Ripon Area School District

Ripon School News

November 2016 **"MORE CHOICES. BETTER RESULTS."** **WWW.RIPON.K12.WI.US**

From the Superintendent's Desk

I recently had an opportunity to speak to Ripon College students studying communities. During our conversation, I highlighted the amazing process the district went through to determine the best facilities choice for Ripon. When asked about what made the referendum important, I shared that people came together, focused on what everyone had in common, and on what they wanted collectively for their community.

The benefits of a strong school system include maintaining and increasing property values, providing a qualified workforce, lowering crime rates, creating a strong sense of community, building support for families and children, and enhancing public services. This year, we are pleased to have increasing enrollment, higher property values, and a lower tax levy. This is good news for the entire community.

This November Edition of the Ripon Area School District Newsletter celebrates the recently released final ACT scores for Wisconsin. Ripon maintained its edge above the state average for the 19th year, ranking 15th out of the 39 districts in CESA 6. Also, included is information on the soon to be released District and School Report Cards.

The newsletter notes upcoming concerts and other special events. Congratulations to Nate Hinze, RASD's Olympic Gold medalist in the Rio Paralympics, Alliance Laundry Systems for receiving the Excellence in Manufacturing Alliance - K-12 Partnership Award, and our 2016 Distinguished Alumni Recipient Jesse Doers.

In addition, the newsletter highlights 18 teachers pursuing promotion, two administrators attending the 12th Annual International Principal Forum in China, 30 graduates of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative, and the dozens of generous donors that supported special events and initiatives in the district over the past two months.

As we move forward to build an even stronger, higher achieving district, I want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in the District. Together we are changing students lives by investing in their future.

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

Firemen Visit Pickett Preschoolers

The Utica Fire Department and their red fire truck made a special visit to the Pickett preschool class.

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Good News for Taxpayers

This year, three things are impacting the budget. Ripon's state aid is up, the total tax levy is expected to decrease from $12.35/ $1,000 of property value to $11.03, and enrollment is up by 31 students. The result is property taxes for 2016 are $.21 lower than those in 2011-12 tax levy. Originally when the referendum was approved, a taxpayer would have expected an increase of approximately $127 per $100,000 of property value. However, due to the increased state aid and the overall increase in equalized values, a property owner will not see that increase for the 2016 tax year. Instead, taxpayers will see a decrease of approximately $132 per $100,000 of property value.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Meet with Dr.Whitrock

at Ripon Senior Center

January 13, 2017

at 11:30 am

Giving Tuesday

The Tuesday following Thanksgiving is designated as #GivingTuesday. This is the perfect time to remember the Ripon Education Foundation before the 2016 tax year end. Thank you to all our donors from across the country for helping the Ripon Education Foundation makes a difference for Ripon schools and students through innovative teacher grants and student scholarships. Find the Foundation on the District website at http://www.ripon.k12.wi.us

Veteran's Day Activities at the Schools

BP/J at 2:00 pm
"Take a Vet to School"

MP/Q at 10:55 am

RMS/C & RHS/L
at 11:11 am

Homecoming 2016

The RMS band performed at the fall homecoming parade.

The homecoming court was presented during halftime at the game.

Students at Praire Place Assisted Living Center

First grade students made crafts and visited with residents at Prairie Place Assisted Living Center.

International Crane Foundation Presentation

Murray Park 5th grade students had an opportunity to hear about the International Crane Foundation from guest speaker Dana Wloch.

RHS Fall Play
"A Voice in the Dark: A Salem Story"
Performances in RHS Auditorium
November 11 7:00 pm &
Novemer 12 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm
All tickets sold at door, $3 students and $5 adults
Saturday Matinee is free to students with a food pantry donation of mac & cheese, peanut butter or stovetop stuffing.
PG rating due to dark themes

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Webster's Marketplace Pledge to RASD

Webster's Marketplace has made a pledge to donate $100,0000 over the next ten years to support the new RMS/RHS facilities project.

