



2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Delivering World-Class Education on the Range

At Rock Ridge Public Schools, we are designing the new schools and education around the 21st Century skills of Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Citizenship, Character, Entrepreneurship, and Global Competence. Our goal is to have the benchmarking standard of “Best in the World,” while using simple but powerful statements such as, “Education to inspire the next generation,” and “Fiercely United,” and “Rock Ridge Rising,” and “Helping students find their magnificent obsession,” as terms to express ways of thinking about things.

This is why we have built a new high school designed around Career Academies. After all, shouldn't we help our students make better decisions about their future? Shouldn't we be giving our students hands-on projects relative to fields which interest them? Shouldn't we be giving our students actual contact with real people who work in the field rather than waiting for students to “figure it out in college?”

At Rock Ridge, we can. And we will.

The foundation of our Rock Ridge K-12 system is shifting to a culture of thinking, in which students will need to actually think during the school day. And by thinking I don't mean filling out simple worksheets and looking up answers in a textbook--I mean actually thinking about and making predictions, simulations, doing analysis, and solving problems on their own. However, our students will need to know lots of information before they can tackle all higher order thinking skills such as making predictions, analyzing, and solving problems. Consequently, we believe that direct instruction--from the teacher to the student--continues to be extremely important. Our students need to know lots of information and facts in order to successfully shift into a culture of thinking. For example, in combination with knowing lots of information and facts, at Rock Ridge we are shifting to more project-based, hands-on, relevant learning. This still involves traditional teaching methods and whole class instruction. Because, after all, we can't tell students to make a prediction about something they know nothing about.

To design a culture of thinking, we will need to embrace failure. It is only through failure that any of us really learn anything. Most adults who are highly skilled in their jobs were probably not very good when they started. In fact, they probably failed more often than they succeeded. But the key to success is picking yourself up from failure and readjusting your learning and trying again. Nobody does it perfectly the first time. We sometimes forget that learning is hard work.

Along this journey Rock Ridge is committed to paying attention to neuroscience, how the brain really learns, and what educational researchers have discovered works and doesn't work.

There are other big components which are being integrated into the K-12 educational program at Rock Ridge. We are using many AVID strategies, including WICOR, which intentionally includes more writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading in all classrooms.

The future is here. And the time is now. At Rock Ridge we are excited about the prospects for our students and our communities.

DR. NOEL SCHMIDT
Superintendent

2023

August 28-September 1

Teacher Inservice Days - No School

September 5

First Day of School

(All K-6 & ONLY 10th, 11th & 12th Grades at RRHS)

September 6

First Day of School

7th, 8th & 9th Grades at RRHS
(10th - 12th Grades - No School)

October 19-20

MEA Break - No School

November 23-24

Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 22-January 1

Holiday Break - No School

2024

January 15

No School

January 22

No School

February 19-20

No School

March 28-April 1

Holiday Break - No School

April 26

No School

May 27

Memorial Day - No School

May 30

Last Day of School

May 31

RRHS Graduation 6:30pm

Welcome to Rock Ridge High School!!



**MARK
WINTER**
Principal

Last year we experienced many lasts at Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia High Schools. It is exciting to begin all of the firsts of our new home - **Rock Ridge High School**. All of the “new” will create adjustments and challenges for families and staff, but it also promises to offer a world class high school experience.

As I start my second year in the Rock Ridge School District, I am proud to be the high school principal of an amazing building with amazing people walking the halls. I will speak for the staff and say that we are thrilled for the first day of school and can't wait to greet the students.

The staff and administration are here for you and look forward to a strong partnership of all stakeholders to ensure your student success. If concerns and issues arise, please contact me or any school staff member.

On August 31st, ALL students and families are invited to the Rock Ridge High School Open House from 9:00am - 4:00pm. During this time, students will tour the building, get school pictures taken, receive an iPad, get class schedules, meet their teachers, buy a parking pass, and more. This day will help students become familiar with the building and take care of miscellaneous items that typically occur during the first few days of school.

The first days of school will look different from previous years. We will be staggering the start days of the school year to help become acclimated with the new building. Please take note of the following “first” days of school:

- Tuesday, September 5th - **Only 10th, 11th, and 12th** grade students will attend.
- Wednesday, September 6th- **Only 7th, 8th, and 9th** grade students will attend.
- Thursday, September 7th- **ALL students in grades 7-12 will attend.**

A few other reminders:

Campus will be **closed** during lunch and study halls. The only students who should be leaving school are those students who are PSEO or have appointments that are excused by a parent or guardian.

