



# Rib Mountain Elementary School Newsletter



August 27, 2021



**WE WILL WORK HARD, BE RESPECTFUL, BE THERE, BE READY AND BE SAFE KEEPING OUR HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO OURSELVES!**

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## Daily Schedule

- 8:15 - Doors Open for Drop Off/Breakfast
- 8:30 - Bell Rings, Classes Begin
- 8:35 - Announcements
- 9:40 - 9:55 Morning Recess (K & Grade 1)
- Grade 4 - 11:40 - 12:00 Lunch/12:00 - 12:20 Lunch Recess
- Kindergarten - 11:45 - 12:05 Lunch/12:05 - 12:25 Lunch Recess
- Grade 3 - 11:55 - 12:15 Lunch/12:15 - 12:35 Lunch Recess
- Grade 2 - 12:00 - 12:20 Lunch/12:20 - 12:40 Lunch Recess
- Grade 1 - 12:05 - 12:25 Lunch/12:25 - 12:45 Lunch Recess
- Grade 5 12:10 - 12:30/Lunch 12:30 - 12:50 Lunch Recess
- 2:20 - 2:35 - Afternoon Recess (Gr. 2, 3, 4 & 5)
- 3:30 - Dismissal

## Message from Mrs. Tammy Steckbauer ~ Principal

Rib families,

Welcome back to the 21-22 school year! This is going to be a GREAT year! I am looking forward to welcoming you all back, and know that together there's nothing we cannot accomplish.

We have all the right ingredients for a successful recipe for success: Caring families, wonderful students, and a talented and dedicated staff. If we join together all of our talents and all of our abilities, we will be better able to ensure a strong learning experience for all students!

This year, I plan to make sure to honor our motto: WRBS as the principal.

I will WORK HARD to be a good communicator

I will BE RESPECTFUL of all students and all families

I will BE THERE and BE READY to problem-solve and do the right thing

I will make decisions so that we can BE SAFE in any and all ways I have influence

So PROUD to be a Rib Mountain Mustang!

Tammy Steckbauer, Principal



**Rib – Starring Every  
Student as a LEADER!**

## A Few Mind Shifting Tips for Cultivating a Growth Mindset at Home

1. **Help children reconnect with a time when they learned something new that was a stretch or a challenge.** Point out the developmental nature of "getting good". We all go through the process of making a lot of mistakes, practicing, and then getting better.
2. **Help children get curious about mistakes. Help them reframe a mistake as "new information" or as a "step" in the learning process.** In addition, help them incorporate self-correction in their own learning process.
3. **Help children learn to hear their own "fixed mindset" voice.** Capture and in a gentle and appropriate way, share their own statements with them. Most children are unaware of this self-talk because it's gone on so long and is subliminal.
  - a. *That guy is brilliant; he never tries and he gets it.*
  - b. *I got it wrong again! I'll never get this.*
4. **Help children talk back to negative self-talk with a growth mindset voice.**
  - a. *I am willing to learn new skills to improve and I know it might be hard at times.*
  - b. *I get better and better with practice. This is hard, but it will get easier.*
  - c. *Practice makes permanent!*
5. **Model growth-mindset at the table.**
  - a. *At dinner ask: Tell me about a time when you didn't know the answer to a recent question. Who did you ask for help? How did you learn the answer?*
6. **Avoid labels and give growth-mindset praise.**
  - a. *Don't label yourself in ways that model a fixed mindset. Ex. I'm a terrible cook or I was never good at math.*
  - b. *Shift your child's attention to the process that led to the outcome.*
  - c. *Praise and value effort, practice, self-correction and persistence.*
  - d. *Don't shelter your child from a failed task. Instead, ask: What can you learn from this experience? What could you do differently next time?*
7. **Get curious about your child's work through questioning.**
  - a. *How did you figure that out?*
  - b. *What's another way you could have done that?*
  - c. *How many times did you try before it turned out that way?*
  - d. *What was challenging and how did you figure it out?*
  - e. *What do you plan to do next time?*

