

Wildcat



NEWSLETTER

 **MARCH 2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move further into the spring months, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful sense of community and pride that makes Glidden-Ralston so special. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you throughout the school year, whether at sporting events, meetings, or school activities. The enthusiasm and support you show for our school district is truly inspiring.

One thing that stands out to me is the deep sense of pride that parents, grandparents, and alumni have for our school. The commitment to ensuring that our students succeed, graduate, and return to our community after furthering their education is a testament to the strength and resilience of this district. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of families, and I believe this pride will continue to serve as a solid foundation for the years ahead.

As we approach the final months of the school year, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's education and continue to support the incredible work happening in our classrooms. We are all partners in developing an environment where our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will continue to build on the strong legacy of Glidden-Ralston and ensure that future generations benefit from the same sense of pride and opportunity.

Mr. Ridder

PPEL VOTE

We are asking eligible voters to cast their ballots on an important issue for the future of our school district: the PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy). This levy will allow the district to make vital repairs and updates to ensure our school facilities remain safe, modern, and conducive to a high-quality learning environment.

If approved, the funds from the PPEL levy will be used to maintain and improve our school buildings, as well as support upgrades to essential technology that directly benefit both students and faculty. By supporting this levy, you are helping to provide our students with the best possible educational experience in a well-maintained and up-to-date setting.

We encourage all eligible voters to take part in this important decision.

YOU CAN CAST YOUR BALLOT FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, AT THE GLIDDEN CITY HALL.

Dear Glidden-Ralston Families,

March is here. I'm sure we're all hoping that most of this cold winter weather is behind us. As we continue to approach the end of the 24-25 school year, we still have many important dates and events coming up. Parent-Teacher conferences and Iowa Assessments are right around the corner, spring sports are getting started, and in April we will have a school musical. If you're able, please get out and support our students in their activities.

Warm Wishes!

Mr. Hjelle
PK-12 Principal

Academic Updates

- Iowa Assessments will be coming up March 31-April 4 for our 3rd-11th grade students. A letter will be sent home soon addressing this.

Reminders

- **Attendance:** Please continue to ensure your child is attending school regularly and arriving on time. Regular attendance is essential for academic success. Having said that, we know illness is going around. Following illness, please make sure your children are fully recovered before returning to school.
- **Weather:** Weather can still be unpredictable in March. Please send kids with appropriate gear for recess.
- **Open Enrollment & PK Sign Up Dates:**
 - Deadline for grades 1-12 is March 1, 2025.
 - Deadline for Kindergarten is September 1, 2025
 - PK Sign-Up is open. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**
 - Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled on March 25 and March 27. Look for a message with sign-up instructions the week of March 10.

March Dates to Remember:

- March 10
 - No School - Teacher Inservice
- March 14
 - End of 3rd Quarter - 12:45 Dismissal
- March 25
 - 4:00-7:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 27
 - 2:10 Dismissal, 2:30-7:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 28
 - No School
- March 31-April 4
 - ISASP Testing 3rd-11th Grades





GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS

ACTIVITIES

MARCH EDITION

What a great winter season it was for our Glidden-Ralston Wildcats!

- HS boys basketball won the most games they have since the 2017-18 season
- HS girls basketball won 2 more games than they did the year before
- Treynor Cose became the 1st Glidden-Ralston wrestler to qualify for the State Tournament

Spring activities are right around the corner!

- HS Track
 - HS track practice starts Monday, March 3rd
- JH Track
 - Meeting Tuesday, March 11th at 3:15pm
 - Optional practice week of March 17th
 - Official practice starts the week of March 24th
- HS Golf
 - Meeting Friday, March 7th after school
 - Optional practice March 11th
 - Official practice starts the week of March 17th
- Soccer
 - This is shared with Carroll. If you are interested, please stop and visit with Mr. Kahler

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[**School Website**](#)

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Glidden-Ralston School to Present Willy Wonka Jr. Musical on April 12th & 13th

Glidden-Ralston is about to experience something sweet this spring—an exciting musical production of Willy Wonka Jr., set for April 12th and 13th! The show is a result of students' enthusiasm for musical theater, inspired by other musical productions being put on by bigger schools in the area.

Students approached Mr. Fiscus about the idea of putting on a musical. At the start of this school year, a group of high school students asked if they could make it happen. However, due to a smaller number of students in the high school choir, the decision was made that the musical would only be possible if enough students in grades 4 through 12 were interested.

The response was amazing—25 students auditioned, which was just enough to make Willy Wonka Jr. a reality! The hope is that this musical will ignite even more interest in the music department and future productions. The first month and a half of rehearsals have been a hit, with students sharing that they truly enjoy the practices and look forward to them.

Parents have really stepped up to assist with everything from set design and props to choreography, meals during show week, and coordinating fundraising. In addition, the music boosters are back in action to support the show's success. We are still looking for financial support. We will be fundraising March 10th at Culvers. Please save a supper date and come support our musical cast and crew. The school Facebook page has also posted an Amazon wishlist for props and costumes that we still need. If you're looking for a way to donate but are not sure what to donate, check out our Amazon wishlist.

