Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

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Superintendent Message

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It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the first semester! There are so many exciting things happening throughout our district, and we have much to be proud of. From the learning taking place in our classrooms to the accomplishments of our students in athletics, activities, and extracurricular programs, it is wonderful to see our students thriving. Our FFA program continues to be a source of pride for our district with students consistently earning recognition and placing at the national level. These impressive achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, as well as the outstanding guidance, mentorship, and commitment of our teachers and advisors. In October, our Meats Evaluation CDE Team placed 4th at Nationals and our Agronomy CDE Team placed 14th at Nationals. These achievements are a reflection of the opportunities available to our students and the commitment of our staff, families, and community who support them.

As your superintendent, I continue to enjoy visiting classrooms and getting to know our students, staff, and families. I firmly believe that strong schools are rooted in relationships, open communication, and a shared commitment to student success. We have much to celebrate, but I also recognize that there will always be opportunities to listen, learn, and improve. I want our families to know that my door is open. If you have a question, concern, or suggestion, I welcome you to contact my office to schedule a time to meet with me. Your voice matters, and I value the opportunity to hear your perspectives and work together in the best interests of our students. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to make our schools and communities such special places.



Upcoming LRCS Events

November 5 - Inclement Weather Test Notification
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 16 - School Board / LRHS Collaboration Room
November 20 - Academic Intervention & Support Friday
November 25 - **Early Release (12:40PM)**
November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Break **(NO SCHOOL)**
November 30-December 5 - RGS Scholastic Book Fair
December 1 - RGS Toothsavers
December 3 - LES TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert / LRMS Gym / 6:00 PM
December 7-10 - RGS Food Drive for Ritzville Food Pantry
December 9 - Winter Band Concert (6 -12 Grade) / Gilson Gym / 6:00 PM
December 11 - Academic Intervention & Support Friday
December 12 - Candy Cane Lane
December 17 - LRMS Eagle Watch Field Trip
December 17 - RGS TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert/Gilson Gym/ 6:00PM
December 21 - January 1 - Winter Break **(NO SCHOOL)**
January 4 - Back to School!
January 8 - Academic Intervention & Support Friday
January 15 - **NO SCHOOL** (Staff PD)
January 18 - **NO SCHOOL** (Martin Luther King Day)
January 19 - End of 1st Semester
January 25 - School Board / LRMS Collaboration Room / 6:30PM

***Dates & Times Subject to Change**

INCLEMENT WEATHER TEST NOTIFICATION

Upcoming Test Message: On Thursday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m., Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools will send a **TEST** inclement weather message via ParentSquare.

- **Didn't receive it?** Contact your student's school office to update your contact information in Skyward.
- **Winter Weather Information:** General winter weather information was sent to families via ParentSquare on November 2.

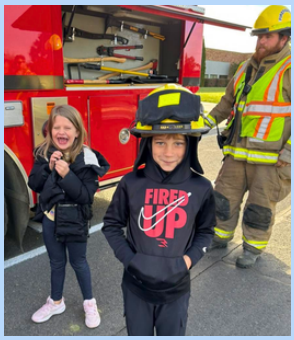
Great Things Happening at LRCS!

Fire Safety Week at LES & RGS

Fire Safety Week at LES & RGS concluded with a visit from our local firefighters. They talked with second-grade students about being prepared in the event of a fire emergency. The students also got to check out the fire trucks and take turns using the fire hose. Thank you so much to our volunteer firefighters for taking the time to visit!



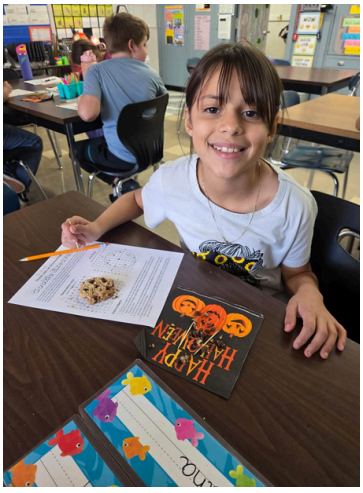






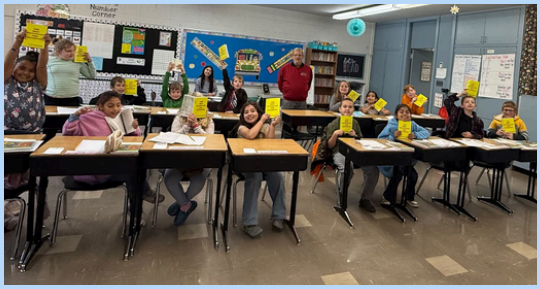








LES fifth graders learned about archaeology this week. They completed a stratigraphy exercise to determine which soil layers would contain specific artifacts. Afterward, they excavated chocolate chips from cookies and mapped their locations on a grid to model a real archaeological excavation.



Every year, the Ralston Grange generously gifts a personal dictionary to every third-grade student at LES and RGS.

We truly appreciate their continued support in donating these valuable resources!

