

Ripon School News

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



As the 2017-18 school year concludes, many highlights come to mind. The year was filled with success stories and also important foundational work to build on moving forward into next year. During the month of May, the Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Board Committee worked to reset the district clock in terms of the future of the district by hosting two Strategic Planning Meetings.

The Board joined a larger group of administrators, teachers, staff, and community members to develop priority areas for the 2018-19 school year. As part of the federal Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA) requirements, the strategic planning team reviewed district data under each of the four strategic areas of student engagement and learning; human resources; service and partnership; and finances. The priority areas will be used to develop a district scorecard to assist the Board in monitoring district progress during the 2018-19 school year.

This edition of the Ripon School News celebrates our RHS/Lumen, STRIVE and ACE graduates, visiting French students and recent art contest winners. The Board recognized our students who competed in state solo and ensemble, poetry, FFA and FBLA. We also honor the 202 years of dedicated service of our 8 retiring staff.

In addition, the newsletter highlights concerts, showcase nights, and special events. Students and staff celebrated the end of the year with Murray Park Quest Family Night, Project Grill, Pack the Track, National Honor Society Induction, ROARS Luncheon, and STEP recognition.

Thank you again for helping to make this a successful school year. Together we are living out the District mission by inspiring learners, engaging community and enriching the world.

*Respectfully yours,
Dr. Mary Whitrock
Superintendent of Schools
Go Tigers!*

MURRAY PARK QUEST FAMILY NIGHT

What an incredible turnout for the Murray Park and Quest Showcase and Literacy Night. The evening featured a cookout, plant sale, student musical performances, and student presentations. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff for all their extra efforts to make the evening so special for everyone.



SUMMER SCHOOL

June 18-July 20
No classes on July 4
8:00-12:00

2018 GRADUATES

140 students of the Class of 2018 graduated in an indoor ceremony in the Ripon High School Gymnasium. Master of Ceremonies was Class President, Jake Henderson. Student speakers were David Lyke and Preston Wurtz. Mrs. Kathy Schaub was the faculty speaker. Congratulations to all of our 2018 Ripon High School and Lumen Charter High School graduates!



106 members of the graduating class of 2018 walked the elementary school halls to reminisce and celebrate their time in the Ripon Area School District. They were greeted by students and staff with applause, high fives, hugs, and congratulation wishes. The elementary students sat in front of their lockers holding signs wishing the graduates well.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m in the RHS Community Room

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The 2018-19 full color community calendar, designed as a student graphic arts project, is being printed and will be mailed to all 54971 households in late June.

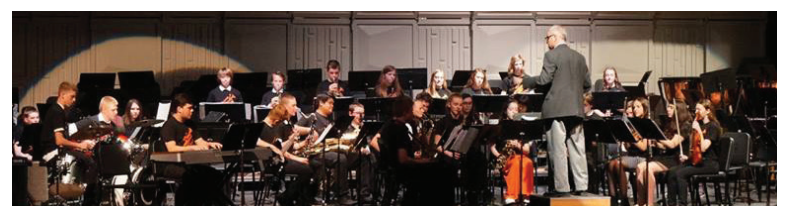
FRIENDSHIP DAY

Students from nine other district's joined Ripon Middle School and Ripon High School students for Friendship Day, held at Ingalls Field on May 16. The students participated in track and field events while being cheered on by fellow competitors, teachers, staff, and Ripon High School students running the event. Members of the Pep Band provided music for the event which was attended by friends and families of the participants. The high school ACTIVO group, as well as many other high school volunteers, helped to run events and made the day run smoothly. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Landerman, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Poleyn for helping Ms. Morrin make this event an amazing day.



MUSIC AT RIPON SCHOOLS

The Music Departments were busy this month treating their audiences to some terrific musical selections. The end of the school year marked numerous chorale and band concerts for families and the community to enjoy.



BARLOW PARK AND JOURNEY HOSTED GRANDPARENT AND SPECIAL FRIEND DAY

Barlow Park and Journey hosted Grandparent and Special Friend Day in June. This event is a great way to welcome family and friends who support and encourage students to do their very best in school. Thank you for being there for our students.