# New Staff

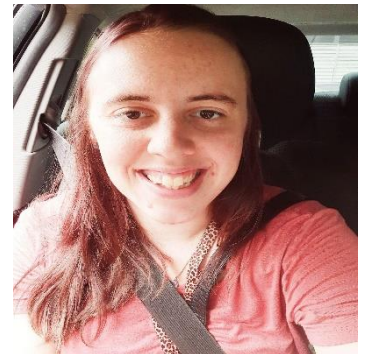


Hello, my name is Mr. Susa. This year will be my second year in the Wausau School District and my second year as a school psychologist. I am very excited to get to know our students, families, and staff more! My job consists of assisting special education evaluations, working with school staff and families to serve students' needs, being involved in student crisis management, and helping students academically, socially, and emotionally. I will be here at Rib Mountain on Mondays and Fridays and when needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



"Hello! My name is Morgan Meissen, and I am a new speech therapist to the Wausau School District as of this year! I will be working with students at Rib Mountain and South Mountain Elementary Schools. I am most excited about meeting all of my students on my caseload and working with them and their families to best support their speech and language skills!"

Hello! My name is Cortney Sears and I am the new School Social Worker at Rib Mountain. I am also new to the Wausau area, so I look forward to exploring more of the Wausau area. My role is to provide you and your child with any resources you may need which can be anything. I have a tendency to ask many questions, so I look forward to getting to know more about your family and child. One thing I am excited for is that we will be able to start the school year in person and not virtually. I will be at Rib Mountain three days a week and will be at PEER two days a week. If you need anything, even if that is just someone to listen, give me a call.



My name is Mrs. Ehlert and I am excited to be the full-time School Counselor at Rib Mountain this year. Much of my time will be spent in the classrooms where I focus on helping students develop their social/emotional skills and be successful learning as part of a group. When I'm not in the classroom I work with students in small groups and individually focusing on specific needs or skills. In my free time I enjoy being with my husband and 3 boys, reading, and spending time outdoors.

welcome

## Dates to Remember



August 30

Open House 4:00 – 6:00 pm

A-F 4:00 – 4:30 pm      G-L 4:30 – 5:00 pm

M-S 5:00 – 5:30 pm      T-Z 5:30 – 6:00 pm

September 1

First day of School

Drop off begins @ 8:15 am

School begins @ 8:30 am

School ends @ 3:30 pm



September 6

Labor Day – No Classes

September 28

Fall Picture Day

Family Fun Festival 6:00- 7:30 pm

## Attendance

Please call the Rib Mountain office to report any absences. Even if you have notified your child's teacher(s), please still notify the office of any absences or appointments. Please remember to call **before** 9:00 am at 715-261-0220. You may also email Mrs. Theiler @ [dtheiler@wausauschools.org](mailto:dtheiler@wausauschools.org)



# School Supply List



## School Supply Lists 2021-2022

✓	Early Childhood
	1 - Backpack
	4 - Glue Sticks (jumbo size preferred)
	2 - Box of Tissues
	1 - Extra change of clothes (label with name, place in clear plastic bag)

✓	4K
	1 - Backpack
	4 - Glue Sticks (jumbo size preferred)
	1 - Bottle of white glue (4 oz.)
	1 - Box of Crayons (24)
	1 - Box of markers (10 assorted colors, pip-squeak preferred)
	1 - Playdough container (any color)
	1 - Watercolor set, 8 count
	2 - Box of Tissues
	1 - Waterbottle (label with name)
	1 - Extra change of clothes (label with name, place in clear plastic bag)

Kindergarten through 5th Grade						
✓	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Backpack	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pencil Box	1	1	1	1	1	1
Glue Stick (2 PACK)	5	4	2	2	2	1
Box of Crayons (24)	2	2	1	1	1	-
Colored Pencils (12 assorted colors)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pencils (Dozen)	1	2	1	2	1	1
Pink Eraser	1	2	3	1	2	1
Box of markers (10 assorted colors)	2	2	1	1	1	1
Black Permanent Marker	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dry Erase Markers (4 pk)	1	1	2	1	1	1
Highlighter (yellow)	-	-	1	1	1	1
Pens - Black/Blue (dozen)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pens - Red (dozen)	-	-	-	-	1	1
Scissors	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ruler	1	1	1	1	1	1
Post-It Notes (3x3 assorted colors)	-	-	-	-	1	2
Folder-Two Pocket	1	1	4	4	4	4
			blue, red, green & yellow	blue, red, green & yellow	blue, red, green & yellow	blue, red, green & yellow
Spiral Notebook - Wide	-	2	1	4	4	4
				blue, red, green & yellow	blue, red, green & yellow	blue, red, green & yellow
Paper - Loose-Leaf, Wide	-	-	-	1	1	1
Composition Notebook	-	-	-	1	1	1
Box of Tissues	2	2	2	2	2	2
School Glue				1		
Water Bottle	1	1	1	1	1	1

