



Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools



“Achieving Success Together”

January 2021

Important Dates:

January 26
End of 1st Semester

January 27
School Board Meeting
Zoom 6:30 PM

February 12
Teacher Work Day
No School

February 15
President’s Day
No School

February 24
School Board Meeting

March 30th
End of 3rd Quarter

April 1 & 2
Spring Conferences
No School

April 5-9
Spring Break

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Back to School Plan Updates

We are pleased to continue serving students in Stage 4.0 of our Reopening Plan and continue to prepare and plan for Stage 5.0, *Full day learning experience for ALL PK-12 w/ COVID precautions in place.*

K-5 Learning - Students are making progress at 4.0. While Stage 5.0 does not alter the M-TH or Friday, K-5 schedules, there may be increased opportunities for enrichment activities in 5.0.

6-12 Learning- While we are seeing more success at 4.0, we still hope to expand the schedule. At Stage 5.0, all students will attend school every day, M-TH. Fridays will continue to be reserved for assisting Remote Learners and serving students needing additional support.

Free Meals - In cooperation with OSPI we are able to continue to provide free breakfast & lunch for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

The latest Department of Health guidance states: *The decision to resume or expand in-person learning is complex and requires weighing both risks and benefits to children, staff, their families, and the broader community. With regards to COVID-19, DOH recommends that local leaders consider COVID-19 activity level (i.e., case rates, percent test positivity, trends, etc.) as well as the educational, social and emotional benefits of in-person learning for students.*

In order to keep our schools open and expand on-campus learning options we will need to:

1. Continue to effectively implement the recommended COVID-19 health and safety measures
2. Continue to monitor for and respond to suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19
3. Continue to experience limited cases of on-campus exposure, transmission, and infection
4. Continue consulting with local and county health directors, consider the local infection rates and monitor the East Region metrics.
5. Continue consulting with and learning from other school districts and educational leaders

As always, if you have any questions about our school district, please email me at dvanderholm@lrschools.org.

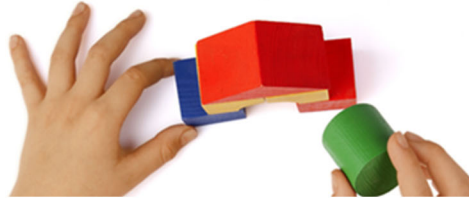
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Additional Information:

The Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools “Back to School Plan” can be found on the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative School District website at www.lrschools.org under the “Community Updates” tab.

Building the future of public education

Celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January



January is School Board Recognition Month!

By proclamation of the governor, January is School Board Recognition Month. It's a great time to recognize our elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality public schooling for our youth.

School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult, or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also bear responsibility for developing a vision that will guide the school district for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in Washington State.

This January, we're encouraging all members of the community to thank a board member. Please thank them for volunteering their time and playing a critical civic role that helps form the bedrock of our democracy—public education. As a crucial bridge between the local community and the school district, their efforts are instrumental in helping all of us realize the hopes and dreams we have for the children of our community.

The men and women serving Lind and Ritzville are:

Lind Board of Directors

Jani Melcher
Adam Labes
Jim Weidemann
Dustin Murray

Ritzville Board of Directors

Layne Iltz
Marci Miller
Scott Carruth
Reid Phillips
Greg Galbreath

The Lind and Ritzville School Board meet every fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information about the school board, please visit the "School Board" tab at www.lrschools.org.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Don Vanderholm
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