

LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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MARCH 2025

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner, and I imagine many of you are looking forward to warmer days and more time outdoors. With spring sports kicking off, parent-teacher conferences on the horizon, and spring break just around the corner, there's plenty to look forward to as we transition into a new season.

One topic that continues to generate discussion in our communities is the 4-day school week. It's no surprise that there are a variety of perspectives—some strongly in favor, others with questions or concerns. At the February school board meeting, the Lind and Ritzville school boards once again considered applying for a state-approved waiver. The Lind board voted to move forward with the application, while the Ritzville board opted to table the decision for six months. The Ritzville board plans to revisit the application after further community outreach and discussion.

Both boards have asked me to expand efforts to provide information and solicit additional feedback. Over the next several months, we will launch an increased outreach campaign that will include continued learning opportunities, surveys, and additional ways for community members to engage in the conversation.

In addition to these upcoming informational opportunities, please remember that anyone is invited to learn more about what is happening in our schools at:

- Monthly "Coffee with the Superintendent" and School Board Meetings
- Cooperative Site Team meetings— March 3, 6PM at LRMS
- Cooperative Events— next up: Addressing Teen Mental Health in the Digital Age, March 19
- Individual meetings— I'm always happy to connect if you'd like to meet one on one

Your feedback is important, and I appreciate the ongoing dialogue as we work together to make the best decisions for our students and schools. Thank you for your continued support!

Don Vanderholm
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UPCOMING LRCS DATES

March 3 - HS Spring Sports Start
March 5 - 7 - State FCCLA in Spokane
March 7 - FFA District CDE's / Big Bend Community College
March 10 - LES Spring Photos
March 10 - LRHS ASVAB Testing
March 11 - RGS Dr. Seuss Family Night / Dinner 5:45-6:30PM / Stations 6-7PM
March 13 - RGS Spring Photos
March 14 - Coffee with the Superintendent / WSU Extension Office / 8-9AM
March 14 - 15 FFA State Floral & Intro to Horticulture / Cheney
March 15 - HS Bi-County Prom / Spokane Convention Center
March 17 - MS Track Starts
March 19 - LRHS FFA State Agronomy
March 19 - Screenagers Showing / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6PM
March 20 - MS Large Group Band Contest / Washtucna
March 22 - LRHS State Knowledge Bowl / Wenatchee High School
March 24 - School Board / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
March 24 - MS Baseball & Softball Starts
March 25 - HS Large Group Band Contest / Clarkston
March 26 - End of Midterm 2
March 26 - LRHS National Honor Society Induction / 6PM
March 27 - Bi-County Honor Band Rehearsal / Reardan
March 28 - Bi-County Honor Band Rehearsal / Spokane
March 28 - Bi-County Honor Band Performance / First Interstate Center for the Arts / 7PM
March 28 - RGS & LES Silverwood Read 2 Ride Forms Due
April 3 & 4 - Spring Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
April 7-11 - Spring Break
April 14 - Back to School!

**Dates & Times Subject to Change

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SCREENAGERS MOVIE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 6:00 PM
LRMS COLLABORATION ROOM



SCREENAGERS MOVIE SERIES

In a technology-driven world, this movie series sheds a light on the grave impact it has on our children's decision-making, and offers resources to help them navigate it in a healthy manner.

Thursday, Nov. 21
6:00 PM / Lind-Ritzville
High School Commons

**UPDATED - Growing Up in the
Digital Age (Part 1)**
This updated version explores the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance.

Wednesday, March 19
6:00 PM / Lind-Ritzville
Middle School

**Screenagers Next Chapter:
Addressing Youth Mental Health
in the Digital Age (Part 2)**
Discover solutions for improved adolescent well-being on the digital age.



Scan the QR code to watch the trailers or to learn more about Screenagers.

FREE event for parents, community members & students (5th grade & up).
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools



SPRING CONFERENCES
APRIL 3 & APRIL 4 - NO SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK

APRIL 7 - 11

BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 14

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS



Mr. Hatch's 6th grade Horticulture class at LRMS is learning about seeds and planting! They planted bean seeds on February 2nd and are keeping track of their growth.

Thank you to Moses Lake Lowe's for the donation of the soil and to The Plant Farm in Spokane for the donation of the seeds.



Miss Miller's Kindergarten class at LES finished up their farms unit that goes along with the CKLA reading curriculum. They designed and drew their own farms, grew grass in a cup, attended a virtual farm field trip, and completed a writing project.



At RGS, Mrs. Teske's Kindergarten wrapped up a CKLA unit on Native Americans. They studied the different native tribes, the different ways each tribe lived, and the food tribes hunted, grew themselves, fished or gathered. The students also learned about the styles of clothing based on where the tribes were from, as well as different styles of travel, whether on foot, canoe, or horseback. They even got to try fry bread!



Congratulations to the LR Floral team for placing 3rd in the FFA Floriculture CDE and Claire Wellsandt earned 1st Individual!

Team Members included: Amelia Clack, Claire Wellsandt, Savannah Carruth & Fredy Granados-Lopez

LR FFA was excited to host the event at LRHS. These contest help teams prepare for the State contest in March!



In one of Mr. Pulliam's HS math classes, students were tasked with finding the slope of the ramp, to compare the slope to ADA standards.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO WERE SELECTED FOR BI-COUNTY HONOR BAND!

