

WILDCAT

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As technology continues to shape our world, one of the most significant developments in recent years has been Artificial Intelligence (AI). From online learning tools to creative design programs, AI is becoming an integral part of how we live, work, and learn.

At Glidden-Ralston, we are researching the benefits and shortcomings of AI in education. We are planning our future Professional Development days to include studying AI. It is important that our teachers are comfortable with AI's use in teaching. As you know, our children are ahead of most of us when it comes to technology. We need our teachers to be able to use AI as a tool not a hindrance. Most of our teachers use it sparingly, mostly as a tool for grammar and spell check. However, AI has the potential to improve the teachers instruction which would greatly benefit our students.

As the first quarter wraps up, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. With the exception of a few bumps along the way, our school year is going well. Please continue to keep in touch with your children's teachers whenever you have questions or concerns. Next Tuesday and Thursday we have Parent/Teacher Conferences. This will be a great time for you to meet with the teachers to find out how the school year is going.

Remember, when families and teachers work together, students succeed. We truly value your partnership and hope to see everyone at conferences.

Tom Ridder

November 2025

G-R Families,

It's always hard to believe how fast it goes by, but the first quarter has wrapped up and the holiday season is sneaking up on us. As we move through the fall and winter, please be aware of temperatures and weather conditions when sending students to school. The recess clothing guidelines are listed below.

If you've been following my messages, you know I've been reaching out to find volunteers for a Parent-Teacher organization. One of my primary goals for this group is to create family-friendly events.

I'm excited to announce that we've held our first meeting! We've started planning special family nights in January and March. The group's new name is the Community-School Engagement Committee.

Right now, we have about five teachers and two community members involved. If you'd like to join us, please contact me at ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us.

Go Cats!

Mr. Hjelle

Dear Parent, Guardians, and Students

We got off to a great start to the school year, can't believe that it is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way done. I highly encourage you and your son/daughter to attend our Parent/Teacher conferences on November 4th and 6th. It is a great chance to visit with staff to learn more about our classes and how well your son/daughter is doing. It is a great opportunity to make connections with our staff and get the 2nd quarter off to a great start.

Winter sports will be kicking off soon with girls and boys basketball and our wrestlers will be competing with CRB. Hope to see you all supporting our Wildcat athletes. A reminder, visit our school website, and link to our school store to get your latest Wildcat gear.

We will be having a town hall meeting on Nov. 6th to discuss the future of our school district. I hope you can make it to ask questions and find ways to support our students and the community.

Finally, as the holiday season approaches, I hope that all of you have a safe Thanksgiving holiday and get the opportunity to enjoy time with your family and friends.

Go Cats!

Mr. Napierala



Important Reminders



➤ **Recess Guidelines**

As the weather turns colder, please make sure your children come prepared with appropriate clothing. According to the Parent/Student Handbook:

60°F or above: Short sleeves and shorts are acceptable

50°F–59°F: Long sleeves and pants are necessary

49°F–40°F: Coats or sweatshirts are recommended

39°F or below: Snow pants, boots, winter coats, and gloves are required to play and walk on the snow.

Students without these items must stay on hard, snow-free surfaces.

➤ **Every family should have received the signup link for Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

PK–3 Families: Please sign up to see your child's teacher.

4–6 Families: Please sign up to see your child's homeroom teacher.

7–8 Families: Please sign up to see your child's homeroom teacher for a student-led conference. Seventh and eighth graders are preparing presentations to share with you at this conference. Your child must be present to lead the conversation.

Important

Dates to Remember



Nov. 3 - 7:00 PM: RVC Choir Concert

Nov. 4 – 4:00–7:00 PM: Parent-Teacher Conferences / Book Fair

Nov. 6 – 2:10 Dismissal / 2:30–7:00 PM: Parent-Teacher Conferences / Book Fair

Nov. 7 – No School

Nov. 11 – 9:45 AM: Veterans Day Program

Nov. 21 – Q2 Midterm / DMACC Career Discovery Day for Sophomores

Nov. 24 - 5 & 6th Grade Adventure Day @ Woodbine

Nov. 26 – No School / Fall Break Begins

Graduation Ceremony:

May 17th, 2026 @ 1:00pm

Join us for the next Glidden-Ralston School Town Hall Meeting!

**Thursday, November 6th @ 6PM
Smith Gym**

Topics to Discuss:

- FAST Testing
- Parent Teacher Conferences (7-12)
- 4 Day School Week
- Winter Activities
- Principal Updates



Have questions or topics you'd like to discuss?