Parking space is limited on the Rock Ridge High School campus. All highway approved vehicles will be required to purchase a \$20 parking permit to park in the school parking lot. All vehicles must park in an approved parking space. Due to the limited parking we are encouraging students to carpool. Priority for purchasing parking passes will first be given to Seniors, then Juniors, Sophomores, etc.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and I wish everyone the best in the new school year!

MARK WINTER
Principal
Rock Ridge High School



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MARK WINTER
Principal



TODD GRIESENTROG
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL HOURS
8:10 AM - 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE
2:00 PM

POWERSCHOOL CODE
SGPL

ROCK RIDGE STAFF

PRINCIPAL
Mark Winter
735-3510

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Todd Griepentrog
735-3511

DEAN
Kevin Nettleton
735-3512

SECRETARIES
735-3501
Denise Berry
Cindy Carey
Kerry Hutchings

ATTENDANCE
735-3550

ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR
Chad Hazelton
735-3517
Josh Lamppa
735-3518

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SECRETARY
Julie Eddy
735-3516

ART
Deb Custer
Tony Norland

BAND
Daniel Melby
Kevin Szumal

BUSINESS
Kyle Hammer

CHOIR
Matt Krage

COUNSELOR
Elisa Boe
735-3535
Gr. 7-8 A-H | Gr. 9-12 A-G
Paula Larson
735-3534
Gr. 7-8 I-O | Gr. 9-12 H-O
Tricia Fierst
735-3533
Gr. 7-12 P-Z
Tricia Harsila, Secretary
735-3531

CAREER COUNSELOR
Jill Oja
735-3532

ENGLISH
Dan Berry
Jill Clennon
Janessa Knuti-Greenly

Mary Musich
Benjamin Norman
Sheila Takanen
Nick Thompson

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
Jade Andrie
Jeannine Bauman

INDIAN EDUCATION
Emily Jankila -
Coordinator
735-3522

INDUSTRIAL TECH
Troy Caddy
James Eichholz
Greg Foster
David Fyre

MATH
Chris Chad
Angie Kemp
Jessica Kortekaas
Mike Kowalski
Tara Peshel
Dawn Savela
Brian Skadsem
Andrew Tikkanen

MEDIA/LIBRARY
Debra Zasadni

NURSE
Misty Elliott
Samantha Chad
735-3506

ORCHESTRA
Sheila Wilcox

PE/HEALTH
Matt Anderson
Paul Brainard
Evan Friedlieb
Rob Hinrichs
Steph Stefanich
Sean Streier

SCIENCE
Brandon Borich
Alison Glade
Samantha Pappenfuss-Krage
Betty Parker
Tim Strasser
Todd Ufford
Shane Wetzal

SOCIAL STUDIES
Isaac Christiansen
Liam Conger
Gary Cornell
Susan Ellefson
Steven Golobich
Aimee Krebs
Dave Kunz
Steph Lutzka

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Rebekah Deedrick
August Galloway
Emily Heitke
Amber King
Timothy Kulik
Jennifer Nettleton
Cara Pond
Dave Rengo
Kortney Rosati

STUDENT PROGRAMS AVID
Samantha Pappenfuss-Krage

REACH
Lori Ismil

STEAM
Troy Caddy
Chris Chad

WEB
Matt Krage
Samantha Pappenfuss-Krage

WORLD LANGUAGES
Terri Kowalski
Abby Warner



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ANGIE WILLIAMS
Principal

Welcome back to Laurentian Elementary! We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we embark on our 2nd year in our beautiful building, we are delighted to welcome both returning and new students to our school community. Our dedicated team of educators has been actively planning an engaging curriculum using Project-Based Learning. Project-Based Learning focuses on hands-on experiences and real-world applications. Students will engage in meaningful projects that challenge them to solve problems, collaborate with peers, and develop essential skills for the 21st century.

Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. We hope you and your child will be able to attend. This is a great opportunity for your child to meet their teacher and for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's daily routines and expectations for the school year.

