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LIND-RITZVILLE GRIT

JULY/AUGUST 2022

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

We are pleased to have nearly wrapped up a very busy hiring season. Like many districts across the state and region, we experienced a higher than usual employee turnover. It's rewarding seeing how many quality candidates applied for positions within the Cooperative which speaks highly of our communities and schools. With additional funding, we have added more counseling staff. Both the middle and high school will have their own counselor and both elementary schools will share a counselor. This will greatly increase much needed student support. A new position, Cooperative Food Manager, will help us better coordinate purchases, navigate supply chains, and keep improving services. Transitional Kindergarten, for students turning 4 by Sept 1st, will now be available at Lind Elementary with Ritzville to follow in the 2023-2024 school year. We continue developing Lind-Ritzville Academy as an option for regular or homeschooled students wishing to access online and hybrid (some classes on campus) learning options. Our own LR Academy teacher has been hired to work directly with students and families. We look forward to working with all of our new employees and with you, our valued partners, as we keep striving for continuous school improvement.

PS. We are planning an end of summer/back to school event on August 25th. More details to come, but this should be an excellent opportunity to meet many new and returning employees.

Don Vanderholm
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To our parents, families and community volunteers,
Thank you so much for helping us out in ways big & small
-- with your time, creativity, talents, and event support ... the
list goes on. Students and staff at LRCS benefit from your
dedication and support. YOU make LRCS a better place!

- The Staff & Students of LRCS

NEW STAFF & PLACES FOR THE 22 - 23 SCHOOL YEAR!

Lind Elementary

Joneel Russell - 5th Grade **
Alan Field - PE Teacher (LES & LRMS)
Micah Pridmore - 3rd Grade Teacher
Amalia Perez - 4th Grade Teacher
Samantha Davey - Paraeducator
Heidi Norton-Starring - ECEAP Preschool Teacher **
Laurinda Strausz - Transitional Kindergarten Teacher **
Gracie Buenrostro - Migrant-Bilingual Coordinator

Ritzville Grade School

Heather Glisson - Preschool Teacher
Jack Welker - 2nd Grade Teacher
MJ Baird - Counselor (RGS & LES) **
Jody Terris - 3rd Grade Teacher **
Chelsie Lavigueur - Kindergarten Teacher **
Amy Wellsandt - 1st Grade Teacher **

Lind-Ritzville Middle School

Don Walker - Principal
Lori Sanderson - CTE Teacher
Annie Trunkle-Smart - Counselor **
Brendan Bermea - Social Studies Teacher
Shannon Court - English Language Arts Teacher **
Scott Mortimer - Ag Teacher

Lind-Ritzville High School

Kayla Walker - Counselor
Joseph Roach - Health/Fitness Teacher
Amy Hickock - Academic Intervention & Prevention Specialist
Dustan Arlt - Athletic Director **
Brendan Bermea - LRHS Head Football Coach

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative

Tina Shields - Food Manager **
Paul McAnally - Lind-Ritzville Academy-Alternate Learning
Education Teacher

** Current LRCS staff who will be in a new role for the 22-23 School year.

UPCOMING DATES
FOR 2022-23
SCHOOL YEAR

August 29 - 1st Day of School! (1st-12th grade)
September 1 - 1st Day of Kindergarten &
Transitional Kindergarten
September 2 & 5 - No School (Labor Day Break)

8TH GRADE PROMOTION AT LIND-RITZVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Congratulations to our 8th Graders who are moving onto LRHS! We are excited to see what you accomplish.



LIND-RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



We can't wait to see what the future holds for the LRHS Class of 2022! We are proud of you all.



Graduation photos courtesy of KD Consulting



Lind
Elementary
School
Field Day
and
Fun Run



Ritzville
Grade School
Field Day,
Bronco Trot
and
Grandparents
Day Lunch



LRHS Graduating Seniors made a victory lap and visited the buildings in LRCS!



LRMS staff wave goodbye to the middle school students on the last day of school.



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