Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

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Superintendent Message

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As we finish our first month of school, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, families, and community for such a positive start to the year. As your new superintendent, I have appreciated the opportunity to spend time in our schools, visit classrooms, attend activities, and get to know the people who make our district such a special place.

From cheering on our students at high school and middle school football games to attending our first cross-country meet, where we welcomed student-athletes from more than 15 schools, it has been wonderful to see the energy, school pride, and sense of community throughout our district. I continue to be impressed by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the tremendous support our families and community provide to our schools.

My first month has also been an important time for listening and learning. Strong schools are built on relationships, trust, and a shared commitment to doing what is best for students. As we move forward, I look forward to continuing to listen to our staff, families, students, and community while working together to provide every student with the opportunities they need to be successful. Thank you for welcoming me into the district and for your continued partnership as we work together to make this a great school year.



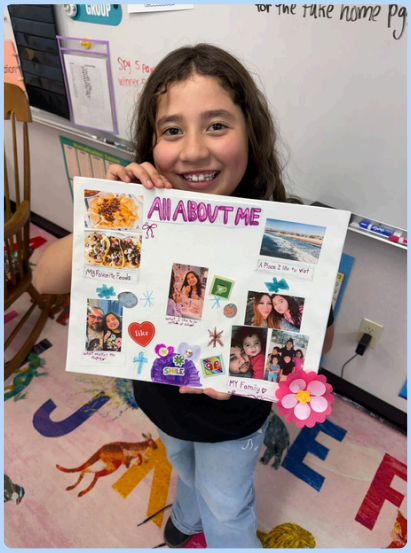
Upcoming LRCS Events

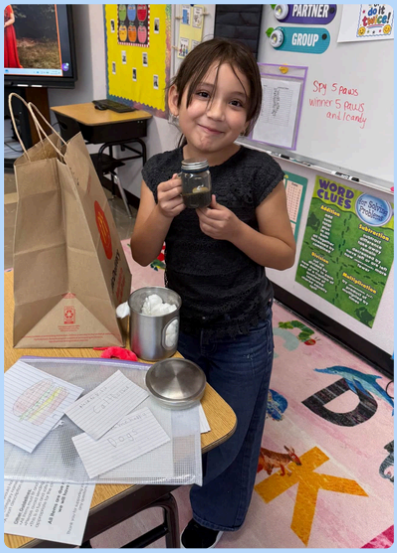
October 2 - **NO SCHOOL**
October 8 - RGS Donuts with Dudes / 7:30-8:15 AM
October 8 - LRHS Career Showcase
October 9 - **NO SCHOOL** (Staff PD)
October 9 - Little Cheer Performance at HS Football Game
October 13 - HS FFA State Rangeland CDE
October 13 - NACAC National College Fairs / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
October 13- LRMS & LRHS Picture Retakes
October 14 - HS FCCLA Regional Meeting
October 15 - HS FBLA Fall Leadership Conference
October 15 - HS Volleyball Senior Night
October 16 - **NO SCHOOL**
October 17- 24 - FFA National Convention
October 19 - Coffee with Superintendent / WSU Extension Office / 8:30-9:30 AM
October 19 - MS Girls Basketball Starts
October 21 - SAT Testing at LRHS
October 22 - PSAT Testing at LRHS
October 21 & 22 - Fall Conferences (**EARLY RELEASE at 12:40 PM)**
October 23 - HS Football Senior Night
October 23 - **NO SCHOOL**
October 26 - MS Wrestling Starts
October 26 - School Board Meeting / LRHS Collaboration Room / 6:30 PM
October 28 - LES Picture Retakes
October 28 - FFA State Soils Contest
October 29 - RGS Fall Festival
October 30 - Academic Intervention Day
November 6 - **NO SCHOOL** (Staff PD)
November 10 - Veterans Day Assemblies (10:00 AM Lind / 1:00 PM Ritzville)
November 11 - **NO SCHOOL** (Veterans Day)
November 13 - **NO SCHOOL**
November 16 - HS Winter Sports Starts
November 16 - RGS Picture Retakes & Class Pictures
November 20 - Academic Intervention Day
November 23 - School Board / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6:30 PM
November 25 - **Early Release (12:40PM)**
November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Break **(NO SCHOOL)**
December 3 - LES TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert / 6 PM / LRMS Gym
December 9 - Winter Band Concert (6 -12 Grade) / 6:30 PM / Gilson Gym
December 17 - RGS TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert 6 PM / Gilson Gym

