapes Milk
6 WG Muffin or Cereal Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Pears Milk	7 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Wrap or Cereal WG Corn Dog Baked Chips Peas & Carrots Apple Slices Milk	8 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Maid-Rites on WG Bun Baked Beans Watermelon Milk	9 WG Poptart or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Baby Carrots Apricots Milk	10 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Breaded Chicken Sandwich on WG Bun Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
13 WG Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Peaches Milk	14 WG Toast or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Carrot Sticks Tropical Fruit Milk	15 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Chips Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Beef & Bean Burrito Fiesta Beans Romaine Salad Applesauce Milk	17 WG Long Johns or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Green Beans Apricots Milk
20 NO SCHOOL 	21 WG Muffin or Cereal Chicken Nuggets WG Roll Peas Orange Slices Milk	22 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Apple Slices Milk	23 WG Pancakes or Cereal Chicken Alfredo WG Cheesy Bread Cucumber Slices Celery Sticks Grapes Milk	24 WG Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Sun Chips Baby Carrots Fruit Cup Milk
27 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Green Beans Peaches Milk	28 WG Breakfast Sandwich or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Mixed Fruit Milk	29 WG Waffles or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomatoes Black Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	30 WG Pizza Bagel or Cereal Hot Ham & Cheese on WG Bun Corn Pears Rice Krispy Treat Milk	31 WG Toast or Cereal Chili WG Cinnamon Roll Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk 

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Menu's Subject to Change.