

Superintendent Updates

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Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families,

Everyone is out and about making plans for Spring Break, calculating how much mulch and potting soil they need for spruce up projects, and doing post winter leaf patrol for the stragglers left behind from Fall. Our warm weather from the past few weeks led to what is known as “ice off” day on our local lakes virtually overnight!

We enjoy pristine natural conditions in our picturesque rural community and have a long tradition of stewarding our local natural resources. One example of this tradition is our *Prairie Stewards* project that is reclaiming land behind the Richland Library for conversion back to its natural state before the area was settled. Some of you have already walked the trail through this soon to be restored natural area in anticipation of what is to come. Our community cares about these kinds of restorations and sees it as a value add to our quality of life. We want to pass this awareness on to the younger generation so that they can fully invest and become good stewards.

Another way to pay it forward for future generations is the *No-Idle Campaign*, which takes a close look at the science behind our vehicles and how best to run them as efficiently as possible in order to conserve resources and help the environment. We live in a community where our air quality is normally quite good, but we also experience days where the quality is lowered by a combination of factors that are monitored and posted for our review. The resources provided through the *No-Idle Campaign* (<https://www.epa.gov/schools/idle-freeschools-toolkit-healthy-school-environment>) will help you find small and convenient ways to be a part of our conservation tradition and keep the Richland area a beautiful and healthy place to live.

District Highlight:

Congratulations to the GLHS Wrestling Team on their 2021 District Championship!

Enjoy your Spring projects!

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