



WILDCAT NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're off to a fantastic start to the school year! It's been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as students enter through our doors each day. When asked, most students have shared their excitement about being back, and I have a feeling even those who didn't say it are secretly happy to return.

September is always a special time in schools. The summer heat begins to fade, and school activities begin in full swing. Our new staff members are settling in well, and our experienced teachers are already building strong connections with their students.

As we head into the season of school events and athletic competitions, I want to take a moment to highlight the important role you play as spectators. The way fans behave at games is a direct reflection of our school community. Just as importantly, your children are watching and learning from your actions. You are their most influential teacher, especially when it comes to modeling respectful and sportsmanlike behavior.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school. We're always happy to talk with you and support your child's success.

Thank you for all you do for our school,

Mr. Ridder

SEPTEMBER 2025

Getting off to a great start to the year!

New phone policy is working well and look for that to continue

We appreciate the patience from students/parents/staff in working the new schedule.

With a new principal and counselor, we are working diligently to learn and work out the kinks.

Our fall sports seasons have gotten off to a great start- come out and support our teams. Please follow our teams on the Bound website or our school website:

<https://www.glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us/>

Again, we appreciate your continued support in our students and school. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out: tnapierala@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us or call me at school 712-659-3411.

Tony Napierala, 9-12 Principal/AD

G-R Families

The 2025-2026 school year is off to a great start! Our kids and staff have started off with a lot of pep in their step and we look to continue with this enthusiasm for learning throughout the year. As we just sent a newsletter to start the year, I don't have a lot of new items to share, but here are a couple:

I am going to host a technology usage workshop on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 PM in the Smith Gym. During this workshop I will help people find items on the school website as well as Bound. If you plan to attend, please bring a laptop or at least a smartphone.

I would like to set up a Parent-Teacher Organization that focuses on community involvement with our PK-8 students. If you're interested in being involved in this please email me at ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us. After we have some volunteers I will reach out to schedule a meeting at a time that works best for most.

Go Cats!

Mr. Hjelle



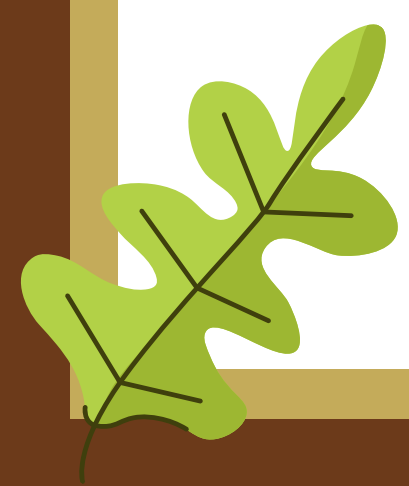

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School doors open at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Please do not drop students off before this time.

- Our day starts at 8:15 this year.

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.
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ATTENDANCE REMINDERS



7-12 Students

- Call central office at: 712-659-3411
- Or email Erin Shinn at:
eshinn@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

Pk-6 Students

- Call central office at: 712-659-3411
- Or email homeroom teacher





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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**





Picture Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de la Foto!

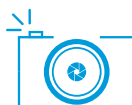
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Glidden-Ralston School



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■ Join the 5th–8th Grade Band! ■

■ 5th Grade Band

Over the next few weeks, students will have the opportunity to try out instruments if they don't already know what they would like to play in band. Mr. Fiscus listens to the kids and recommends what instrument might be the best fit for them. Students will bring home a form with his recommendation.

Once an instrument is chosen, families can take part in the rent-to-own program from Rieman Music. The Rieman Music store out of Fort Dodge serves our area, and when the instrument and book are ordered, they are sent straight to Glidden-Ralston. You can order your instrument here: riemanmusic.com/t-rentown.aspx

If you're unable to rent at the current time, that's okay! Don't let that stop you from participating in band. We have a limited supply of school-owned instruments that students can borrow as a last resort.

■ 6th–8th Grade Band

We've seen large strides in the music program and we want to keep it going. In order for Glidden-Ralston to develop a great music program, we need students to stick with it. It's hard to have great bands if students drop after just one or two years.

Students can still try new things and be a part of the band. If you haven't ever been in band, **now is the time!**

Some students are concerned about the new 8-period schedule and its homework load. This is the first year we've gone to this schedule, and students don't yet know how much homework they will have. If you fall behind, there are ways to help you get caught up — don't let that stop you from joining band!

■ Why Join Band?

- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Be part of something special

Mr. Chris Fiscus
Director of Bands & Choirs
Glidden-Ralston Schools
■ cfiscus@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us

ICAN

Iowa College Access Network

Parents of High School Students,

ICAN(Iowa College Access Network) is a nonprofit organization that provides students and families in Iowa with free college and career planning services, including assistance with career exploration, college applications, financial aid and scholarship searches. Below is a link to their financial aid site. It provides good advice for families and financing an education/training.