18 Teachers Considered for Promotion

The Ripon Area School District has announced the names of 18 teachers who are being considered for promotion under the district's salary structure. The teachers and their schools are: Todd Arft (RMS and Catalyst); Kelly Davies (Barlow Park); Christine Engel (RMS); Kelly Esala (RHS); Kat Griffith (RHS and Lumen); Nate Hinze (RMS); Lori Hron (Quest); Shaunda Jennings (Murray Park); Jodi Kulick (Barlow Park and Journey); Jennifer Lee (Catalyst); Tanya Monet-Bakken (RHS); Carrie Naparalla (Journey); Amy Panetti (RMS); Jill Puhlmann-Becker (Murray Park and Quest); Jeanne Shohoney (RHS); Barb Splittgaber (Barlow Park); Mary Standke (Barlow Park); and Marta Yedinak (RHS).

Community members have until November 10 to submit feedback to school principals on any of these teachers during the open comment period. The principals are Mrs.Tanya Sanderfoot (Barlow Park and Journey), Mrs. Renee Bunge (Murray Park and Quest), Mr. Rick Bunge (RMS and Catalyst), and Mr. Randy Hatlen (RHS and Lumen). Principals will use community feedback, along with other information and data, in developing their promotion recommendations for these teachers.

The salary structure approved in 2012 focuses on teacher improvement and collaboration. Teachers become eligible for promotion every six years. A promotion review committee consisting of teachers and administrators examines each teacher's promotion file and makes a recommendation to the Ripon Board of Education in May. This is the fifth year of the salary structure and the promotion process.

Senior Trip to D.C. Set for May 2017

The English and Social Studies Departments at Ripon High School and Lumen Charter collaborated to offer a Senior Class Trip opportunity for students to Washington D.C. The students would fly to the nation's capital city the week prior to graduation. The trip includes visits to museums, historical sites, and government buildings.

Thank You for Contributions to the District:

Kelly Roeder
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Spaulding Chiropractor
Two Anonymous Donors for China Trip

Curriculum Corner

Mrs. Christine Damm
Curriculum Director

As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces report cards for every district and school in Wisconsin. After a one-year pause following the 2014-15 accountability report cards, school and district report cards for the 2015-16 school year will be released to the public on November 17.

These Accountability Report Cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas:

- Student Achievement – performance on the state reading and mathematics tests
- Student Growth – improvement over time on the state reading and mathematics tests
- Closing Gaps – progress of student subgroups in closing gaps in reading and mathematics performance and/or graduation rates
- On-track and Postsecondary Readiness – performance on key indicators of readiness for graduation and postsecondary pursuits, whether college or career

Performance on three Student Engagement Indicators also is reported. These three indicators affect
student success and school effectiveness:

- Test Participation Rate, with a goal of 95 percent test participation for all students and each subgroup.
- Absenteeism Rate, with a goal of 13 percent or less.
- Dropout Rate, with a goal of six percent or less.

A district's or school's Overall Accountability Score places the district or school into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings. In addition to the overall score and rating, as per state statute, the report cards now also will include a 5-star rating system.

Multiple years of assessment data are used in the report cards to calculate student growth. For the 2015-16 report card, this means test participation and performance data will be included from the following assessments: Forward, Badger, WKCE, ACT Plus Writing, DLM, and WAA-SwD. The ACT Plus Writing is now a statewide assessment and will be used in the Student Achievement priority area. WorkKeys and Aspire results will not be factored into the priority area scores in 2015-16, though they may be included in future years.

To access the 2015-16 School and District Report Cards on November 17, go to the DPI website (http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards).

For additional information regarding how to interpret school report cards, go to http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/accountability/pdf/At-a-Glance%202016_Web.pdf. For questions about this information, feel free to contact the curriculum office at dammc@ripon.k12.wi.us or (920)748-4687.

Empty Bowls Event

November 17, 2016
At Mugs Coffehouse, 307 Watson Street
4-7:00 pm

District art students created ceramic bowls for purchase and includes a catered soup meal courtesy of Mrs. Esala's RHS students for $10 with proceeds donated to the Ripon Food Pantry.