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FRENCH ADVENTURE

From May 14th through May 28th, the Ripon community was home to twenty-two elementary school students from Paris, France. These students, accompanied by two French teachers, lived with host families of fourth and fifth grade students at Murray Park and Quest schools. Welcoming events included a family potluck dinner on May 16th and a school Welcome Assembly on May 18th. The student-led assembly included French folk music performed by fifth grade students and an introduction of each French student by their host. During their stay in Ripon, the French students attended school each day with their French classmates and also visited classes at Murray Park and Quest schools with their Ripon host students. French students also went on a walking tour of Ripon and field trips to Lambeau Field, the Pollack Farm, a Ripon alpaca farm and also read French and English books with Barlow Park students. A farewell gathering of families was held at Plaza Bowl, with families enjoying much fun together at this event for the French visitors.



BRAVE MORNING AND INTERIM CARE

BRAVE expansion services will continue for the 2018-2019 school year. Elementary Morning Care and September Interim Care registrations will be included in registration packets sent to families in July. Please direct summer inquiries about care availability, questions and or requests for registration packets to Ashley O'Kon, BRAVE Project Director at 920-748-4638 Ext 2204.

STEP VOLUNTEERS

STEP (Senior Tax Exchange Program) volunteers with Ripon Area School District were honored on Thursday, May 31 with the STEP annual appreciation luncheon. These dedicated volunteers support teaching staff throughout the district in the classroom and beyond. Fourteen volunteers exchanged 1,249.50 total hours of volunteer time this year.

Many of our volunteers show their dedication by volunteering above and beyond their allotted hours. This year, these committed volunteers hours exceeded the allocated amount by 487.50 hours. Ripon Area School District is fortunate to have these individuals as a part of the team that makes successful education possible.

Volunteers 62 years of age or older, receive a credit towards payment of their school property tax in exchange for volunteering within our schools. Qualified participants are anyone who wishes to work with students, receives Social Security and lives in a personally owned, taxable property within the Ripon Area School District.

The STEP program is a subsidiary of the district's BRAVE program. For more information, contact Nancy Bouwkamp, STEP Coordinator at (920) 748-1550 extension 1313 or email at bouwkampn@ripon.k12.wi.us.



ROARS LUNCHEON

RASD hosted the Spring Luncheon for District retirees. The afternoon featured lunch catered by A'viands, entertainment provided by RMS/Catalyst Choral students and information about our International program presented by Superintendent Mary Whitrock. The luncheon celebrated the talents and service of the retirees as most of them are still involved in the District in various ways.



Mrs. Christine Damm
Curriculum Director

The Ripon Area School District is proud to announce an exciting opportunity for high school students this summer. The Ripon Area School District, in collaboration with Ripon College, will again be hosting a two-week engineering and science camp July 16-27 for interested students entering grades 9-12. We will be welcoming twenty students and two teachers from ZJG Shazhou Senior Middle and High Schools in Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu, China. Our Chinese guests will be residing in the Ripon College dorms during the weekdays and will be placed with host families during their weekend stay.

During this summer's camp experience, RHS and Lumen day campers may participate in the optional dorm experience during the weekdays and may choose to host a Chinese student in their home on the weekend, though neither are required. Our day campers may also choose to participate in leadership, team building, and adventure activities during the evening alongside our Chinese

CURRICULUM CORNER

As camp participants, students will explore many types of engineering fields and see how they can lead to great careers while interacting with students from another country.

topics such as sustainability, mechatronics, forces, structures, aerodynamics, digital electronics and circuit design, manufacturing, and the environment. Students will also learn about different engineering and science disciplines before beginning post-secondary education or careers.

Throughout the week, camp participants will work alongside Ripon High School and Ripon College faculty to explore a variety of topics related to the principles of engineering and science in the natural world and participate in a variety of cultural immersion experiences throughout the day. The morning engineering session will be held at Ripon High School in the new STEM labs. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held at Ripon College and off site locations to be determined.