Send them ahead of time!

Email: krsquibb@gmail.com

Text/Call: 712-830-2756



FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

Register to receive assistance in completing your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to access state and federal funding for college!

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025 Time Slots Available: 4:00
- 8:00pm
DMACC Carroll Campus, Computer Lab 906 N Grant Rd.**



Scan QR code to register
or type in the following link-

[https://www.signupgenius.com
/go/10C0D4AAFAC2FA1F8CF8-
58502652-fafsa](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAFAC2FA1F8CF8-58502652-fafsa)





GLIDDEN-RALSTON BOOK FAIR

DURING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



NOVEMBER 4TH

Starting at 4:00 pm - 6:45 pm

NOVEMBER 6TH

Starting at 2:30 pm - 6:45 pm



**GLIDDEN-RALSTON
1ST FLOOR HALLWAY**



FFA Fruit Sale Fundraiser

October 13th - November 14th

The collage displays a variety of food items and logos. At the top left, there's a 'Premium Popcorn' box. Below it, 'Appetite Delights' and 'Nature's Fines' are featured. In the center, 'Delicious Frozen Pies' and 'The Parlour Collection' are prominent. To the right, 'Cookie Cakes' and 'Farm Fresh Strawberries' are shown. At the bottom, logos for 'Mrs. Fields', 'World's Finest Chocolate', '4 SEASONS FUND RAISING', 'BELIEVE Kids', and 'AFRDs' are displayed.

Delivery will be the week of December 17th



The FCCLA will be doing a sock fundraiser through We Help Two during November and December. For every pack of socks sold, we earn money for our chapter, and for every 2 packs you buy, one gets donated right here in our community!



You can purchase socks at our fall conferences, at basketball games on Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9th. and at our Christmas Concert on Dec. 15th.



Wildcat Calendar



November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 -SWIBA JH Honor Band Auditions 
2	3 -4 th -6 th grade ISU Women's Basketball Game -RVC Choir @ Glidden-Ralston	4 -4:00-7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences -Book Fair during conferences -6:00pm DMACC Presentation for Parents & Students @ GR in Room 213	5 -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	6 -2:10pm DISMISSAL -2:30-7:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences -Book Fair during conferences -Regional Swim @ Summit Middle School 	7 -NO SCHOOL	8 -Regional Swim @ Ames HS
9	10	11 -Veteran's Day Program 	12 -4:30pm Board Meeting	13 -Girls State Swim	14 -Girls State Swim	15
16	17	18 -4:00-6:00pm Complete the FAFSA Night @ DMACC	19	20 -JH BB vs. SCC 	21 -Mid-Term -DMACC Career Discovery Day for Sophomores -JV/V GB vs. Southeast Valley	22
23	24 -5 th & 6 th grade Career Adventure Day in Woodbine -JH BB vs. Coon Rapids-Bayard	25	26 -Fall Break- NO SCHOOL 	27 -NO SCHOOL 	28 -Fall Break- NO SCHOOL	29
30	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

November 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
3 WG Toast or Cereal Deli Meat Sandwich Baked Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit Cup Milk	4 WG Muffin or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Corn Peaches Milk	5 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Mr. Rib on WG Bun Sun Chips Green Beans Grapes Milk	6 WG Poptart or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	7 NO SCHOOL 
10 WG Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Hot Ham and Cheese on WG Bun Rice Krispy Treat Corn Pears Milk	11 Scrambled Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Chicken Strips Sun Chips Carrots Applesauce Milk	12 WG Bagel or Cereal Scalloped Potatoes and Ham WG Roll Green Beans Peaches Milk	13 WG Long Johns or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun French Fries Peas Strawberries Milk	14 WG Waffles or Cereal Walking Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomatoes Black Beans Tropical Fruit Salad Milk
17 WG Pancakes or Cereal Breaded Chicken Sandwich on WG Bun Pepper Slices Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	18 WG Pizza Bagel or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Apricots Milk	19 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Orange Chicken Wild Grain Rice Carrot Sticks Mixed Fruit Milk	20 WG Breakfast Burrito or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli w/ Cheese Cauliflower Applesauce Milk	21 WG Toast or Cereal Chicken Nuggets WG Roll Peas Orange Slices Milk
24 WG Muffin or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Sun Chips Baby Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	25 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Corn Apple Slices Milk	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL