Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

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Superintendent Message

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We are entering the holiday season, and I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we look forward to a cheerful Christmas season, our students and staff are excited to share several upcoming music performances with our parents and community members.

Upcoming Concerts

🎶 December 4 at 6:00 PM
LES TK-4th Grade Performance & 5th Grade Band Performance
Location: Lind-Ritzville Middle School Gym

🎶 December 11 at 6:00 PM
RGS TK-4th Grade Performance & 5th Grade Band Performance
Location: Gilson Gym

🎶 December 17 at 6:00 PM – Winter Band Concert
6th-12th Grade Bands
Location: Lind-Ritzville Middle School Gym

These are wonderful programs that will allow our students to shine and share their accomplishments with all of you.

I am thankful for so many things I see and have experienced in our Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools. Please come and share the fun and excitement that our kids experience in our music programs.

Happy Holidays!
Gary Wargo
LRCS Superintendent

Upcoming LRCS Events

December 1-5 - LES Scholastic Book Fair
December 1-5 - RGS Food Drive for Ritzville Food Pantry
December 1-5 - RGS Scholastic Book Fair
Dec 4 - LES TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert 6 PM / LRMS Gym
December 5 - LRHS/ LRMS Bikes for Tikes
December 9 - Knowledge Bowl at Valley Christian HS
Dec 11 - RGS TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert 6 PM / Gilson Gym
December 13 - Candy Cane Lane / 11:00AM/ Ritzville Schools
Dec 17 - Winter Band Concert (6 -12 Grade) 6 PM / LRMS Gym
December 18 - LRMS Eagle Watch
December 18 - School Board / LRHS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
Dec 19 - Early Release (RGS/LES 12:25PM & LRMS/LRHS 12:30PM)
December 22 - January 2 - Winter Break
January 5 - Back to School!
January 12 - FCCLA Regional Competition
January 13 - HS Knowledge Bowl at Washtucna
January 19 - NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
January 20 - End of 1st Semester
January 23 - Little Cheer Performance at HS Basketball Games
January 26 - School Board / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
January 27 - HS Knowledge Bowl at Coulee City
January 30 - FBLA Winter Conference

****Dates & Times Subject to Change**
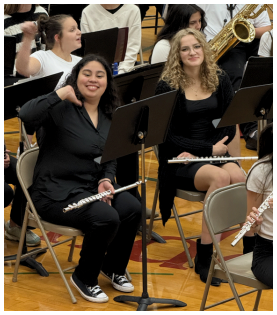




GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT LRCS







Seventeen band and one choir student from LRHS participated in the Southeast Washington Music Educators Association (SEWMEA) Mass Band event in October.

The students had morning and afternoon rehearsals and a concert that took place at Dayton High School. In addition to Lind-Ritzville, the mass band event included students from multiple high schools, including Asotin, Clarkston, Colfax, Dayton, Garfield-Palouse, Kahlotus, Oakesdale, Pomeroy, Prescott, and Waitsburg.







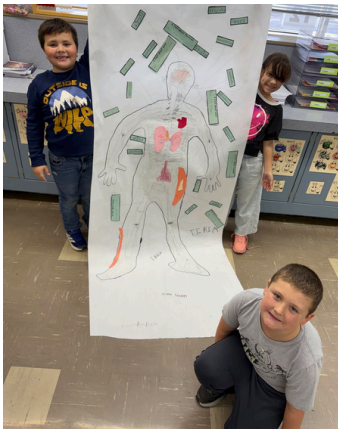
At LRMS, the Farm to Table class showcased their knife safety skills working with some fruits and vegetables during our produce unit to make Pico de Gallo in class. Students showed they could use the knives safely, perform the different techniques needed to dice, mince, ribbon, and de-seed a variety of materials.





Fire Safety week at RGS concluded with a visit from our local fire fighters. They talked with the 2nd Grade students about being prepared in the event of a fire emergency and the students also got a turn working the fire hose. Thank you so much to our volunteer fire fighters for taking the time to visit!





To wrap up their reading unit on the human body, the 3rd grade class at LES, traced a classmate and labeled different parts of the body. They used text evidence from their books and collaborated with their team members to finish this project.





Thank you to our Veterans and community for coming to the Veteran's Day assemblies at LRMS & LRHS and sharing this special day with us.

The LRMS and LRHS ASB groups did a great job planning the events. A big shout out to Mrs. York and the bands for the great performances!

Bronco Volleyball Place 3rd at STATE!



Volleyball finished the season with a win to bring home 3rd place at the state competition! Congratulations to Bronco Volleyball on a fantastic season and all the hard work that got them there!

Congratulations to Zoey Mendez & Hannah Towne for being selected to the South NE2B Volleyball all league team & Zoe Galbreath for South Co-MVP!





Congratulations to the following Bronco Football players for being selected to the South NE2B Football all league team:

2nd Team Offense
Hayes Hennings - OL
Archer Killian - Flex

2nd Team Defense
Jerod Harder - LB
Doug Olson - Def Flex

National FFA Recap

Lind-Ritzville FFA members had a good week in Indianapolis. Their hard work over the last few months paid off!



Alyssa Williams received a Bronze Emblem award in Prepared Public Speaking.



Livestock Evaluation team earned a Gold Emblem Team Award! Team members included Maeve Korthuis (Gold Emblem Individual), Kelly Cordill (Gold Emblem Individual), Beau Fode (Silver Emblem Individual) and Luke Wade (Silver Emblem Individual).



The Poultry Evaluation team received a Silver Emblem team award. The team members included John Stromberger (Gold Emblem Individual), Alexis Mendoza (Silver Emblem Individual), Hagen Carlson (Silver Emblem Individual), and Morrighana Duke (Bronze Emblem Individual).



LR FFA Potato Evaluation Team 1 placed 5th at STATE!



LR FFA Soils Team placed 6th at STATE!



Karsten Stokoe earned 2nd place at the Warden FFA Trapshoot!

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