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Superintendent Message

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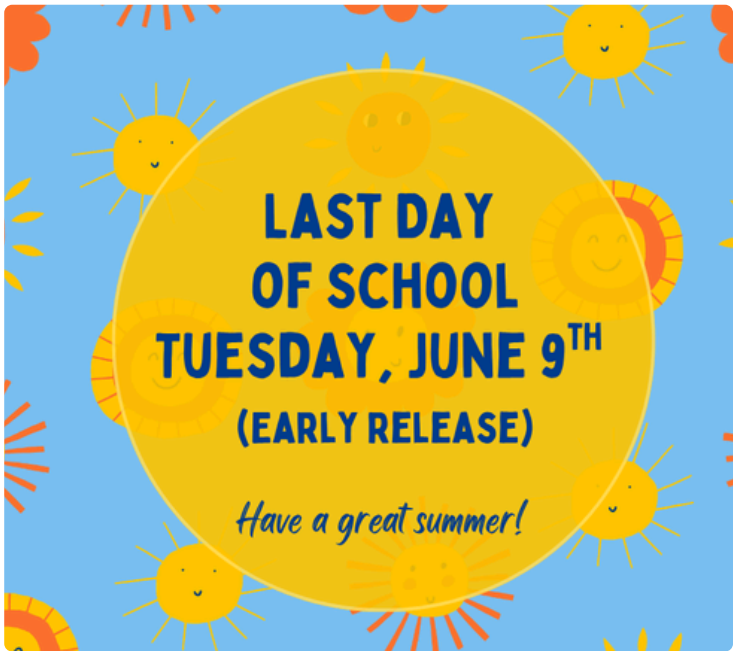
As the 2025-26 school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to say what an honor it has been to serve as interim superintendent for the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools. This year has truly been a rewarding experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such incredible communities.

On behalf of the school board and myself, thank you to our families and community members for your continued support. Your partnership makes a real difference in the success of our students, staff, and programs.
I'd also like to recognize our outstanding educators, administrators, and support staff. Your dedication, care, and hard work create a safe and enriching environment where students can learn and grow every day. We appreciate all that you do.

As summer begins, I hope each of you finds time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends.

And remember–learning doesn't stop when school is out. Some of the best learning happens outside the classroom. Whether you are traveling, helping in your community, working harvest, reading a good book, or exploring something new, keep looking for ways to grow and make a positive impact.

Wishing you all a safe, fun, and memorable summer!
Gary Wargo
LRCS Interim Superintendent



Upcoming LRCS Events

June 3 - Lind-Ritzville Academy Graduation
June 3 - LRMS 8th Grade Trip
June 3 - LES 5th Grade Seattle Mariner's Field Trip
June 3 - RGS Toothsavers
June 4 - 8th Grade Promotion / LRMS Gym / 2:00PM
June 4 - LRHS Baccalaureate
June 4 - RGS Last Day of Preschool
June 5 - LRHS Graduation Set-Up/Practice
June 5 - LES - 5th Grade Recognition / Awards
June 5 - RGS Picnic Lunch & Field Day
June 6 - LRHS Graduation / Gilson Gym / 2:00PM
June 8 - LES Field Day
June 9 - LES Fun Run
June 9 - RGS Bronco Trot
June 9 - Last Day of School - **Early Release** (RGS/LES 12:25PM & LRMS/LRHS 12:30PM)
June 24** - School Board / LRHS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM
**** Please note - change of meeting date****

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR DATES!

August 20 - First Day of School (1st - 12th Grade)
August 21 - School Day (All Students 1st - 12th Grade)
August 25 - First Day of TK & Kindergarten
August 28 - School Day (All Students)
September 7 - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

***Dates & Times Subject to Change**

Don't forget! LRCS will shift to a four-day school week starting in the 2026–27 school year. Please note that all students will have school on the following Fridays: August 21, 2026; August 28, 2026; and June 4, 2027.

Please visit the "4-Day School Week Information" tab at lrschools.org for updates and to view the approved 2026–27 school calendar.



Great things happening at LRCS







LES & RGS 5th grade students stepped into the courtroom for the annual Law Day at the Adams County Courthouse! The students experienced a mock trial and met with officers from various branches of law enforcement.




LRMS 7th graders recently took an incredible field trip to the Grand Coulee Dam! Students toured one of the largest concrete structures in the world, discovering the engineering, history, and hydroelectric power behind this amazing landmark. It was a fantastic, hands-on experience that truly brought classroom lessons to life.





LRMS 6th graders traveled back in time at the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site! Students learned about the powerful Missoula Floods, explored Ice Age animals, and discovered how paleontologists excavate and study dig sites.

A major highlight was getting hands-on experience washing dirt to search for real bones, just like real field scientists! Students also toured an active mammoth excavation site, connecting directly to their Early Humans history unit.




The RGS 5th grade class traveled to Connelly Park in Moses Lake for a very special mission: releasing the trout they've been raising! While at the park, students completed a field investigation on trout diets, took a nature walk, and learned all about local water quality. Trout in the Classroom is sponsored by the Columbia Basin Conservation District.




The LES 5th-grade class headed to Manito Park for an exciting field trip! Students took detailed notes on their observations in nature, learned about Japanese culture, and even checked out a real, working sundial. It was a wonderful day of discovery with friends.