FFA National Convention

Ripon FFA traveled to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students had the opportunity to hear a variety of speakers and travel around the Indianapolis area to see the sites.

Winter Concert Dates

At RHS Auditoruim at 7:00 pm

RMS/C Choir Concert December 1
RMS/C Band Concert December 8
RHS/L Choir Concert December 5
RHS/L Band Concert December 12

The 12th Jiangsu International Forum for School Principals

High School Principal Randy Hatlen and Technology Director Mandy Froehlich have been invited to attend the International Forum for School Principals in Taizhou, Jiangsu, China from November 6-11. The forum will welcome a total of 200 guests from China and 100 guests from around the world. This year's theme is Education Reform: Targeting Key Competencies. All expenses are included except for airfare. As part of the itinerary, Mr. Hatlen and Mrs. Froehlich will visit Ripon's sister school to promote the district's International Science and Engineering Camp as well as recruit potential F-1 tuition paying students. Representatives from Marian College in Fond du Lac and the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) located in Katy, Texas will also be attending the conference.

RASD Nominated for Manufacturing Education Award

Through the Ripon Area School District's recent nomination of Alliance Laundry Systems as a top educational partner, the Ripon-based global company was recognized at the Excellence in Manufacturing Alliance – K-12 Partnership Awards Dinner on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. Alliance Laundry Systems supported the District to plan and design the new technical education space within RASD's combined middle and high school, provided tours for students and staff, and pledged a maximum donation to RASD of $100,000 over the next two years.

The dinner was part of the 6th annual Manufacturing First Expo and Conference to highlight specific industry programming tracks including: safety, lean, exporting, talent and metals, and machine builders. RASD was announced at the event for receiving a nomination from Alliance Laundry for the Education Award based on district efforts to showcase the importance of working with manufacturers in helping students understand the great careers available in manufacturing.

ACT Comparison 2016

Final ACT scores for 2016 graduates are in for Wisconsin. The Ripon Area School District maintained its edge above the state average for the 19th year, ranking 15th out of the 39 districts in CESA 6 and 3rd out of 15 area high schools (See the accompanying table). The ACT is a standardized college admissions test used by schools to determine the effectiveness of their high school program.

ACT Comparative Data for 2016 Graduates in CESA 6

Lomira	20.9
Winneconne	20.9
Ripon	***20.6***
Beaver Dam	20.5
Markesan	20.5
Campbellsport	20.4
Kewaskum	20.1
Wisconsin State Average	**20.1**
Oshkosh West	19.8
Oshkosh North	19.6
Berlin	19.4
Omro	19.2
Fond du Lac	19.1
Green Lake	19.1
Waupun Area	18.9
Horace Mann (N. Fond du Lac)	18.3

Ripon Teacher Honored for Gold Medal

Nate Hinze, the RMS Physical Education Teacher, participated at the Rio Paralympics in the Men's Wheelchair Basketball event and his team received the gold medal. He was celebrated and welcomed back by students and staff.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

The Ripon Public Library partnered with RASD to celebrate reading in recognition of the 30 graduates of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative.

RASD Distinguished Alumni Jesse Doers

The Ripon Area School District is proud to announce that the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award has been awarded to Jesse Doers. After graduating from Ripon High School in 1977, magna cum laude in Chemistry from St. John's University in 1981, and Medical School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1985, Jesse served his internship, residency and fellowship at the University of Cincinnati and became boarded in internal medicine, pulmonary and critical care. During this time, he had several national presentations, publications, and began the second chronic weaning ventilator unit in the country for those unfortunate patients requiring life support. From 1991 to 1995 he served in the U.S. Army running a large active duty intensive care unit (ICU) that served military casualties of Operation Desert Storm, active duty officers, retirees and family members of military members.