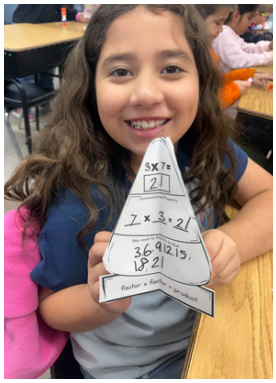


The RGS first-grade class took their annual fall field trip to Country Cousins Pumpkin Patch! Students spent the morning playing, exploring, and enjoying all the fun the pumpkin patch had to offer.

A big thank you to CF Industries for giving our teachers the opportunity to apply for grants that help make special experiences like this possible for our students!









To make math facts extra sweet, the LES third graders made candy-shaped multiplication practice sheets. It was a creative way to build fluency while showing off their math skills!

RGS was full of smiles at their annual Fall Festival! Thank you to everyone who lent a hand to make this such a memorable day for our students!









LR FFA Meats Evaluation Team - 4th in the NATION!







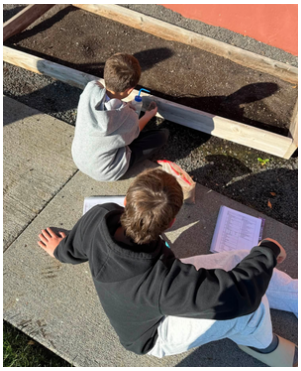
Ten Lind-Ritzville FFA students represented our chapter at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, October 18–24, bringing home impressive national honors:

- Meats Evaluation CDE Team: Earned a Gold Emblem and placed 4th in the **NATION** out of 43 teams. Huge congratulations to Luke Wade, who placed 7th overall individual in the contest!
- Agronomy CDE Team: Earned a Top Silver Emblem and placed 14th in the NATION out of 38 teams in a highly competitive year.

Congratulations to recent graduates John Stromberger and Alyssa Williams for receiving their American FFA Degree, the highest honor awarded to FFA members!







LRMS students in AgX have been learning about different soil textures and getting hands-on practice texturing soil. Students were able to get their hands dirty to determine what the soil samples were and then discussed how soil texture can impact other factors like permeability.

Fourteen band students from LRHS participated in the Southeast Washington Music Educators Association (SEWMEA) Mass Band, an annual regional honor band event that brings together high school musicians from across Southeast Washington.

Following morning and afternoon rehearsals, the students performed in an evening concert at Dayton High School. In addition to Lind-Ritzville, participating schools included Asotin, Clarkston, Colfax, Dayton, Garfield-Palouse, Kahlotus, Oakesdale, Pomeroy, Prescott, and Waitsburg.









With big smiles and endless spirit, the Bronco Jr. Cheer performed during a recent Bronco football game. Led by the high school Bronco cheer squad, the Jr. Cheerleaders learned a couple of cheers and a dance routine in just a few short practices!

Seven LRMS and fourteen LRHS students from our Ag classes attended the Columbia Basin Conservation Soils Day. Students applied what they learned about soils over the past few weeks through hands-on soil evaluation, and by analyzing land use and management guidelines.



Thank you Caring Neighbors!





A BIG THANK YOU to Caring Neighbors for supporting our local schools! Last month, a few of our staff members received generous grants that help pay for additional classroom resources and athletic safety equipment.

- LES 5th-Grade Teacher Mrs. Russell: Will purchase an updated set of encyclopedias for Lind Elementary School. It is important for students to learn how to do book and library research rather than relying solely on online resources. These will be housed in the library and available for all LES students to use.
- RGS Special Education Teacher Mrs. Glisson: Will purchase a comprehensive curriculum from The Autism Helper, which provides differentiated materials in literacy, math, science, social studies, communication, social-emotional learning, behavior, and life skills. This curriculum will help provide engaging, hands-on, individualized instruction for our students with autism and other developmental needs–supporting their academic growth, communication, independence, and everyday skills.
- LRHS Teacher Mr. Pulliam: Is teaching a History of Adams County class this year and will use the grant for a field trip experience at a later date.
- Bronco Football Coach Bermea: Purchased 25 Guardian Caps–soft-shelled, padded covers that snap onto the outside of a traditional hard-shell football helmet to absorb impact and reduce concussion risk.



FOOD SERVICE REMINDER

We would like to remind our families that while meals are free for all LRCS students (including the first milk), additional items are treated differently. If a student chooses a **second milk or wishes to purchase milk to accompany a lunch brought from home,** the milk is considered an à la carte item. Because à la carte items are not covered by the free meal program, **there is a 50¢ charge per milk.**

Families can monitor food service purchases and account balances through Skyward Family Access. Once logged in, look for the Food Service tile.

















Last month was the 8th Annual Career Showcase at Lind-Ritzville High School. More than 46 businesses, trades, organizations, and colleges filled Gilson Gymnasium to connect with our 8th–12th grade students about their futures – from immediate employment and internships to college and career training opportunities that align with their High School and Beyond Plans.

Over 200 students from LRMS, LRHS, and Washtucna High School attended this year's event. A big thank-you to our vendors for investing in our students' futures and to Kyle Niehenke and the Adams County Development Council for organizing this event!

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