



Superintendent's Message

In May, we honor staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Help us celebrate by telling others your personal stories about how a favorite teacher or coach impacted you. Here's how the articles in this quarterly update connect with each of the School Board's strategic objectives:

Student Engagement & Learning

- Provide well rounded education in a healthy and safe environment (*Digital Media Safety - p.2, Solar Eclipse Trip - p.3*)
- Using evidenced-based interventions and support services to ensure every student graduates from high school prepared for their college and career plans (*Academic All-State - p.3, Robotics Regionals - p.3*)
- Close achievement gaps in literacy and math (*4 yr Kindergarten Screening - p.1, Science Fair - p.4*)

Service and Partnership

- Increase partnerships and satisfaction through CQI (Board Members and Officers - p.2, Webster Grants - p.2, EMS Basketball - p.2, New Instruments - p.3, Guest Readers - p.4)

Human Resources

- Increase opportunities to build high quality staff (*New Principals - p.1*)

Finance and Operations

- Refine systems to find efficiencies (*St. Wenceslaus - p.1*)

Our District continues to work to serve you by striving for excellence through innovation. Together we are making a difference for the children of Ripon.

Respectfully Yours,

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



Last Chance!

4 Year Old Kindergarten Screening

Leap Into Learning

August 6

8:00 am - 12:00 pm



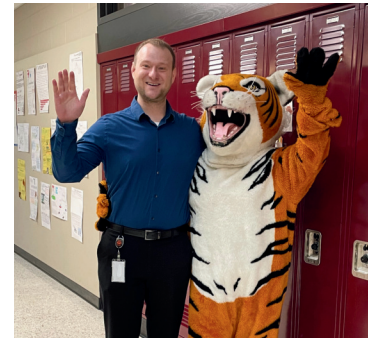
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Human Resources

Two New Principals Start July 1, 2024

Ripon Middle School (RMS) and Murray Park Quest Elementary School (MPQ) both welcome new principals beginning July 1, 2024. New RMS Principal Danny Zamost spent the last three years as the RMS Dean of Students and spent six years as a school counselor in Kaukauna. References described Mr. Zamost as professional, highly motivated, and dedicated, noting "Students, parents, and teachers know and trust him and appreciate his approach to the job. He has developed strong relationships with students supporting their needs." New MPQ Principal Jessi Johnson spent the last 20 years teaching at MPQ. References described Mrs. Johnson as a professional who displays "a collaborative, proactive, innovative, and solutions-based approach to challenges." One reference shared, "Mrs. Johnson has patience and compassion with students, staff, and parents alike."



Ripon Middle School Principal
Danny Zamost



Murray Park Quest Elementary
School Principal Jessi Johnson



Finance and Operations

St. Wenceslaus Street Improvements

A high priority project to be completed this school year includes repairs to St. Wenceslaus Street from Fond du Lac Street to East Sullivan Street. The goal of the project is to improve safety and aesthetics to this community space. In addition to the new two-way street and the infrastructure under the street completed by the City of Ripon, specific improvements include adding sidewalks, a grass verge between the street and sidewalk, curbs, and gutters. Additionally, conduit may also be placed underground by Alliant Energy so power lines could be buried at a future date. The repairs will likely extend into the fall sports season so everyone's patience and flexibility will be much appreciated.

Service & Partnership

Elected to School Board



Katie Grady



Lori Machmueller



Denise Martinez



Kelly Nielsen

2024-2025 School Board Officers

President - David Scott
Vice President - Lori Machmueller
Board Clerk - Tom Stellmacher
Treasurer - Denise Martinez

On April 2, at the Spring Election, the Ripon community elected Katie Grady, Lori Machmueller and Denise Martinez to serve three-year terms on the school board. Kelly Nielsen was elected to the vacant one-year term and will be up for re-election April 2025.

Webster Foundation Grants



\$2,500

RHS Safety SawStop



\$1,800

Money Smart Book Read



\$1,500

District Health Services



\$1,500

RHS Visiting Writers Series



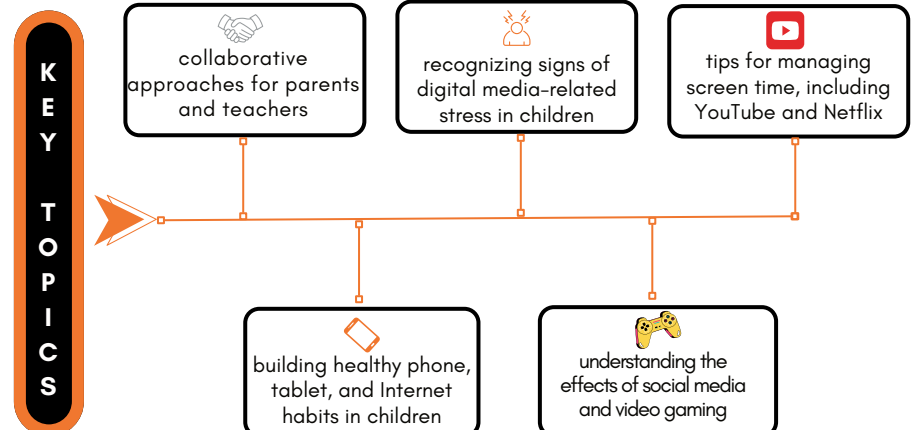
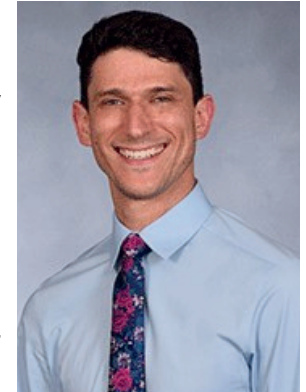
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RHS Exploring Earth & Space