# Fall Bazaar – Save The Date



Please see attachments to the newsletter for vendor information. We appreciate your time, talent and support!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Fall Bazaar Sign Up

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SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 13

### WE NEED HELP WITH:

- BAKE SALE  
ITEMS
- SELLING  
BAKED GOODS
- CLEAN UP  
CREW

**Fall Bazaar 2021 Help Needed**

**Sat., Nov.13, 2021**

**8am- 3pm**

Please call school to sign up @ 715-261-0220 or email tsteckba@wausauschools.org.

1. **Unlimited Volunteers needed to bake items for the bake sale table.** (Baked goods can be dropped off at Rib in the foyer of school anytime between 7:30 am and 3:45 pm. Please price your items for sale.)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Volunteers needed to sell the baked goods.** (2 Per shift)

- a. 4:00-5:00-(set up 11/12) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 7:30-9:00 am (11/13) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 8:30-10:00 am \_\_\_\_\_
- d. 9:30-11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_
- e. 10:30-12:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_
- f. 11:30-1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_
- g. 12:30-2:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_
- h. 1:30-3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_
- i. 2:30-3:30 pm Clean up \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Clean up Crew needed** (Volunteers are needed from 3-4:30 11/13 to take down and stack tables, collect and stack chairs, clean up trash, sweep, and remove tape from the floors in gym and hallways.)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_







# Calling All Vendors!!!!



On behalf of the Rib Mountain Elementary School and PTO, we invite you to join us as a vendor at the annual Rib Mountain PTO Fall Bazaar. The event will be Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 8:00am – 3:00pm at Rib Mountain Elementary School located at 150801 Robin Lane.

If you are interested in joining us this year, please complete the enclosed **Vendor Registration Form** and return along with a **check** to the address below. Please make checks payable to Rib Mountain PTO. If you have provided an email address, you will receive confirmation by email. **We appreciate completed registrations and payment by Monday, September 20, 2021.**

Returning vendors will be given priority registration; however, it is expected that **all** vendors will meet the September 20th deadline for this to apply. A waiting list will be created for other interested vendors effective Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The waiting list will operate on a first-come, first serve basis. We reserve the right to limit the number of similar vendors to ensure an optimum sales opportunity; in particular, direct sales vendors. **Other specific space location requests** can be made, but please know that there is **no** guarantee they will be honored. This includes preferences regarding hallway spaces.

**There will be no food pre-order form again this year.** Food could be ordered and paid for the morning of the event and would be delivered to your booth.

We are excited to have you participate in our annual PTO/Rib Mountain Elementary Fall Bazaar and we appreciate your support! In an effort to increase foot traffic, we have invested more for advertising. We have also increased the number of vendor spaces available. In order to do that, we created spaces in our hallways. All spaces, regardless of their location, measure close to 60<sup>2</sup> ft. We have spaces in the gymnasium (10X6) = 60<sup>2</sup> ft. and we have spaces in the hallway that vary due to the width of the hallway:

(3.5 X 17.5 ft.) = 61.25<sup>2</sup> ft. (4 X 15 ft.) = 60<sup>2</sup> ft. (4.5 X 13.5 ft.) = 60.7<sup>2</sup> ft.

We will fill the spaces in the gym first and then move to fill spaces in the hallway. As noted, if you prefer a certain sized hallway space to better accommodate your booth set up, you can indicate that on the registration form. While guarantees cannot be made, efforts to accommodate your wishes will be made. **The best way to guarantee your wishes is to register and submit your payment early!**

If you have any questions, please contact the Rib Mountain Elementary School office.

