

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight savings time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2nd.

This would also be a good time to check the smoke detectors in your home.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Friday, November 1st for teacher comp day. There is also no school on Wednesday, November 20th for Professional Development Day.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be a 2:10p.m. dismissal on Wednesday, November 27th and no school on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Have a great Thanksgiving!

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST REMINDER

PLEASE be sure there is money in your child's lunch/breakfast/milk Account. This also includes morning milk for students in grs. K-4 and afternoon milk for Preschool students. Also, at any time during the year that your family situation changes and you feel you would qualify for reduced or free breakfasts or lunches, please contact the Superintendent's Office for an application. You may also contact Jessica Jeffries regarding the backpack program if your family is in need.

Music

Music Parents wreath sales have started. All families with a student involved in music should have received a small fundraising packet with information, and we will be selling until November 4.

K-6th grade Christmas concert will be held on Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm. The Music Parents bake sale will also take place at the concert.

7-12th grade Christmas concert will be on Monday, December 12th at 6:30pm

STORY HOUR

Story hour at the Public Library for November will be at 3:30pm on the 7th, 14th, and 21st.

PICKING YOUR CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE DAY

If you (parents) are picking your child up from school at the end of the day, please wait in the Elementary Lobby for them. Please do not go to their classroom as it disrupts the routine at the end of the day. Students who are not riding a bus are not to leave their classroom until after the buses have left. We also ask that parents use the south driveway to enter the school grounds and use the north driveway when leaving.

AFTER SCHOOL

If your student will be going somewhere different after school than where they normally would, please call the school. In order to ensure your child's safety, we need to know from the parent if there is a change of plans. If we do not hear from the parent, we are required to send them to their normal place.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

If your child is coming to school late or leaving early for any reason, they need to stop in the office to let the secretary know when they are coming and going. We also need a phone call to let us know if your child will be absent or late to school. It is very important that we know where your children are to ensure their safety and education.

We ask that parents that are picking up or dropping off their children late/early NOT go to their classrooms as this interrupts the learning time in the classroom. Please stop in the office and the secretary will call the classroom and have your child meet you in the office.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Monday, November 11th, there will be a Veterans Day Program from 8:30-9:30am in the High School Gym. Veterans are also invited to join students for a free breakfast prior to the program starting at 7:45am in the multi-room

SHOP ON STATE GRANTS

In October the following teachers from the Riceville School received grants from Shop on State in Osage.

Michelle Berentsen- \$1454.00- it will be used for new AED pads and Stop the Bleed Kits

3rd and 4th grade: \$834.18 to be used for ELL/Spanish books for our elementary students to have access to for reading in class as well as at home.

Library - To purchase the Iowa Award Winning Books. Approx. 80 books for kindergarten thru high school reading, \$828.00

Connie Holmen-Preschool \$420 Art Organization -Will be getting a drying rack, paint, paint supplies, and miscellaneous supplies.

Weight Room / PE - \$500 to purchase new single kettlebells from weights 5 pounds to 75 pounds. This will make pairs of kettlebells from a previous shop on state grant for a similar purchase.

COLD WEATHER

Cold weather has unfortunately arrived. Please make sure your student brings warm coats, hats, gloves, and snow pants and boots once that white stuff arrives. Please put your student's name in all clothing as we seem to get a lot of lost items.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing any coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, etc. Please have them check our overflowing lost and found!

FROM THE NURSE

It's that time of year again... for colds and flu!!! We have been seeing a variety of colds, coughs, fevers, headaches, and stomach bugs. Here are a few friendly reminders:

Per our school policy, do NOT send your child to school if he/she has or has had:

1) A fever 100 degrees or greater within the last 24 hours (your student must be fever free without medication).

2) Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours.

3) Continuous coughing not relieved with cough medicine.

If your child experiences any of the above, fever 100 degrees or greater vomiting or diarrhea, or a constant, severe cough, you will be called and asked to come pick up your child.

Riceville Community School District does not allow any school personnel, including the school nurse, to administer any prescription medication without a District Medical Form signed by the parent and a physician. This includes over the counter medications as well. ALL medication must be brought in by a parent or adult. DO NOT send any medication with a student. Cough drops may be sent with your student and used at the discretion of their teacher.

For more information on colds and flu, please visit www.cdc.gov/flu

Mrs. Berentsen, RN, PK-12 School Nurse



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

NOV. 11TH, 2019
8:30AM TO 9:30AM
RICEVILLE HS GYM

VETERANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN STUDENTS FOR A FREE BREAKFAST
PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM, STARTING AT 7:45 IN THE MULTI ROOM



The Riceville Ambulance Service will be hosting a recruiting night on Wednesday November 13th from 6-8 p.m.!!!!



The Ambulance Service is in need of new members to serve in the Riceville and Elma communities. If there is a call in this area and we do NOT have trained personal to respond, you could be waiting at least 30 minutes for Mitchell or Howard Counties to respond. That length of time could mean the difference between LIFE AND DEATH! The Riceville and Elma communities have been great at supporting our service through donations, but at this time we need people, not financial help!

PLEASE ACT NOW!!! The goal is to have a class in Riceville starting in January! This class is for 7 hours of college credit through NIACC and will run from January 13th-April 30th. We need 10 people to hold the class in Riceville. This class is open to people in the surrounding communities.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

Please come to the Ambulance shed (206 W. 2nd St) on November 13th for more information on this opportunity. Refreshments will be served! If you are unable to attend on the 13th please contact **Maggie Mayer at 641-220-2392.**

