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Entrepreneurial student Colter Marolt brought his idea for a new snack cart to life! Colter took the lead on the design, pricing, and logistics, putting his entrepreneurial skills into action. Mr. Kyle Hammer teaches the course and guides students as they turn ideas into real-world opportunities.

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KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE

AT COOK'S COUNTRY CONNECTION

Our Laurentian kindergarteners enjoyed a fun-filled day at Cook's Country Connection!
Students had the opportunity to explore, learn, and make memories together.
Take a look at some highlights from their adventure!















LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY

GRADES PREK-6

X-RAY VISION



Third graders explored the skeletal system, learning how bones support our bodies, protect important organs, and work with muscles to help us move. Students then became scientists and artists by creating colorful X-ray hand illustrations!

Our young scientists did a fantastic job combining science, observation, and art to discover the amazing framework that helps our bodies work!

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our Laurentian Students of the Month for October.
These students demonstrated what it means to be a student of F.O.C.U.S. and exemplifying the "F" in FOCUS which stands for FIERCE!

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A SWEET REWARD



Congratulations to Teagan and Zaiden, two of our recent Good Ticket Award winners at Laurentian! As a reward for their positive choices, they each got to choose a prize and enjoy a special ice cream treat with friends.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL DEBUT

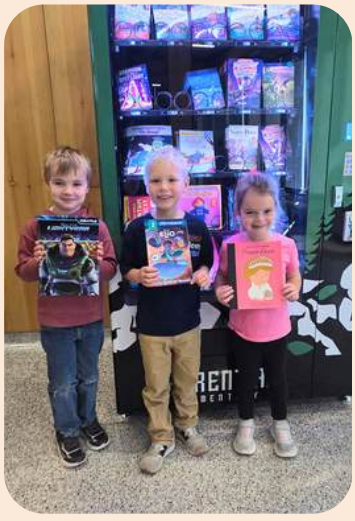


Laurentian made history with its first-ever Knowledge Bowl team! Students showcased their knowledge, communication skills, and teamwork while competing against area schools. They represented LES with pride and had a fantastic first season.

A NEW WAY TO CELEBRATE READING AT LAURENTIAN









Laurentian Elementary received a new book vending machine. This was generously donated by U.S. Steel and the Pittsburgh Penguins through their Reading Champions program, which our 3rd graders participate in. We are so grateful for their support in fostering a love of reading in our school!

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT PARKVIEW



Every Day Counts—And That's No Quack!

Parkview's first Surprise Attendance Day brought smiles, excitement, and one very large duck! Mrs. Stefanich dressed in an inflatable duck costume and visited every classroom, giving each student in attendance a prize. Along the way, she talked with students about why coming to school matters: each day brings opportunities to learn, practice new skills, and grow with friends.

We will celebrate one Surprise Attendance Day each month to encourage attendance and make showing up a little more fun. These celebrations support our goal of consistent attendance of at least 90% for every student. The dates will be a surprise, so students never know when a special visitor might appear!

Even small amounts of missed time add up. Missing just 30 minutes each day over a 168-day school year totals 84 hours of missed learning—the equivalent of 14 six-hour school days! Arriving on time and staying for the full day helps students make the most of their learning.



Thank you, families, for supporting regular attendance, keeping children home when they are sick, and communicating with us when challenges arise. Together, we can help our Wolverines be present, connected, and ready to learn!



MAIN STREET MAGIC:

FIFTH GRADERS BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

YEAR THREE OF MAIN STREET TRICK-OR-TREAT CONNECTS 115 STUDENTS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.



Mr. Little's fifth-grade class once again showed the power of leadership, teamwork, and community spirit by organizing year three of the Main Street Trick-or-Treat for the entire fifth grade.

Students took the lead from start to finish-writing and hand-delivering letters to local Main Street businesses, creating participation posters for those who volunteered, and helping coordinate an event for 115 fifth graders. The experience built confidence, strengthened communication skills, and created meaningful connections with our hometown businesses.

A big thank you to all the Main Street businesses that participated and helped make this event such a success!
Your support gives our students a memorable experience and continues to show what makes our community so special.

