# LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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## SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

As the school year draws to a close, it's a perfect time to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our school community.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed incredible growth and success. Our Mastery-Based Learning work continues to strengthen, with staff refining grading practices and creating clearer, more student-centered learning. Across the district, students have been engaging in critical thinking and authentic learning projects – from robot design battles to dynamic classroom discussions – showing resilience, creativity, and determination.

This spring, our students shined in many activities, bringing home top awards and qualifying for national competitions. Achievements like these are a direct reflection of the hard work of our students and the dedicated mentorship of our staff.

On the operations side, we've made important improvements, such as completing fiber installation in Lind to improve technology access. We are hoping to launch a new solar energy initiative across campuses. Thanks to federal and state partnerships, projects like these will position our district for long-term sustainability, while also supporting 21st-century learning.

In addition to these successes, our leadership team has remained engaged in statewide advocacy and professional learning, ensuring that our work is aligned with best practices and forward-looking strategies. The recent updates from the Washington State Legislature, including increases in special education funding and continued support for competency-based education, reinforce our commitment to innovation and equity.

As we wrap up the year, I want to thank all of our families, staff, and community partners for your unwavering support. Together, we have created an environment where students are not only learning but thriving. I leave you with a deep sense of gratitude and excitement for the future.

Wishing you a safe, restful, and joyful summer!
Don Vanderholm
LRCS Superintendent
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## Exploring the 4-Day School Week Community Forums

**Join Us!**

**May 28 & June 2 at Lind-Ritzville High School**
**June 3 & June 4 at Lind-Ritzville Middle School**
**All forums will begin at 6:00 PM**

**Please join us on the date and location that works best for you!**

For more information scan the QR code or visit the "Proposed 4-Day School Week Information" tab at www.lrschools.org

Keep up with the latest news from Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools by joining the LRCS Community email list! Email your name and email address to: districtnews@lrschools.org

## UPCOMING LRCS DATES

June 3 - Move Up Day
June 3 - Community Forum / LRMS Cafeteria / 6:00PM
June 4 - LRHS Interior Design Field Trip
June 4 - LES Excellent Attendance Field Trip
June 4 - LRMS Clean-Up Day & 8th Grade Triple Play Trip
June 4 - Community Forum / LRMS Cafeteria / 6:00PM
June 4 - FFA Annual Banquet / Knuth Building / 6:00-8:00PM
June 5 - 8th Grade Award Ceremony / LRMS Gym / 2:15PM
June 5 - LES Field Day
June 5 - RGS PK Last Day of School
June 6 - LRHS Graduation Set-Up/Practice
June 6 - LES - 5th grade Recognition & Awards / 1:00PM
June 6 - RGS TK-5th Picnic Lunch & Field Day
June 7 - LRHS Graduation / Gilson Gym / 2:00PM
June 9 - LES Fun Run
June 9 - RGS TK-5th Bronco Trot
June 9 - Last Day of School **(Early Release)**
June 24 - School Board / LRHS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM

## 2025- 26 SCHOOL YEAR DATES!

August 25 - First Day of School (1st - 12th Grade)
August 28 - First Day of TK & Kindergarten
August 29 - September 1 - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day Break)

**Dates & Times Subject to Change

LIND-RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION CEREMONY

Saturday, June 7
2:00 PM
Gilson Gymnasium

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

# GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS







The RGS 5th grade class traveled to Connelly Park in Moses Lake to release the trout they have been raising. Students learned about the many aspects of the fish cycle

Trout in the Classroom is sponsored by Columbia Basin Conservation.









LES & RGS 2nd grade classes had an opportunity for a site visit to Clearway Rattlesnake Flat Windmill Farm. They received a firsthand look at renewable energy and learned about how wind turbines are built and maintained.



The LES 5th grade visited Manito Park. Despite the rain, they had fun exploring and recording notes in their field journals. The Japanese Garden was the favorite as always.





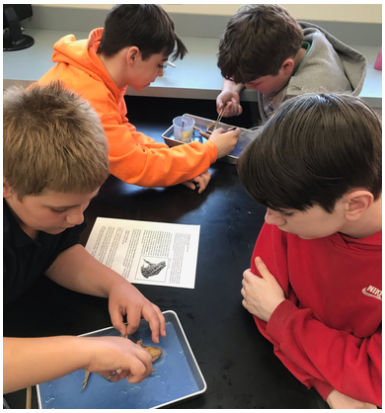







LES & RGS 5th grade students participated in Law Day at the Adams County Courthouse. They participated in a mock trial and met officers from different branches of law enforcement.