The curriculum will include a variety of hands-on activities and authentic inquiry-based lab experiences with Ripon High School science teachers and Ripon College Professors. The course will integrate math, physics, chemistry, engineering, and technical communications. Students will engage in open-ended problem solving opportunities while learning to apply the engineering design process and use the same industry-leading technology and software as are used in the world's top companies. Students will investigate

The camp is being offered as a two-week extension to the 2018 summer school program and will be free of charge to participants. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to earn a .5 science credit towards their graduation requirement. Applications can be found on the district website: www.ripon.k12.wi.us by accessing the Ripon International button on the homepage. Forms are also available in the Ripon High School office. Interested students should complete the application form and return it to the Ripon High School Office by June 22. If interested in becoming a host family for the summer camp, you may also access the host family application on the Ripon International page under the summer camp tab. For more information, feel free to contact Christine Damm at dammc@ripon.k12.wi.us or by phone (920)748-4687.

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT:

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BARLOW PARK AND JOURNEY HOSTED PACK THE TRACK

Barlow Park/Journey Charter School hosted "Pack the Track" on Thursday, May 24, at the schools' outdoor track. Pack the Track was a special event of the Morning Mile program created by Mr. Dale Nehls, Physical Education Teacher. Four mornings a week Mr. Nehls was on the track to help students, parents, and staff to kick-start their day with a walk or run. The intent of the Morning Mile was to get kids to move first thing in the morning to stimulate the brain for greater learning and to promote fitness.

Morning Mile began in early May and quickly grew to have at least 75 participants each morning. To celebrate the interest of the program and further promote health and wellness, Pack the Track was held to encourage parents and community members to join the students for a walk or run that day. A special visitor of the morning was the Ripon Tiger mascot. The RHS Pep Band even came to walk the track while they played music to keep participants moving.

Mr. Nehls described the program by stating, "The Morning Mile is intended to get kids moving before their school day starts. It is to help get the brain stimulated, get their bodies moving for fitness, and for plain 'ole social fun. Pack the Track celebrated the good things movement does for all of us."



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES FOR OVER 202 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR DISTRICT!



Sherry Byng
Title One Teacher
Murray Park
(29 years)



Jocelyn Hoepfer
School Counselor
Barlow Park/Journey
(37.5 years)



Julie Feidt
Phy. Ed. Teacher
Ripon Middle/Catalyst
(33 years)



Brenda Rapp
4th Grade Teacher
Quest
(30 years)



Wendy McCulloch
Health Office Specialist
Ripon School District
(27 years)



Carol Leahy
Head Cook
Barlow Park/Journey
(20 years)



Les Klawitter
Custodian
Ripon School District
(14 years)



Brian Pepler
Maintenance and Grounds
Ripon School District
(12 years)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Ripon High School's National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 30 sophomores and juniors into the organization. At the ceremony, officers lit candles representing the organization's four areas of excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.



STRIVE GRADUATION

The Ripon Rotary held STRIVE Graduation for nine graduates. As a result of their participation in the STRIVE Program, each senior received recognition and a scholarship from the Ripon Rotary. Their parents and grandparents were invited to be part of their big day. There were a total of 30 STRIVE Program participants during the 2017-18 school year from Ripon High School, Crossroads Academy, and Markesan High School. Special thanks to Kyle Grahn, Lee Prellwitz, and Peter Sensenbrenner!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Graduating Ripon students were awarded over \$2,003,450 in scholarships at the high school's annual Awards Night. 68 students received a total of 147 scholarships, with many receiving multiple scholarships. The Ripon Education Foundation awarded \$6,500 in scholarships to six deserving students. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients! A special thank you to all the contributors who made these scholarships possible so our graduates can pursue further education.

ACE GRADUATION

Congratulations to the fifth grade students at Murray Park and Quest Schools on graduating from the Anti Crime Education Program program in Ripon on May 25. Student Resource Officer, Henning taught the six week program including alcohol and drug awareness, internet safety, and bullying.