In 1995, he relocated to Knoxville, Tennessee and went into private practice. He ran an ICU that was one of the 13 sites that together led the national "TICU" project that subsequently transformed and improved ICU care throughout the country. In 1996, he embraced a new trend in medicine regarding hospitalist physicians. Just three years later, Jesse used his background in the critical care arena to begin a combined group of hospitalists and critical care physicians. Initially, there were just five physicians, but it has now grown to over 75 physicians and 55 mid-levels and is the largest private hospitalist group in the southeast and one of the largest critical care groups in the country. Jesse and his group have profoundly improved and impacted the day-to-day care of hospitalized patients in Knoxville and the surrounding communities and dramatically improved care and access for the underserved and uninsured patients in this area.

Throughout all of these years, Jesse has also been a committed and devoted husband, father, son, brother and member of his community. He has served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and coawch for many youth leagues. Passion has led him to practice what he preaches, "To whom much is given, much will be required." A plaque commemorating Jesse Doers will be added to the Distinguished Alumni wall at Ripon High School.

Ripon Board of Education Appreciation

Students showed their appreciation to the school board members at the October 17th board meeting. Shown here are the thank you cards from BP/J students. To honor the members, MP/Q students performed a song, RMS/C made a video, and RHS/L student council gave a speech in appreciation of the renovated school.

Student Recognized by Ripon Board of Education

An RHS student was recently recognized by the Board of Education for being a National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

Administrative Services Center
748-4600
1120 Metomen Street
P.O. Box 991
Superintendent: Dr. Mary Whitrock
Business Manager: Mr. JJ Gutman

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 Kinziger

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

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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 and at the Ripon City Hall. For additional information contact the school district administrative office at 748-4600.

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ELL Family Night

RASD ELL teachers, Melanie Beahm, Dana Scott, Robin Vaughan, and Trisha Olm hosted their first ELL Family Night of the 2016-17 school year on October 5. The event was held in the RHS Community Room and brought ELL families together for an evening of food and fellowship. Students participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the new facility while parents received helpful information regarding district policies, additional supports, and family engagement opportunities. This event was a great kickoff to the new school year.

Resumen de noticias escolares para nuestros residentes de habla española

Webster's Marketplace ha prometido donar $100,000 en los próximos diez años para apoyar el proyecto de las nuevas facilidades de RMS/RHS.

Randy Hatlen, director de RHS y Mandy Froehlich, Directora de Innovación y Tecnología para el distrito escolar estarán viajando a China el 5 de noviembre por una semana, para promover el intercambio de estudiantes y compartir conocimiento.

Ripon Public Library y RASD se unieron para celebrar leyendo y reconocer a los 30 graduados de la Iniciativa de los 1000 Libros Antes de Kindergarten.

Nate Hinze, el maestro de Educación Física de RMS participó este otoño en Río Paralímpicos en el evento de Basquetbol para Hombres en Sillas de Ruedas. Su equipo ganó la medalla de oro. La escuela tuvo una celebración para él cuando regresó a la escuela.

Los miembros del Consejo escolar fueron homenajeados en la reciente reunión del Consejo por la Semana de Aprecio del Consejo Escolar. Los estudiantes representando todas las escuelas mostraron su aprecio entregándoles tarjetas de gracias, cantaron una canción, presentaron un video, y dieron un discurso de agradecimiento por todo lo que el Consejo Escolar hace.

Ripon Area School District se ha comprometido en ayudar a todos los estudiantes sin hogar para recibir la mejor educación posible. Si usted sabe o conoce personalmente a niños(as) o jóvenes que carecen de una residencia fija, regular, o adecuada para la noche, por favor contacte a Britnie Meyer, quien es la Intermediaria de los Sin Hogar para Ripon Area School District a meyerb@ripon.k12.wi.us ó al (920) 748-1577. Toda información se mantendrá confidencial.

Murray Park/Quest Students Travel to Madison

The MP/Q student council traveled to the state capital for the Wisconsin Association of School Councils Elementary Leadership Institute to learn about leadership and government.

Families & Students 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 Britnie Meyer, Homeless Liaison for the Ripon Area School District at meyerb@ripon.k12.wi.us or at (920) 748-1577. All information will be kept confidential.

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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