Student Engagement & Learning

Expert Gives Parent Talk on Digital Safety

Child Psychiatrist, Dr. Jeremy Chapman presented "How to Speak Screenese" to Murray Park and Quest Elementary School parents on March 13. He delved into the complex world of digital media and its impact on children's mental health. The one-hour presentation empowered parents with knowledge and strategies to support the mental well-being of their children in this digital age. Parents and caregivers received valuable insights and tools to help children thrive in a digitally connected world.



Service & Partnership

Local Heros Shoot Hoops



Members of Ripon EMS joined Ripon Middle School students at their Hoops for Hearts Lightning Basketball Tournament which raised funds for the American Heart Association.

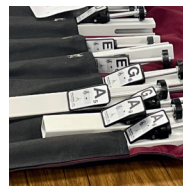
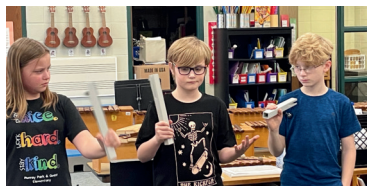




Service & Partnership

Education Foundation Buys Instruments

Murray Park Quest students play the Choirchimes thanks to a grant from the Ripon Education Foundation. The \$2,500 grant provided two sets of Choirchimes. All students, even those with special needs, benefit from playing the chimes. Music teacher Christina Muenchow explained, "The music skills that can be taught by ringing are numerous such as note duration, rhythm, harmony, melodic line, and music literacy. Students will increase their independent thinking, listening skills, attention span, physical coordination, self-discipline, and personal expression through ringing. They also gain positive social and emotional skills through collaboration and further their development of self-esteem. Working with a group of peers in ringing teaches tolerance, patience, support, and cooperation, to name a few."



Student Engagement & Learning

Students Experience Solar Eclipse

Science classes were held outside on April 8 when Ripon students experienced the total solar eclipse. Donning protective eyewear, some classes charted the progress of the eclipse in journals while others listened to teachers explain the phenomenon of what they were experiencing firsthand. Fifty Ripon High School Science students traveled to Indiana for the once-in-a-lifetime event with local support from the Ripon Education Foundation.



Student Engagement & Learning

Academic All-State Honors



The Ripon High School Girls' Basketball team received recognition as a 2024 Academic All-State Team by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). With a cumulative grade point average of 3.986, the team ranked at the top of their division and achieved the highest average in the entire state.

Regional Robotic Champs



Ripon's RHS Robotics Team was named Lake Superior Regional Champions. The team ended qualification rounds in 14th place out of 55 teams and earned first alternate going into the playoffs. After just one round the Tigers joined the top-ranked Alliance where they collaborated with their partner teams in the final challenges. After 4 playoff matches they earned the title of Regional Champions.



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Empowering learners, engaging community, enriching the world.

VISION STATEMENT

One of Wisconsin's finest school districts, fostering excellence for all through innovation.

ORGANIZATION VALUES

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| Integrity | Excellence |
| Commitment | Collaboration |
| Innovation | Kindness |

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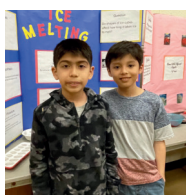
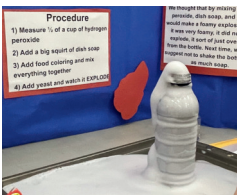
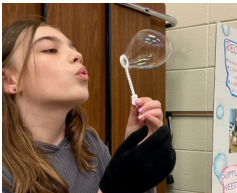
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Student Engagement & Learning

4th & 5th Grade Science Fair

Murray Park Quest students use the scientific method to explore and investigate a Science question or problem. They presented their findings to family, students and staff at the annual Science Fair.



Service & Partnership



Guest Readers Celebrate Seuss

Barlow Park Journey students enjoyed story time with guest readers during Dr. Seuss Read Across America week.

Noreen Johnson
Diverse Options



Officer Trevor Hanke
Ripon Police Department

Dr. Mary Whitrock
Ripon Superintendent



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