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FIFTH GRADERS

5 POUNDS
OF CANDY EACH





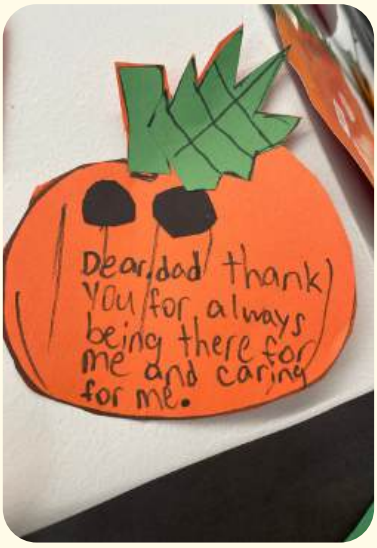


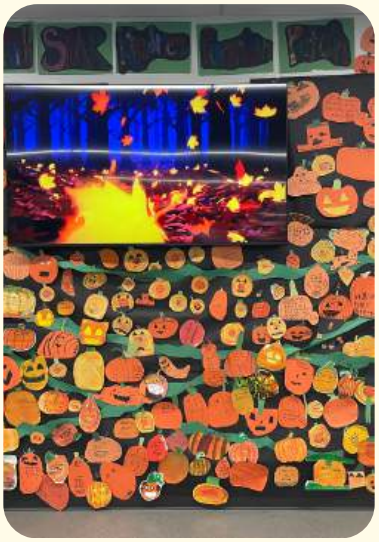
NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY

GRADES 3-6

WE APPRECIATE

North Star celebrated kindness throughout October as its pumpkin patch continued to grow! In Ms. Kure's art class, students combined their artistic skills and writing to recognize others for acts of kindness. Each pumpkin added to the patch represented a special shoutout to someone who made a difference. What a wonderful way to celebrate kindness in our school community!









WE CELEBRATE

Our Rock Ridge Leos Club members organized and hosted a Fall Festival for the entire 4th grade classes at both Laurentian and North Star Elementary, creating a fun-filled few hours of seasonal activities, laughter, and memories with friends.

WE CONNECT

Ms. Thyen's 4th grade class at North Star continued its special tradition of monthly visits to Edgewood Vista. During their latest visit, students and residents painted pumpkins, shared a snack, and enjoyed time together. These visits create meaningful connections across generations and show how our Wolverines make a difference in the community!





BUILDING SKILLS. GROWING OPPORTUNITY.



Building Construction students are putting hands-on learning to work on a new school greenhouse.

Written by Alex Boone | Edited for publication

Mr. Foster's Building Construction class completes projects for the school and community. Past projects include baseball and softball dugouts, ice houses sold to support the club, and Habitat for Humanity home-building.

This year, students are constructing an educational greenhouse for the school, which will give students the opportunity to learn about growing plants and vegetables.

The project pauses after first quarter and will resume in fourth quarter when the Building Construction class will take on the exciting task of building the 16-foot-by-60-foot greenhouse.



> It's going slow but it's going good, with the progress we've made we're just waiting on the other contractors to do what they need to do.
>
> - SENIOR LOGAN BRUEMMER







STRINGS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

RRHS musicians take part in the Duluth Orchestra Festival.

On October 29, the University of Minnesota Duluth hosted an honor string orchestra festival. Two separate groups performed, with the first group (the large group) playing “Basse Danse,” “Pavane,” “Sword Dance,” “Sentimental Sarabande,” and “Frolicsome Finale.”

The second performance featured an auditioned high school group made up of students from local schools. Their lineup included “Allersaleen,” “Masquerade,” “Plainte Nocturne,” and “Transylvania Tango.”



Jonathan Crain, Ella Scherf, Hailey VanSoest, Amberlee Heishman, and Jack Kenyon after their wonderful performance at UMD. Photo Credit: Wyatt Mettler

Written by Christian Williams | Edited for publication

> **“I think it gives them a good opportunity to familiarize themselves with the environment of their college and the students.**
> **– OAKLEY MALIKOWSKI**



Homecoming ‘26 celebrated Wolverine pride with a week of school spirit, and, ended with the crowning of Homecoming Royalty, Beckett Engel and Miia Johnson!



Sophomores Mylah Murfin and Bryce Crotteau qualified for the 2026 State Cross Country Meet scheduled for Nov. 7.



Our Girls Tennis Team became Back-To-Back State Champions. Also, Alice Johnson & Kiri Milos took 3rd in Doubles and Ellie Dimberio took 5th in Singles.



UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DAYS FOR ALL ROCK RIDGE STUDENTS:
NOVEMBER 9
NOVEMBER 26-27

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM









Students from the Life & Learning Center enjoyed a fun community outing to Simik's Farm!

They had the opportunity to explore, experience the farm, and enjoy time together outside the classroom. It was a wonderful day of learning, laughter, and making memories!

TEAMWORK TAKES THE FIELD



Our Unified Sports team took the field in Proctor for a soccer event earlier in October, bringing plenty of energy, teamwork, and Wolverine spirit!

The team played an outstanding day of soccer, finishing with an impressive five wins and one tie! Congratulations to all our athletes on a fantastic performance!