PROJECT GRILL

Lumen hosted their annual picnic for staff and the Lumen community on the last day of school. Besides delicious food and fun activities, the day featured the revealing of the Project Grill for Vines and Rushes. Owner, Ryan Prellwitz was on hand to see the final product which was designed and built by students and recognized as the second-place winning grill in the project. Mid-State Aluminum invested \$2,500 into the project as well as several man hours. Mid-State Aluminum staff including Jim Spannauer-President and CEO, Melissa Meikle- Chief Financial Officer, Helene Nimmer- Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Mike Wahl- Director of Engineering Services, Sue Roettger- Vice-President Human Resources, Leo Metivier- Continuous Improvement Team Leader, and Reid Fauska- Engineering Technician attended the unveiling to see the final product and to discuss employment opportunities.



WHOOPING CRANE ART CONTEST



Congratulations to Mrs. Mancl and three MP/Q students for being in the top five finalists out of 170+ entries in the Endangered Whooping Crane Art Contest. One fifth grade student won first prize and two third grade students received an honorable mention. The Art Department was also awarded \$1,000. They were judged on craftsmanship, creativity, and the ability to show the plight of whooping cranes. Their artwork will be on display at the Princeton Crane Festival, in September, and in the Green Lake Library.



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY RIPON BOARD OF EDUCATION



Congratulations to the RHS students who competed in the State Solo and Ensemble event that were recognized at the April 23 Special Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting.



The Board of Education honored a student who competed at the State Poetry Out Loud Event at their April 23 Special Reorganizational meeting.



The Board of Education honored FFA students who competed in various events at State at their May 21 meeting.



The Board of Education honored FBLA students who competed in various events at State at their April 23 Special Reorganizational Meeting.

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748-4600
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P.O. Box 991
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Business Manager: Mr. Jonah Adams

Barlow Park Elementary School
Journey Charter School
Grades PreK-2
748-1550
100 Ringstad Drive
Principal: Mrs. Tanya Sanderfoot

Murray Park Elementary School
Quest Elementary Charter School
Grades 3-5
748-4695
64 Sunset Avenue
Principal: Mrs. Renee Bunge

Ripon Middle School
Catalyst Charter Middle School
Grades 6-8
748-4638
750 Tiger Drive
Principal: Mr. Rick Bunge

Ripon High School
Lumen Charter High School
Grades 9-12
748-4616
850 Tiger Drive
Principal: Mr. Randy Hatlen
Assistant Principal: Mr. Bill Kinzinger

Crossroads Academy
Grades 9-12
Principal: Mrs. Julie Krackow

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Director: Mrs. Christine Damm

Technology Department
Director: Mrs. Mandy Froehlich

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Board Meetings

Regular board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Ripon High School Community Room at 6:00 p.m. Any additional meetings are duly posted at the Ripon Public Library, at the Ripon City Hall, and at all district buildings. For additional information contact the school district administrative office at 748-4600.

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ENGLISH LEARNER BIKE SAFETY FAMILY NIGHT

The final EL Family Night of the year on May 9 culminated the year of focusing on personal wellness. Information was shared with families about the importance of physical fitness and time outdoors to promote mental and emotional well-being. Kris Klapperich gave an interactive and informational presentation on bike safety. Guests celebrated our seven EL graduates with a meal and cake. Congratulations to all of this year's graduates. The evening concluded with a raffle of sports equipment to encourage outdoor activity over the summer.



ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE CAMP

July 16 - July 27

Two week camp for students entering grades 9-12.
See Curriculum Corner for more information.

The Ripon Area School District is in need of host families for twenty international students attending the Science Camp this summer. If interested in becoming a host family for the weekend of July 20-22, please complete the host family application on the Ripon International page under the Summer Camp tab. For more information, contact Britnie Meyer at meyerb@ripon.k12.wi.us or at 748-4600.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Ripon Area School District is committed to assisting all homeless students to receive the best education possible. If you are aware of or are personally acquainted with any children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, please contact Julie Krackow, Homeless Liaison for the Ripon Area School District at krackowj@ripon.k12.wi.us or at (920) 748-1550. All information will be kept confidential.