School supply lists may be found on our website, www.rrps.org, by clicking on Laurentian Elementary under the Academics tab. Supply lists are also available in stores around the area. If you are unable to purchase supplies for your child, please contact the Laurentian Elementary office at 735-6201 or email stacy.buatala@rrps.org. We are here to help!

Our transportation schedules will be mailed before the first day of school. Please note, if you pick up your child from Laurentian Elementary, dismissal time for students being picked up will be 2:45 P.M.

The staff and I are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. I know we can work together with mutual respect and trust to ensure your child has a positive and successful educational experience at Laurentian Elementary. Together, we can make this school year one of positivity, discovery, and achievement.

Enjoy your last few days of summer!

SCHOOL HOURS

8:05 AM - 2:55 PM
WEDNESDAY - EARLY RELEASE
1:55 PM

POWERSCHOOL CODE SGPL

FIFTH GRADE
Mandy Brunfelt
Lori LaLonde
Shelley Schriber

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Paul Brainard
Robert Hinrichs

SIXTH GRADE
Natalie Belt
Stace Landwer
Ed Thompson

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Gina Anderson
Karlene Leseman
Liz Niemi
Amanda Rasmussen

ART
Althea Kure

COUNSELOR
Tara Fierke
735-6204

STEAM
Hayley Halls
Debra Meissner-Devries

ECSE/PT/OT
Kelsey Everson
Angela Finseth
Ellie Sandstrom

STUDENT SUPPORT
Kristine Miller

INTERVENTIONISTS
Debra Meissner-Devries
Hayley Halls
Melissa Lautigar
Brienne Pellinen

STUDENT PROGRAMS ADAPT
Kelly Mathisen
Tracie Twite

CHECK & CONNECT
Sonny Mosher

MEDIA CENTER
Bridget LaCoursiere

SPEECH
Annika Lien

MUSIC
Reida Forsman
Daniel Melby
Julie Sandstede
Sheila Wilcox

SMART
Maxine Perko

NURSE
735-6206
Katie Peterson
Laurie McDowell

PRINCIPAL
Angie Williams
735-6202

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Ellen Ebben
Linda Fedor
Sarah Knudson
Shanon Kush-Jeffery

FIRST GRADE
Heather Gulbranson
Kaylee Hennen
Laurie Hipple-Jam

THIRD GRADE
Beth Bittmann
Laurie Kuoppala
Deb Tikkanen

SECRETARY
Stacy Buatala
735-6201

Martha Lash
Crystal Nucech-Duesler

SECOND GRADE
Cody Baker
Becki Carey
Gaye Lossing

FOURTH GRADE
Kristy Hill
Jessica Kralich
Samantha Sellman
Nikki Young

ATTENDANCE
735-6200

KINDERGARTEN
Joe Grigal
Jody Negen
Kim Wolner



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SCOTT MANNI
Principal

As we approach the new school year, I am thrilled to extend my warmest welcome to both returning and new families to North Star Elementary. My name is Scott Manni and I am honored to serve as Principal. I am truly excited about the upcoming academic year and the countless opportunities it holds for our students to learn, grow, and flourish. Our open house is scheduled on Thurs., August 31 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

At North Star, we believe that every child is unique and has the potential to excel in various aspects of their lives. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff is committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment where each student feels safe, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Throughout the school year, we will focus on providing a comprehensive and well-rounded education that emphasizes academic excellence, character development, and the cultivation of critical thinking skills. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and engage students while fostering creativity and a love for learning.

Parental involvement and support play a crucial role in a child's education, and we encourage you to actively participate in school activities, events, PTA, and parent-teacher conferences. Our school thrives when we work together as a community, and your partnership is invaluable.

As the first day of school approaches, I encourage you to take the time to reconnect with your child and discuss their aspirations for the new academic year. Together, let us set goals and support our students in achieving them.

