

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Community Connection

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Lind-Ritzville GRIT

January 2025

Superintendent Message

As we approach the last half of the school year, I'm excited to reflect on the positive strides our district has made this past month. Our community forums on the potential transition to a four-day school week were well attended, and the feedback has been invaluable. We continue to analyze the potential benefits, such as improved student learning, increased professional development opportunities, and enhanced student well-being, while working to address any expressed concerns.

Additionally, we've celebrated some significant achievements. Lind-Ritzville High School received a \$25,000 grant to expand dual credit courses, providing students with greater access to college-level learning opportunities. On the facilities front, our ADA compliance work at Lind Elementary School is nearly complete, and we've received enthusiastic support to pursue funding for the Lind Xeriscaping grounds project with state grants. These initiatives align with our mission to foster academic excellence and ensure safe, updated learning environments.

As always, I'm reminded of the exceptional dedication of our staff, students, and community members. Thank you for your unwavering support in making Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools a place where learning and growth flourish. Wishing you a wonderful and prosperous new year!

Don Vanderholm
LRCS Superintendent
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Upcoming Dates:

January 9 - LRHS Knowledge Bowl at Washtucna
January 10 - Coffee with the Superintendent / WSU Extension Office / 8-9AM
January 10 - MS & HS Pep Band at HS Basketball Games
January 14 - HS FCCLA Regional Competition
January 15 - End of 1st Semester
January 15 - STCU FAFSA Night / LRHS Commons / 5:30-7:30PM
January 19 - LRHS FCCLA Regional Competition
January 20 - NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
January 23 - School Board / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
January 25 - FFA Trap Shoot
January 28 - LRHS Knowledge Bowl at Chewelah
January 31 - LRHS FBLA Winter Conference
February 1 - Jr. Cheer Performance at Basketball Games
February 3-7 - National School Counseling Week
February 4 - LRHS Knowledge Bowl
February 4 - Senior Night for HS Basketball
February 10-14 - HS FCCLA Week
February 11 - LES SLAM
February 17 - 21 - FFA & FBLA Week
February 17 - NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)
February 18 - NO SCHOOL (LRCS ALL Staff In-Service)
February 24 - School Board / LRHS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
February 26 - STCU FAFSA Night / LRHS Commons / 5:30-7:30PM
March 3 - HS Spring Sports Starts
April 3 & 4 - Spring Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
April 7-11 - Spring Break

**Dates & Times Subject to Change

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

THANK YOU TO THE
LIND & RITZVILLE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS!

WE APPRECIATE THE
WORK YOU DO TO HELP
MAKE LIND-RITZVILLE
COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS
THE BEST!

We encourage you to take a moment to thank our incredible Lind & Ritzville Board of Directors!

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HERE'S A CHANCE FOR LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE
SCHOOLS' PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO
INFORMALLY MEET AND CHAT WITH SUPERINTENDENT DON
VANDERHOLM TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO LRCS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 / 8:00 - 9:00 AM
WSU EXTENSION OFFICE / 205 W MAIN AVE / RITZVILLE

Great Things Happening at Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

In December, the LRMS 8th grade class made their annual trip to Coeur D'Alene for the Eagle Watch tour.

This field trip is possible due to CF Industries grants that LRMS teacher Mr. Weishaar applies for every year!



HS & MS Honor Society members joined other community volunteers to participate in the 15th annual Bikes for Tikes build day event in Kennewick. They helped assemble 1,600 bicycles to be given to local children during the Christmas season.



Mrs. Smith's high school Art 3 class created Venetian Masks that represent them as a person. The students decorated the masks and included words that represented themselves.



Each December, RGS has a week-long food drive benefiting the Ritzville Food Pantry. This year, a total of 1,935 items were donated!



At LES, Mrs. O'Neill's first grade class finished their knowledge unit on Ancient Civilizations. They created Pharaoh collars and crowns and wrote informative paragraphs on Ancient Egypt.



The LRMS Robotics Team earned a trophy for the highest score for Robot Performance at Isaac Stevens Middle School in Pasco.



We loved seeing all the smiling faces at Candy Cane Lane! Thank you to LR FFA and our community partners who helped make Candy Cane Lane a success.

A big **THANK YOU** to Caring Neighbors for helping fund the books and other goodies given out by the district office staff.

LRHS applied and was awarded a \$15,000 grant to provide nutritional snacks for the HS athletes.

Students from the HS Sports Medicine class worked with a local dietician to determine the best nutritional snacks for athletes during pre- and post-contests. Through their work and that of the Life Skills class, HS athletes can now visit the Bronco Refueling Station before every away event.

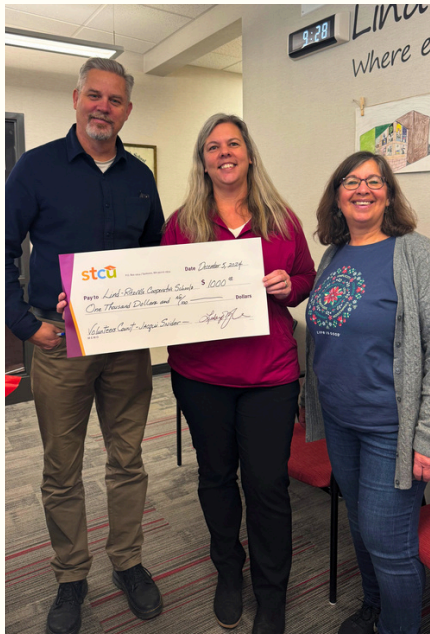
Snack bags include protein drinks, Gatorade packets, beef and cheese sticks, trail mix, protein bars, bananas, oranges, goldfish crackers, and more.



Mrs. Teske's Kindergarten class at RGS has been learning simple coding and problem-solving skills by using interactive robotic Bee-Bots.



NO SCHOOL
MONDAY
JANUARY 20
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY



Jacqui Snider, STCU Community Branch Manager, was recently recognized by STCU for her years of volunteer service in our community. As a reward, she was able to donate \$1,000 toward an organization that also serves our community.

Jacqui chose Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools as the recipient of these funds. As you may know, Jacqui has been a lifelong volunteer in our buildings and extracurricular organizations.

The money will go toward school-district volunteering opportunities for our K-12 students.

Thank you Jacqui and STCU for this gracious gift!



Our winter concerts were AWESOME!
 Thank you to our staff & students that worked hard.
 We appreciate everyone that came to watch.



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