RESUMEN DE NOTICIAS ESCOLARES PARA NUESTROS RESIDENTES DE HABLA ESPAÑOLA

2018 Graduates

Ciento cuarenta estudiantes de la Clase de 2018 se graduaron en la ceremonia de graduación en el Gimnasio de Ripon High School. El Maestro de Ceremonias fue el Presidente de la Clase, Jake Henderson. Los estudiantes que dieron sus discursos fueron David Lyke y Preston Wurtz. La Sra. Kathy Schaub dio su discurso por parte de la facultad. Felicitaciones a todos nuestros graduandos de 2018 de Ripon High School y Lumen Charter High School.

Competencia de Arte de Whooping Crane

Felicitaciones a la Sra. Mancl y a los tres estudiantes artistas de MPES/Ques por haber estado en el tope de cinco finalistas de 170 entradas en la Competencia de Arte de Whooping Crane En Peligro. Uno de nuestros estudiantes de quinto grado ganó el primer premio, y dos estudiantes de tercer grado recibieron una mención honorable. El Departamento de Arte de Murray Park Quest también fueron premiados con \$1,000. Ellos fueron juzgados por su destreza, creatividad, y la habilidad de mostrar la dificultad de Whooping cranes. Sus trabajos de arte serán presentados en Septiembre en el Festival de Cranes en Princeton, y en la Biblioteca de Green Lake.

Barlow Park y Journey Anfitriones de "Pack the Track"

Las escuelas de Barlow Park y Journey Charter patrocinaron "Pack the Track" el jueves, 24 de mayo afuera en el hipódromo de las escuelas. Pack the Track fue un evento especial del programa "Morning Mile - Una Milla en la Mañana" fue creado por el Sr. Dale Nehls, Maestro de Educación Física. Las cuatro mañanas de una semana, el Sr. Nehls estuvo en el track para ayudar a los estudiantes, padres de familia, y personal escolar para empezar sus día con una caminata o carrera. La intención de "Una Milla en la Mañana" es para que los niños se muevan lo primero en la mañana para estimular el cerebro para un gran aprendizaje y promover el ejercicio. Una Milla en la Mañana empezó a principios de mayo y rápidamente creció y tuvo por lo menos 75 participantes cada mañana. Un visitante especial en las mañanas fue la mascota Ripon Tiger. También, la Banda Pep de Ripon High School caminó la milla mientras tocaban música para mantener a los participantes en movimiento.

Seguridad en la Bicicleta en Noche Familiar

La última Noche Familiar de EL (Estudiantes Aprendiendo Inglés) del año culminó el 9 de mayo y se enfocó en el bienestar personal. Se compartió a las familias información sobre la importancia de ejercicio físico y pasar tiempo afuera para promover bienestar mental y emocional. Kris Klapperich dio una presentación interactiva e información sobre seguridad en la bicicleta. Los invitados celebraron nuestros siete graduandos de EL con una comida y pastel. Felicitaciones a todos nuestros graduandos de este año. La noche concluyó con un sorteo de equipos de deportes para motivar las actividades en las afueras durante el verano.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP RIPON SCHOOLS

Boxtops Needed — Clip the Boxtops for Education logo on many household products and drop-off at any school office. Some of the many products with the logo are: Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, General Mills, Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex, and Huggies.

STEP Volunteers — Senior citizens can save on property taxes by volunteering in Ripon schools. Contact the District office at 748-4600 to get more information.

READ Dogs — Bring your dog to school and let students read to "Fido." Contact Ms. Pat Grahn at 920-572-6585 to learn about training your dog in the READ program.

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STAY INFORMED ABOUT RIPON SCHOOLS

District Website — The website includes current news and a calendar of events for the entire district.

Facebook — Dozens of albums and hundreds of photos from school activities fill the District's Facebook page. Anyone can access it from the District's web page.

Twitter — Numerous tweets about school events and activities cover the District's Twitter page. Anyone can access it from the District's web page.

Parent Tiger Talk — Sign up for a monthly email update of news about what's happening in Ripon schools. To subscribe send an email to: Britnie Meyer at meyerb@ripon.k12.wi.us.