This past month, LRMS students put their scientific lab skills to the test and dissected earthworms and frogs. Students were able to explore the internal systems and provide a tangible example of various anatomical structures and how they function.





LRMS 7th grade class went on a field trip to Grand Coulee Dam. They learned about the history of Grand Coulee Dam and how it contributes to energy production as well as how the dam works. They also took a hard hat tour and got to go into areas of the dam that are not normally open to the public.



Congratulations to Alyssa Williams for being chosen as a DeKalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award recipient!

The award is designed to honor high school seniors who excel in academics, leadership, and agricultural work experience. This award has been given out to FFA members from across the country since 1947.




Congratulations to Beau Fode & Maeve Korthuis on being elected into Washington FFA District IX office!

They will represent the many FFA Chapters from Grant and Adams Counties. Beau Fode will serve as the District IX President and Maeve Korthuis will serve as the District IX Vice President for 2025-2026.




Kudos to LRHS students, Jackson Nichols, Zoe Galbreath and Caden Bates for finishing Phase 1 of Washington Aerospace Scholars Program!

WAS is designed to connect high school juniors with educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through independent learning, hands-on interaction, professional guidance, and site-based tours.

Successful completion of the online course curriculum can earn the students 5 University of Washington credits in Aeronautics & Astronautics.






The LRHS Junior class, along with other area schools, had the opportunity to attend a Junior Summit at Whitworth University.

The LaunchNW Junior Summit is a two day-long event designed to inspire and inform high school juniors from rural communities about post-graduation pathways. It's an opportunity for students to connect with local colleges, apprenticeship programs, and various career options, helping them develop a plan for their future. The mission of the summit is to provide area high school juniors with a springboard into their Senior year.

It was two-days of jam packed events, keynote speakers, games, and a lot of fun for our students!






Awesome job Bronco Golf! Hayes Hennings placed 14th and Jase Bowman placed 23rd at the 2B Boys State Golf Tournament at MeadowWood Golf Course!

Congratulations to Coach Bryce Court on being named the League's Coach of the Year!



We are proud of our Bronco athletes who participated & placed at State Track!

Brody Boness - Shot Put - 4th Place
Damon Schilling - 200 meter - 5th Place
Zach Klein - 200 meter - 7th Place
Boys 4x100 Relay Team ( Zach Klein, Damon Schilling, Brody Boness & Leland Bowman) - 7th Place

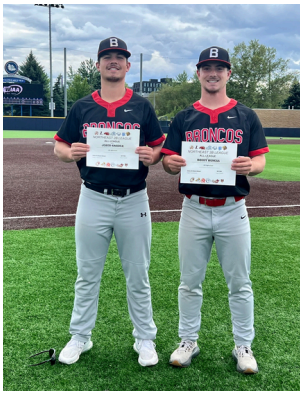




Great job to Cameron Christianson & Camron Olson NE2B 2nd Team All-League boys doubles team!

Congratulations also goes out to Coach Chelsie Lavigueur on being named NE2B Co-Coach of the Year!





Congratulations to our Bronco Softball & Baseball players that were selected to the South NE2B All-League teams!
Baseball: Jerod Harder & Brody Boness
Softball: Aeowyn Armstrong

Hannah Towne was named Defensive Player of the Year!

Lind-Ritzville FFA students represented well in Pullman at the 95th Washington FFA state convention. Thirty HS & MS students competed in eight different Career and Leadership Development events at convention.



Prepared Public Speaking - Alyssa Williams 1st Place in STATE & Qualified for NATIONALS



MS Foods Products & Processing Team 1 - 1st Place at STATE



Farm Business Management - 4th at STATE!



Meats Evaluation Team 1 - 2nd at STATE



MS Rituals LDE - 5th at STATE



Alyssa Williams - Finalist for the Washington FFA State Star Farmer Award

**The Seniors took a victory lap and visited their former stomping grounds.**

**We wish the LRHS Class of 2025 good luck and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them!**

















LIND-RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025




We were ask to share this information with our families.

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