Thank you,

Tammy Steckbauer, Principal

715-261-0220

[tsteckba@wausauschools.org](mailto:tsteckba@wausauschools.org)

## **Rib Mountain PTO Fall Bazaar 2021**

### **Vendor General Information**

**Show Hours:** Advertised hours will be from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Please have your booth ready by 7:45am.

**Setup & Tear down:** Setup hours will be held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 6:30pm and on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:45am. No early arrivals/setups will be allowed. Tear down will begin immediately at the close of the event and we ask that you be finished by 3:45pm.

**Advertising:** We will provide event advertising and a listing of vendors & crafters on various media outlets, City Pages, and radio stations.

**Electricity:** Limited spaces with access to an outlet are available. You must provide your own extension cords; cords must be in good condition. Painters tape may be used to secure any exposed cords. All tape used to cover cords must be removed at the end of the event by the vendor.

**Vendors:** We reserve the right to select all vendors and types of items sold at the event. Each vendor is responsible for his/her items the day of the event. Rib Mountain PTO is not responsible for any lost or stolen items or for equipment other than that supplied by the school and PTO. Vendor spaces are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for space location. We will do our best to accommodate space requests, but cannot guarantee that requests will be honored.

**Parking:** Vendors may park in the school parking lot near the gym. During setup and take down time periods, the rear gym doors will be open. **(This is door #5 and it will be unlocked for your use.) Please don't block the entrance/exit/doorways with your vehicle. Please unload your items and then move your vehicle away from the building to make room for others to do the same. Thank you.**

**Food:** Food, beverages, snacks, and baked goods will be on sale throughout the day. All proceeds benefit the school and our PTO. There will be no pre-order forms for food. Food items can be ordered and paid for the morning of the event and would be delivered to your booth between **11:30am- 12:00 pm**.

**Building Regulations:** Absolutely NO smoking or alcoholic beverages will be permitted on school property. No concealed weapons or firearms of any kind are permitted. **Please retain from bringing pets into our school building.** **It's too soon to know if we will be required to wear masks. Please come prepared in case it's a requirement. Thank you!**

**Cancellations:** All vendor registrations are non-refundable once approved. Another vendor cannot use your designated space until registration and Fall Bazaar Committee approval is completed.

**Registration:** **We are unable to take registrations over the phone or by email. Payment MUST accompany the registration in order for the registration to be processed and a space reserved.** Please send a check or money order payable to **"Rib Mountain PTO."** Please do NOT send cash! Mail payment and registration to:

Rib Mountain Elementary School PTO  
C/O Fall Bazaar  
150801 Robin Lane  
Wausau, WI 54401

**Bazaar Contact Information/Questions:** Please contact the Rib Mountain Elementary School office at 715-261-0220 or [tsteckba@wausauschools.org](mailto:tsteckba@wausauschools.org).

**Rib Mountain PTO**

**Fall Bazaar Vendor Registration Form 2021**

**Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm**

**Location: 150801 Robin Lane, Wausau WI 54401**

**Contacts: Rib Mountain Elementary School Office: 715-261-0220**

*\*\*Friday evening set up runs from 4:30pm-6:30pm.*

*\*\*Doors open for early morning set up on Saturday at 6:45am.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Craft/Business Description \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Space(s) @ \$40 each - Gym - (space=10 ft.x 6 ft.)

**-Hallways (3.5 X 17.5, 4 X 15 and 4.5 X 13.5)**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of 8 ft. Table(s) @ \$5 each

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Electrical Outlets @ \$5 per outlet (**We do NOT provide extension cords!**)

\_\_\_\_\_ # Chair(s) – **FREE**

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Rib Mountain PTO**

Mail to: Rib Mountain Elementary School PTO  
C/O Fall Bazaar  
150801 Robin Lane  
Wausau, WI 54401

***Specific Request(s):***

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# Rib Mountain Staff

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Secretary – Mrs. Denise Theiler, [dtheiler@wausauschools.org](mailto:dtheiler@wausauschools.org)

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Librarian – Ms. Julie Gaskey, [jgaskey@wausauschools.org](mailto:jgaskey@wausauschools.org)

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