Tickets for Willy Wonka Jr. will be available through the school's Bound system, priced at \$7 per person starting March 10th. If you plan to pay in person we will accept exact change or debit cards. Concessions will also be available before each performance, so come ready to enjoy your favorite snacks while watching the show.

Make plans to join us for an unforgettable night and afternoon of music, fun, and community spirit on April 12th at 7PM and 13th at 2PM!

Mr. Fiscus
PK-12 Music Teacher





2025-26 Preschool Sign-Up

It's time to sign your 4 year old up for the 2025-26 school year!

Glidden-Ralston offers a full day, 5 day a week preschool program with a focus on kindergarten readiness. A parent orientation meeting is planned for August, prior to the start of the school year. (Child must be 4 by September 15, 2025.) Call 712-659-3411 or email rconner@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us to reserve your child's spot for fall classes.

Information needed when you contact us:

 **Child & Parent Name**

 **Parent Phone Number**

 **Household Address**

 **Child's Birthdate**

 **Parent Email**

You will still have to register your child when fall 2025-2026 school year registration begins, this is only to give us an idea of class sizes. There are preschool packets available in Central office if you would like to stop in and pick one up or we can also send home with a sibling at your request. There are health records included to be filled out that you may want before the fall.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

As we get closer to the end of the school year, now is a good time to check your student(s) accounts on the parent portal. Please pay all overdue **SCHOOL FEES** and negative **LUNCH BALANCES**.

We greatly appreciate your help!

Wildcat Calendar



March 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 -Lenox Honor Band in Lenox -SW District FFA Contest |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 -2:00-6:00pm Student Council Blood Drive in the Smith Center -6:00pm Booster Club Meeting | 6 -2 nd grade Carroll County Solid Waste Presentation -7 th & 8 th grade Stem Festival | 7 -Masonic Community Auction | 8 |
| 9 | 10 -NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice) | 11 -Golf Optional Practice | 12 -4:30pm Board Meeting | 13 -Kindergarten Swan Lake Conservation Presentation | 14 -12:45pm DISMISSAL (3 rd Quarter Ends) | 15 |
| 16 | 17 -Kindergarten & 2 nd grade Loess Hills Presentation -JH Track Optional Practice Week -Golf Practice Starts | 18 | 19 -Spring Sports Pictures | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 -1:00pm Volleyball Tournament Both Gyms Ireland Fundraiser | 24 -9:00am Kindergarten to Stephens Auditorium -2 nd grade Carroll County Conservation Presentation -JH Track Practice Begins | 25 -4:00-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences | 26 -4 th grade Field Trip to the Capitol | 27 -2:10pm DISMISSAL -2:30-7:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences | 28 -NO SCHOOL | 29 |
| 30 | 31 -3 rd -11 th grade ISASP testing (March 31-April 4) | The Glidden-Ralston CSD offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Agricultural Education, Business Education, Health Occupations Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and Industrial Education. It is the policy of the Glidden-Ralston CSD not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Kaylee Bach, School Counselor, 602 Idaho St, Glidden, IA 51443, 712-659-3411, kbach@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us | | | | |

March 2025 Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Chicken Nuggets WG Roll Whipped Potatoes Peas Fresh Fruit Milk | 4 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Hot Ham and Cheese Smiley Fries Broccoll & Cheese Pears Milk | 5 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Cheese Italian Dunker w/ Mar Sauce Cooked Carrots Green Beans Applesauce Cookie Milk | 6 WG Toast or Cereal Crispito Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Milk | 7 Glazed Donut or Cereal Fish Sandwich on WG Bun Baked Chips Corn Bell Pepper Slices Apple Slices Milk |
| 10 NO SCHOOL  | 11 WG Waffles or Cereal Sub Sandwich w/ Romaine & Tomato Sun Chips Carrot Sticks Banana Cookie Milk | 12 Scrambled Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Popcorn Shrimp Peas Corn Peaches Milk | 13 WG Pancakes or Cereal Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Tropical Fruit Milk | 14 WG Muffin or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Green Beans Apricots Milk |
| 17 WG Toast or Cereal Beef & Cheese Burrito WG Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa Fiesta Beans Pineapple Tidbits Milk | 18 WG Pancakes or Cereal Corn Dog Mac-N-Cheese Celery Sticks Cucumbers Pears Milk | 19 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Chips Peas Corn Orange Slices Milk | 20 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Cheese Filled Breadstick Romaine Salad Fresh Fruit Milk | 21 Poptarts or Cereal Fish Sticks Tater Tots Green Beans Carrot Sticks Peaches Milk |
| 24 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Super Nachos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Milk | 25 WG Toast or Cereal Mr. Rib on WG Bun French Fries Peas Bell Pepper Slices Orange Slices Milk | 26 Eggs & Bacon or Cereal Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Romaine Salad w/ Tomato Green Beans Apricots Milk | 27 WG Muffin or Cereal Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Apple Milk | 28 NO SCHOOL  |
| 31 WG English Muffin or Cereal Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Street Corn Fresh Fruit Milk | | | | |