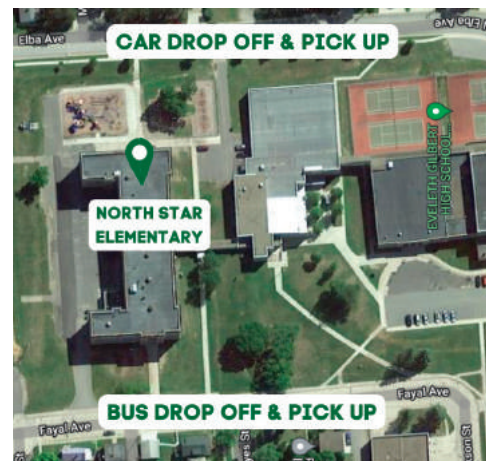
Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. I am eagerly looking forward to meeting each one of you and partnering with you in creating a successful and enriching learning journey for our students. If you have any questions or require assistance before the school year begins, please feel free to contact the school office.

Wishing you a joyful remainder of the summer and a fantastic start to the new school year!

SCHOOL HOURS

8:05 AM - 2:55 PM
WEDNESDAY - EARLY RELEASE
1:55 PM

POWERSCHOOL CODE
SGPL



INTERVENTIONISTS
Jackie LeBeque
Georgia Epp

STEAM
Lindsay Engel

MEDIA/LIBRARY
Candy Ofstad

MUSIC
Daniel Melby
Julie Sandstede
Sheila Wilcox

NURSE
744-7711
Laura Johnson
Laurie McDowell
Emma Peterson

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Wayne Roberts
Taylor Skoglund

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Stacy Aune
Jace Friedlieb
Don Galloway
Kim Plesha

PRINCIPAL
Scott Manni
742-3943

SECRETARY
Laura Tassoni
742-3944

THIRD GRADE
Samantha Andrews
Jodi Smith
Ashley Tikkanen
Kelli Voss

FOURTH GRADE
Stephanie Aho
Amanda Morley

Jeff Teasck
Sarah Thyen

FIFTH GRADE
Beth Collins
Ed Cremers
Elysa Kemen
Eli Little
Bobbie Spry

SIXTH GRADE
Josh Gibson
Kyle Lawrence
Dominique Little
Byron Negen

COUNSELOR
Brandon Miller
742-3946



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SHEENA STEFANICH
Principal

Welcome back to another exciting school year!

I hope this message finds you full of excitement as we embark on another academic year. I can confidently say that the staff is delighted to welcome you all to Parkview for an exciting year of discovery, learning, and achievement.

We are committed to fostering a safe environment that promotes a love for learning, inspires creativity, and empowers our young students to reach their full potential. Our dedicated team's use of innovative teaching methodologies along with the implementation of project based learning will help to ensure this academic year is successful and smooth.

I encourage all families to actively participate in your child's education by attending school events, fall conferences, and volunteering opportunities. Your involvement plays a crucial role in shaping your child's academic journey.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to you for being a part of this incredible Parkview community within Rock Ridge. Let's work together to make this school year one of growth, compassion, and memorable experiences for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or one of our wonderful team members.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20 AM - 3:10 PM

WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE

2:10 PM

POWERSCHOOL CODE

SGPL



FIRST GRADE

Kate Barnes
Kayla Cochems
Deron Davidson
Caley Hujanen

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Wayne Roberts
Taylor Skoglund

SECOND GRADE

Annie Nichols
Nichole Reid
Meggie Schroeder
Nina Sporich
Cullen Warren

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Gina Anderson
Aubree Schiller
Crystal Scuffy

STUDENT SUPPORT

Nikki Sundt

ART

Althea Kure

STUDENT PROGRAMS

CHECK & CONNECT
Nikki Kern

COUNSELOR

Tessa Peterson
742-3945

SPEECH

Jenna Hautamaki

INTERVENTIONISTS

Beth Spelts
Anita Tyminski

STEAM

Lindsay Engel

MUSIC

Reida Forsman

TECHNOLOGY & CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

Darren Kramer

NURSE

Pam Frazee
742-3821

PRINCIPAL

Sheena Stefanich
742-3802

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Linda Fedor
Gena Flank
Melissa Hillman
Julie Holien
Kathy Kemen
Sarah Knudson
Shanon Kush-Jeffery
Bethany Lash
Julie Lindeman

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

Shelby Corey-Semo
Kayla Evans
Laura Gregorich

KINDERGARTEN

Hannah Davidson-Teff
Carolyn Peterson
Kathy Seppala
Matraca Streier
Emily Zeidler

SECRETARY

742-3801
Amanda Lambert
Kimmy Christenson

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

E.C.F.E. is a program that offers classes, events, playtimes, and other opportunities designed to give families/caregivers skills and strategies to support their child's growth and development from birth to kindergarten.