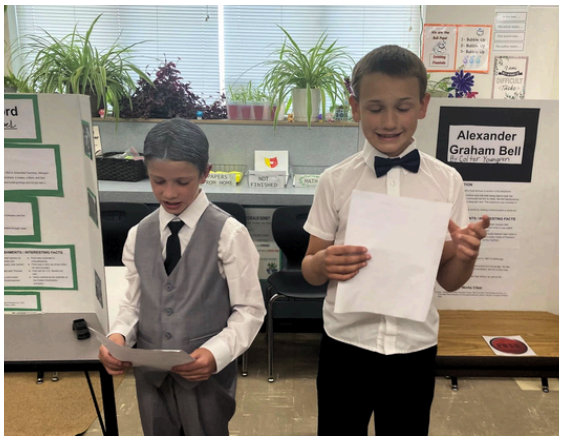

Thank you to CF Industries for the generous grant that sent RGS 3rd and 4th graders to the Blue Zoo in Spokane! This exciting field trip offered hands-on learning with marine and freshwater animals. From up-close animal encounters to interactive exhibits, the students had an unforgettable day!





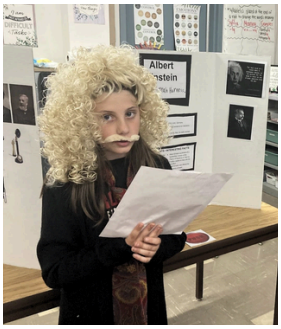
The ballpark became the ultimate classroom for LES 4th graders during the Spokane Indians' Education Day! Students visited Avista Stadium, cheered the home team on to a big win over the Tri-City Dust Devils, and brought home a baseball-themed educational booklet.

Kudos to the amazing LES students for an incredible Wax Museum Night! Their hard work, creativity, and confidence truly shined. We loved seeing their brilliant artwork and watching them bring history to life—from Greek gods and inventors to American Revolution heroes and animals.

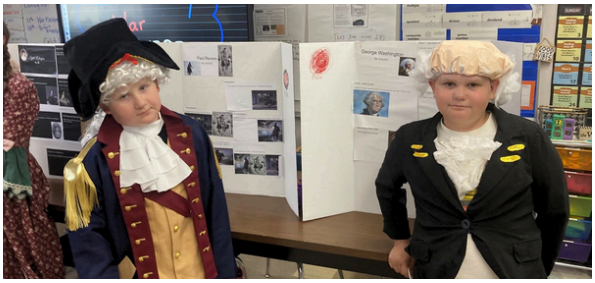












Lind-Ritzville FFA students absolutely crushed it in Pullman at the 96th Washington FFA State Convention! High school and middle school students competed across several Career and Leadership Development events. They had some fantastic team performances and a long list of individuals who placed.



Meats Evaluation Team - 1st at STATE!
Landon Williams - State Champ
Luke Wade - 3rd Individual
Kelly Cordill - 4th Individual
Reagan Korthuis - 8th Individual
Maeve Korthuis - 10th Individual
Amelia Clack - 12th Individual



Congratulations to Kenadie Hayes 2026-2027 WA FFA District 9 Sentinel! District 9 is represented by Chapters located in Grant, Adams, and North Franklin Counties.



MS Foods Products & Processing Team 1 - 1st Place at STATE!
Freya Roth - 2nd Individual
Landon Williams - 3rd Individual
Thor Sawyer - 9th Individual
Tim Mathis - 12th Individual



Foods Products & Processing - Freshman Team - 2nd Place at STATE!
Patrick Repp - 4th Individual
Harper Lobe - 5th Individual
Olivia Robbins - 8th Individual



Farm Business Management Team 1 - 3rd at STATE! Beau Fode - 3rd Individual



MS Foods Products & Processing Team 2 - 4th Place at STATE! Sydney Betes - 7th Individual



Marketing Plan CDE- 4th Place at STATE



Employment Skills LDE- Maeve Korthuis - 7th Place at State



Bronco Golf - 4th Place at STATE!

Congratulations to the Bronco Golf team and coaches on a GREAT season. Three Bronco golfers placed in the top 20!

Hayes Hennings – 10th Place
Beau Fode – 18th Place
Cole Rouleau – 19th Place



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS! Congratulations to our Bronco Golf Team–the District 6 2B Boys Team Champs!

The Broncos dominated the field with 112 points. NWC took 2nd (75.5) and Colfax finished 3rd (60).



Following Duncan Kirkwood's inspiring message this fall, LRHS students took on the "Just Say Yes" Challenge.

After committing to positive actions, they were rewarded with an exciting trip to Seattle to visit Pike Place Market and catch a winning Mariners game!



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

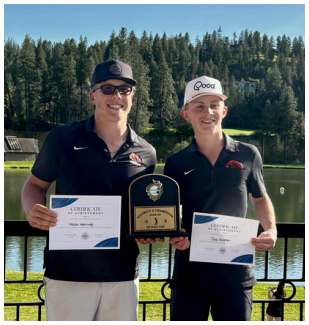
Damon Schilling - 2nd Place in the 200m & 5th Place in the 100m

Damon broke his own school record in the 200M! New school record is 21.97!

Saige Galbreath - 3rd Place Shot Put
Zoe Galbreath - 4th Place Pole Vault
Brett Cresse - 5th Place Long Jump

Other results: Jerod Harder - 11th Place Shot Put
Archer Killian - 14th Place Shot Put
Zoe Galbreath - 15th Place Shot Put

Congratulations to the Bronco student-athletes who earned All-League Honors!



Hayes Hennings & Jase Bowman All-League Golf Team



Hannah Towne & Aeowyn Armstrong South NE2B All League Softball Team



Cameron Boness & Lucas Gardner South NE2B All League Baseball Team

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!
WE CAN`T WAIT TO SEE YOU BACK IN AUGUST!

THURSDAY, AUG 20: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (1ST–12TH GRADES)
TUESDAY, AUG 25: FIRST DAY OF TK & KINDERGARTEN

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

We wish the LRHS Class of 2026 good luck and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them!























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