LRMS

DOVE BLAKE
TRINITY PHELPS
BRIGGS GLISSON
OLIVIA ROBBINS
NIKKODAH KATSEL
CONNER O'BRIEN
JOHNATHAN NOLAN
CATHERINE FEDIE
GUNNER GRIMM
ELI MEISE
JAX GORDON
YASENIA BERNAL
ZACH HEATER
CARSON SPENCER
CHRIS NOLAN
PATRICK REPP
MOSES MUNGIA
CONNOR COX
ARACELY HERNANDEZ
BELLA HERRERA

LRHS

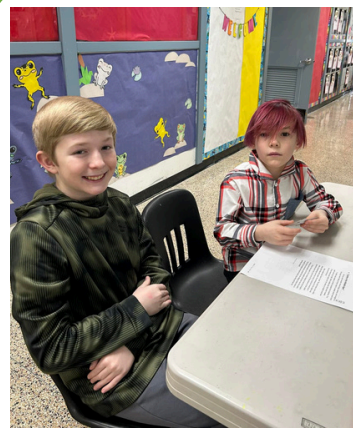
SAVANNAH CARRUTH
BROOKLYN NORTON
BELLA NAJERA
CHEYENNE HAYS
CECE HERRERA
MADELYN CARPENTER
HUNTER UTHIEM
LEACADIA BREN
OWEN YORK
COLE TURNBULL
LANDON SEGERS
ASHLYNN BATES
AIDEN HICKEY
ROSE FEDIE
GIOVANNA GUIZAR - CHOIR

BI-COUNTY BAND PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00PM
AT THE FIRST INTERSTATE CENTER
FOR THE ARTS IN SPOKANE



LRHS FCCLA members had a great day at regionals!
 Fredy Granados-Lopez - GOLD in Repurpose & Redesign
 Natalia Nunez - SILVER in Job Interview
 Wednesday Curlee - BRONZE in Interior Design
 They all advance to STATE and will compete in March!

Other members that will compete at STATE:
 Olivia Balfe - Impromptu Speaking
 Cicely Herrera - Baking & Pastry
 Elijah Jacinto - Baking & Pastry



Last year, LRMS Principal, Mr. Walker and LES Principal, Mrs. Dinkins introduced a program that allowed 8th graders to serve as teacher assistants at LES. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. This opportunity not only provides 8th graders with an additional elective option, but also gives them valuable, real-world experience working with younger students.

Their support has made a meaningful impact, offering our younger students positive role models while reinforcing academic skills. Mrs. Dinkins said they are incredibly grateful for their dedication, hard work, and the enthusiasm they bring to our classrooms.



Congratulations to the HS Knowledge Bowl team for qualifying for STATE! They placed 4th at Districts that were held at East Valley HS. The Knowledge Bowl team is made up of students from Ritzville, Lind, and Washtucna. State is on March 22nd at Wenatchee High School.

Mr. Pulliam, Knowledge Bowl advisor, said this was a great accomplishment for the team to pass several teams that finished ahead of them in the regular season and be one of the 4 teams from our league to make it to State.

COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

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, February 14 / 8:00 - 9:00 AM
 WSU Extension Office
 205 W. Main Ave / Ritzville



LRHS FBLA Members attended the Winter Regional Conference last month.

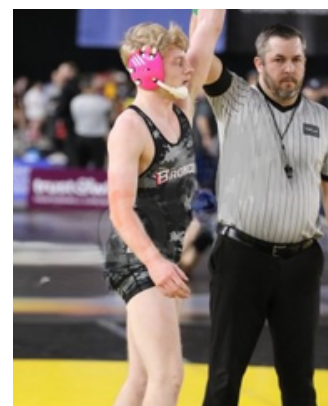
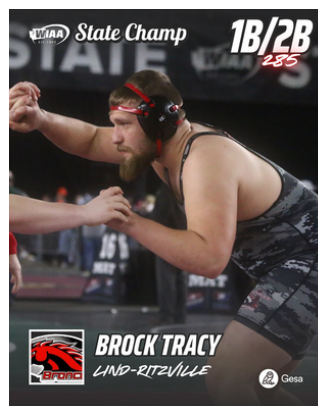
Forty-one members qualified to compete at the Washington STATE FBLA Leadership Conference held in April in Bellevue!

FBLA advisor, Steve Greenwalt, said the students did an excellent job and represented LRHS to their fullest potential to display the wide range of knowledge and talents they have!

RGS & LES CELEBRATED THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!



Shout out to high school Cheer and Pep Band for always bringing Bronco Spirit to the basketball games!



Congratulations to State Wrestling Champion - Brock Tracy (285lbs)! Carson Kubik also brought home a medal for 6th place in his weight class!

Great job Broncos! Congratulations to all athletes and coaches for a successful season and state weekend.



Congratulations to the following Bronco Basketball players who earned All-League honors:

NE 2B South Division Girls All-League Team
Zoe Galbreath - MVP
Saige Galbreath - 2nd Team

NE 2B South Division Boys All-League Team
Brody Boness - 2nd Team

Congratulations also goes out to Steve Wellsandt for being named South Division Co-Coach of the Year!

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