The fall kick-off event is **"A Splash of Color"**. The kick off event is a great time to meet the teacher, tour the classroom and learn more about our early childhood programs.

KICK-OFF DATES: SEPTEMBER 11, 5:00-6:30PM LAURENTIAN
SEPTEMBER 14, 5:00-6:30PM PARKVIEW

E.C.F.E. CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

E.C.F.E. FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	AGE	GROUP	SCHOOL
Monday	8:30-10:00	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Parkview
Monday	11:00-12:30	Baby(see schedule)	Birth-Not Yet Walking	Parkview
Monday	5:00-6:30	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Parkview
Tuesday	5:00-6:30	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Laurentian
Wednesday	8:30-10:00	Toddlers	12 months-36 months	Parkview
Wednesday	11:00-12:30	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Parkview
Thursday	8:30-10:00	See Schedule	18 months-5 Years	Parkview
Friday	8:30-10:00	Mixed Age	Birth-5 Years	Laurentian

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS

LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY

THREE YEAR OLD SCHOOL READINESS

DAY	TIME	ORIENTATION	START DATE
Mon. and Tues.	8:05-12:05	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Fri.	8:05-2:50	Sept. 18	Sept. 22

FOUR & FIVE YEAR OLD SCHOOL READINESS

DAY	TIME	ORIENTATION	START DATE
Mon, Tue., Thur.	8:05-2:55	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Wed.	8:05-1:55		

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

THREE YEAR OLD SCHOOL READINESS

DAY	TIME	ORIENTATION	START DATE
Mon. and Tues.	8:00-12:00	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Wed. and Thurs.	8:00-12:00	Sept. 20	Sept. 21

FOUR & FIVE YEAR OLD SCHOOL READINESS

DAY	TIME	ORIENTATION	START DATE
Mon, Tue., Wed.	8:20-3:10	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Thurs.	8:20-2:10		

EARLY CHILDHOOD STAFF

ROCK RIDGE EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATOR
Shanon Kush-Jeffery
742-3805
shanon.kush@rrps.org

SECRETARY
Kimmy Christenson

PARKVIEW

Linda Fedor
Gena Flank
Melissa Hillman
Julie Holien
Kathy Kemen
Sarah Knudson
Shanon Kush-Jeffery
Bethany Lash
Julie Lindeman

LAURENTIAN

Ellen Ebben
Linda Fedor
Sarah Knudson
Shanon Kush-Jeffery
Martha Lash
Crystal Nucech-Duesler

WOLVERINE BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After school child care program will be offered as a community service by Rock Ridge Community Education.

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5TH

PARKVIEW AND LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Students PreK-6th Grade

After School Session: After School-6:00PM
Before School Session: 6:30am-7:30AM
Held only on days school is in session.
North Star students attending after school care will be bussed to Parkview.

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://RRPS.SACC.RSCHOOLDAY.COM/
PUBLIC/HOME/](https://rrps.sacc.rschoolday.com/public/home/)

AFTER SCHOOL COST:

\$15/DAY \$70/WEEK

BEFORE SCHOOL COST:

\$20/WEEK

FOR QUESTIONS,

**CONTACT AMANDA MATHSON
AMANDA.MATHSON@RRPS.ORG.**

ADAPT PROGRAM

ADAPT is a mental health skills program that assists students preschool through 12th grade in learning different mental health skills such as self regulation, organization, social skills, and communication skills.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Alison **GLADE**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

7TH GRADE SCIENCE AND HS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



HOMETOWN - Sioux Center, IA

COLLEGE - University of Northern Iowa

COLLEGE DEGREE - Biology Teaching & MS Science Endorsement

PERSONAL NOTE: My husband and I love to be on the water fishing! I also enjoy spending time reading, hiking, traveling, and hanging out with our two dogs Bridger and Ruby. I am thrilled to join the RRPS community and can't wait for another great school year!

Bethany **LASH**

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL READINESS TEACHER



HOMETOWN - Union Grove WI

COLLEGE - Maranatha Baptist University

COLLEGE DEGREE - Early Childhood Education

PERSONAL NOTE: I enjoy spending time with my family on our yearly trips and playing different board and card games. I have 4 siblings (all sisters), and I am the youngest. I have a strong love for children and love to see them succeed.