ICAN-Financial Aid Page

<https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid>



Athletics

September Edition

- » **September 4th:** V XC @ Spring Lake
- » **September 5th:** V FB @ AR-WE-VA
- » **September 8th:** JH VB vs AR-WE-VA
- » **September 8th:** JH/JV FB vs CRB
- » **September 9th:** JV/V VB Tri @ AUDU
- » **September 11th:** JH/JV/V VB vs PC
- » **September 11th:** V SWIM @ Lincoln
- » **September 12th:** V FB vs Griswold
- » **September 13th:** JH/JV/V XC @ Ridge View
- » **September 15th:** JH/JV FB @ CAM
- » **September 16th:** JH/JV/V VB @ BV
- » **September 16th:** JH/JV/V XC @ Little Sioux
- » **September 16th:** V SWIM @ Carroll
- » **September 18th:** JH/JV/V VB vs CAM
- » **September 19th:** JV FB @ BV
- » **September 20th:** V SWIM @ Fort Dodge
- » **September 22nd:** JH/JV FB @ WOODB
- » **September 23rd:** JH/JV/V VB @ CRB
- » **September 25th:** V CX @ MVAOCOU
- » **September 26th:** **HOCO** V FB vs CAM
- » **September 27th:** V SWIM @ Lincoln
- » **September 29th:** JH/JV FB @ BV
- » **September 30th:** JH/JV/V VB @ AR-WI
- » **September 30th:** JH/V XC @ Majestic Falls
- » **September 30th:** V SWIM @ Nishna Valley

Glidden-Ralston Wildcats Activities

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

2025-2026 Activity Passes

**Purchase your 2025-2026
Activity Passes now!**



Scan Code or Search:

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

Once on the Bound website, navigate to the “Tickets” tab. On the tab there will be an option to click on “All Season Passes - Buy Now”. This is where you can purchase single, family, and student passes!



NEW WILDCAT GEAR








**If you want to show your GR pride,
support our new wildcat store!**

[Link: https://gr25-26wildcatgear.itemorder.com/shop/home/](https://gr25-26wildcatgear.itemorder.com/shop/home/) Support the 'Cats.

Wildcat Calendar



September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)	2	3 -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	4 -V XC @ Spring Lake 	5 -V FB @ Ar-We-Va	6
7	8 -JH VB vs. Ar-We-Va -JH/JV FB vs. CR-B	9 -JV/V VB Tri @ Audubon 	10 -4:30pm Board Meeting	11 -JH/JV/V VB vs. PC -V Swim @ Lincoln	12 -V FB vs. Griswold	13 -JH/JV/V XC @ Ridge View
14	15 -JH/JV FB vs. CAM	16 -JH/JV/V VB @ BV -JH/JV/V XC @ Little Sioux -V Swim @ Carroll	17 -6:00-7:00pm School Website/ Bound Usage Help in Smith Gym led by Mr. Hjelle	18 -JH/JV/V VB vs. CAM	19 -V FB @ BV 	20 -V Swim @ Fort Dodge
21	22 -JH/JV FB @ Woodbine	23 -JH/JV/V VB @ CR-B	24 -School Picture Day -6:00pm Powder Puff	25 -V XC @ MVAOCOU -7:00pm Coronation/Jersey Auction 	26 -2:30pm Homecoming Parade -V FB vs. CAM (HOMECOMING!)	27 -V Swim @ Lincoln
28	29 -JH/JV FB @ BV	30 -JH/JV/V VB @ Ar-We-Va -JH/V XC @ Majestic Hills -V Swim @ Nishna Valley 				
			<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, tborchers@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us</p>			

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

September 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Nuggets Vanilla Pudding Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	3 WG Waffles or Cereal Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Cooked Carrots Peaches Milk	4 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun String Cheese Baked Beans Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	5 Long Johns or Cereal Sub Sandwich Sun Chips Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Applesauce Milk
8 WG Muffin or Cereal Fish Sticks WG Roll Mixed Vegetables Grapes Milk	9 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Hamburger on WG Bun Smile Fries Corn Apricots Milk	10 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Orange Chicken WG Rice WG Fortune Cookie Green Beans Pineapple Milk	11 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Pork Fritter on WG Bun Peas Carrots Diced Mangos Milk	12 WG Poptart or Cereal Crispito Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Black Beans Peaches Milk
15 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Corn Dog Tater Tots Corn Pears Milk	16 Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Hot Ham & Cheese on WG Bun Cucumbers & Carrots w/ Ranch Baked Beans Orange Halves Milk	17 WG Pancakes or Cereal Meatloaf WG Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches Milk	18 WG Toast or Cereal Teriyaki Chicken Broccoli w/ Cheese Rosie Applesauce Pineapple Milk	19 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Peas Mixed Fruit Milk
22 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Popcorn Shrimp Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Green Beans Peaches Milk	23 WG Muffin or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Pico de Gallo Lettuce Pineapple Milk	24 Scrambled Eggs w/ Sausage or Cereal Hamburger on WG Bun Tater Tots Corn Cantaloupe Milk	25 WG Waffles or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Peas Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	26 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Strips WG Cookie Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
29 WG Poptart or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Lettuce w/ Cherry Tomatoes Corn Pears Milk	30 WG Pancakes or Cereal Rib Patty on WG Bun Carrots w/ Ranch Peas Peaches Milk			