***Dates & Times Subject to Change**

Reminder - You can find the 2026-27 school calendar anytime on our district website. Just look under the "Parent & Student Information" tab.

Great Things Happening at LRCS!





The LES 3rd grade students participated in a “Me Museum” event. Each student answered five questions about themselves and brought in an item or photo representing what makes them unique!



RGS 3rd-5th grade students visited the high school and voted on their favorite hallway decorations. The students also cheered on the homecoming parade!







LES celebrated Homecoming week in style with dress-up days like Crazy Hair, Tie-Dye, and Bulldog & Bronco Day!

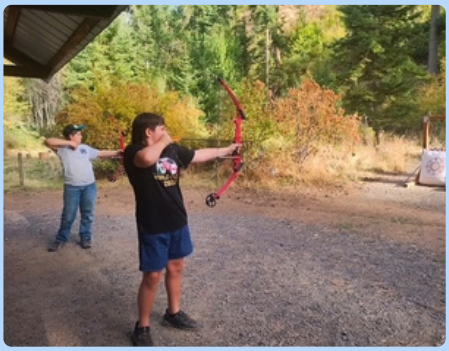


Hands-on science in action! The AgX Class at LRMS is studying corn seed germination to see how variations in growing media, moisture, and temperature affect plant growth.

LRMS 6th graders spent an unforgettable week at Camp Wooten! Students dove into hands-on learning with classes on fishing, entomology, archaeology, wildlife, art, swimming, hiking, plant identification, compass skills, shelter building, and more. It was a week packed with learning, fun, and lasting connections.

A big thank you to Mr. Weishaar and Mrs. Davey for their tireless preparation, and to all of our incredible volunteers who made this trip possible!















It's been a busy and successful fair season for LR FFA! Our students showcased their hard work and animal SAE projects at six different events this fall, including the Grant County, Lincoln County, Wheat Land Communities', and Othello Fairs, as well as the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show.

After learning design fundamentals and crafting bud vase arrangements, the Floral Class at LRMS, exhibited their work at the Wheat Land Communities Fair.







The district hosted its first Cross Country meet in September! There were approximately 300 middle and high school athletes from 15 schools. The race route covered the track, looped along the golf course, local streets, football field, and gym parking lot. It was a great day and we showed our Bulldog & Bronco pride!







The tradition continues! Our Bronco football players and cheerleaders dropped by RGS to welcome students to school with high fives and plenty of school pride. We love seeing our high school leaders inspire our younger Broncos!







The LR Marching Band is marching into fall with performances at the LRHS Homecoming, Wheat Land Communities' Fair and Odessa Deutschesfest parades.

FCCLA National Leadership Conference





This past summer, LRHS FCCLA members traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National FCCLA Conference. Students strengthened their leadership skills, explored career paths, and competed at the national level.

The following LR FCCLA students placed among the top 10 in the nation!
Zachary Christman – 2nd in the NATION for Impromptu Speaking

Isabella Najera – 3rd in the NATION for Speak Out for FCCLA

Wednesday Curlee – 8th in the NATION for Digital Stories for Change

Zachary Christman – 8th in the NATION for RED Talks for Education

LRHS Homecoming week was a resounding success! Students celebrated with dress-up days, games, hallway decorating, skits, and a parade. Most importantly, the week showed an abundance of Bronco teamwork and pride!































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