Maurtha **LASH**

LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL READINESS TEACHER



HOMETOWN - Colon Michigan

COLLEGE DEGREE - BA Cornerstone University-History Major, Bible/English Minor, AS Gateway Technical College-Early Childhood Education Administrative Credential-Nicolet College

PERSONAL NOTE: I have been married for 39yrs. and I have 5 grown daughters and 10 grandchildren. I have worked with children for 20+yrs. I enjoy working with children and watching them develop their skills.

Tim **KULIK**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

HOMETOWN - Homer Glen, Illinois

COLLEGE - Illinois State Univ./Ntnl. Louis Univ.

COLLEGE DEGREE - Masters in Special Education

PERSONAL NOTE: My wife and I moved from Chicago, where I taught in CPS my first two years. My wife, Jess, and our dog, Daisy, love hiking and any opportunities to get outdoors and be active. I like to read, take Daisy on walks, play board and video games, and I love playing or watching sports, go White Sox! A fun fact about me is that I used to train in mixed martial arts.



Brandon **BORICH**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

**SCIENCE TEACHER/
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**



HOMETOWN - Duluth, MN

COLLEGE - The College of St. Scholastica, St. Mary's University of Minnesota

COLLEGE DEGREE - College Degree: B.A. Biology Secondary Education, Masters Educational Leadership

PERSONAL NOTE: Enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching my kids participate in their activities, traveling to new places and quality time with my wife (Megan), children Mya(18), Bryson (14), Ryder (10), and dog Rocky.

Shane **WETZEL**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

SCIENCE TEACHER



HOMETOWN - Zap, ND

EDUCATION: Undergraduate-Psychology Minot State; Master's-Physical Education/Athletic Administration Idaho State University; Doctorate-Chiropractic Medicine TCC; Non-Degree (U of Idaho, Washington State U, Valley City State, NDSU, UND)

PERSONAL NOTE: I enjoy hiking, kayaking, and traveling, and spending time with Angela (wife of 25 years), Sage (19, son), Chance (14, son), Gabby (11, dog). My favorite place is the Snake River Canyon (ID).

Kevin **NETTLETON**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

DEAN OF STUDENTS



HOMETOWN - Helena MT

COLLEGE - Utah State University, University of Wyoming, Western Governors University

COLLEGE DEGREE - BS Geography and Earth Resources BS Secondary Education Minor in History, MS Educational Leadership MA Special Ed.

PERSONAL NOTE: Sports, historical reenactments, outdoors and spending time with family.

Jennifer **NETTLETON**

ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION/DEAF AND HH



HOMETOWN - Wayne, PA

COLLEGE - Utah State University, University of Utah
COLLEGE DEGREE - BS Deaf Education Communicative Disorders, Elementary Education

PERSONAL NOTE: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, sports, historical reenactments and enjoying the outdoors



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Rock Ridge School Board

meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the

Rock Ridge Administration Building
1405 Progress Parkway, Virginia

Meeting details are subject to change.

Please check the website.

rrps.org/district/calendar/

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Rock Ridge School District is partnering with Teachers On-Call to hire the best substitutes to work with excellent students and staff!

Paraprofessional Requirements:

- Minimum qualification high school diploma / GED

Teacher Requirements:

- Minimum of a four-year degree (does not have to be in a field of education)
- Successful completion of Minnesota Department of Education Two Year Short Call Substitute License Application (visit the Minnesota Department of Education website)

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Send any questions to me at

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Greetings!

I'm Willie Spelts and I am the Director of School to Work Engagement and Fundraising Coordinator for **Rock Ridge Public Schools (RRPS)**. As Director of School to Work Engagement, I collaborate and coordinate with school staff, students and local businesses to get our students work experiences off campus and professional introductions on campus. Our students, while attending our Academy Model, identify areas of interest for post high school areas of study. We then bring in speakers from these various professions to introduce them to the students. As our students progress through our Academy Model, we move them to the next level; job shadows, internships, and externships. We want our students to know what they want to do, experience it to confirm their interest, to then be best prepared for post high school studies. Please contact me if you would like to come and speak and/or host our students.

The second part of my job is Fundraising Coordinator. The mission of our **#RockRidgeRising** fundraising campaign is to make this an even more incredible campus, to enrich and enhance the entire project and student experience and to allow alumni, local businesses, and friends the opportunity to be a part of this once in a lifetime project. We have been fortunate to receive wonderful donations and partnerships from alumni, local businesses, and supportive friends of RRPS. These donations and partnerships have allowed us to provide increased funding to academics, arts, and athletics. Our new campus will rival any metro school in the state and nation!

Please contact me should you be interested in helping fund opportunities at **Rock Ridge Public Schools**. To view our **#RockRidgeRising** campaign online, please visit rrps.org and choose: **#RockRidgeRising**. Great pictures, videos and even podcasts are located at alumni.rrps.org. One can choose to give to academics, arts, or athletics. All donations are tax deductible and will immediately impact the students and school community at Rock Ridge. You can also donate in memory of a special person, teacher, or coach from their school or community years. We will apply your donation to the area of your choice and/or passion.

Best Regards,

WILLIE SPELTS

Director of School to Work Engagement

Fundraising Coordinator

Rock Ridge Public Schools

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ROCK RIDGE TICKET INFO:

SINGLE GAME TICKET PRICES

Adult	\$6
Seniors (62+)	\$4
Students and College Students.....	\$4
(Rock Ridge Students are Free)	

SEASON TICKET PRICES

GOOD FOR ALL
HOME GAMES EXCLUDING PLAYOFFS

Adult	\$80
Seniors (62+)	\$40
Students and College Students.....	\$30
(Rock Ridge Students are Free)	

ACTIVITY FEES

(These fees do not apply to clubs or curricular activities.)

Grade 7	\$120
Grade 8	\$120
Grade 9-12.....	\$130
Knowledge Bowl	\$25
Poms	\$65

rrps.org for more fee information

ROCK RIDGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Independent School District #2909
"Future Ready/Community Strong"

Activities and Community Education:
Chad Hazelton
Director 735-3517
Josh Lamppa
Director 735-3518
Julie Eddy
Admin. Assistant 735-3516

Visit our Website for a complete class list.

RRPS.ORG

FOR UP-TO-DATE SPORTS SCHEDULES

IRONRANGECONFERENCE.ORG

DIGITAL TOOLS

Rock Ridge Public Schools uses a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software is utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools posted at rrps.org/digital-tools/ and include an outline of the student data elements within each tool. This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year. Please reach out to tech@rrps.org or your building principal for additional questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.



The Superintendent, Business Office, Human Resources, and Director of Maintenance are all located here along with our school board meetings.

ROCK RIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1405 Progress Parkway, Virginia, MN 55792
(across the parking lot from the new Rock Ridge High School)

SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Noel Schmidt
742-3901

BUSINESS MANAGER
Andrea Lintula
742-3902

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE
Mike Hoag
410-0184

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL TO WORK FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR
Willie Spelts
410-3097

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Stacie Lamppa
742-3900

HUMAN RESOURCES
Debbie Wiirre
744-7700

BUS SCHEDULE

Individualized bus assignments will be mailed to each student's home address. If you have not received a letter regarding your child's or children's bus assignment or are new to the area and have transportation questions,

please contact **BOB VOSS**, Transportation Director **742-3969**.



Join us for a variety of exciting and enriching classes offered through our Community Education Program. Whether you're looking to develop a new skill, pursue a hobby, or simply meet new people, we have something for everyone!

Why Choose Community Education?

1. Lifelong Learning.
2. Convenient Locations.
3. Expert Instructors.
4. Affordable Pricing.
5. Diverse Course Offerings.
6. Youth Sports & Activities.

Registration Details:

Visit our website at <https://rrps.cr3.schooldtoday.com/public/home/> to browse our full course catalog and to register online. You can also call us at **218-735-3516**.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with your community. Enroll in a Community Education class today and embark on a journey of personal and professional development!

Rock Ridge Community Education is always exploring new program and class ideas. **Teaching a class** is a great way to share your knowledge and skills with youth and/or adults in our community. If you or someone you know has a skill or talent that you would love to share with your community, please call Julie at (218) 735-3516.

CHAD HAZELTON
Director
735-3517

JOSH LAMPPA
Director
735-3518

JULIE EDDY
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