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REEDSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

"Our Mission - Helping Every Individual Learn"

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the beautiful summer weather! It is hard to believe that we are gearing up for another great school year in the Reedsville School District. Know that the entire District staff – custodians, support staff, food service, teachers, and administrators – are each preparing to make the 2023-24 school year one to remember.

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to read a book titled, *The Beekeeper* by Katie Desiderio and Michael Frino. It is a great read about transformational leadership that includes many topics which are easy to discuss and can be applied to the Reedsville School District. The book details how we can improve all aspects of the school system; from structure and operations to purpose and practice. It also details how crucial each individual is to the success of "the hive," or system. In Reedsville, our "hive" is made up of staff members, parents, students, and the greater community. For us to grow, we need all parts of the system to work together.

Just like a bee hive, the school district must be nourished to continue to thrive and any new bees must be ready to contribute to the hive's success. We have a number of new team members joining our "hive" and we are working to acclimate them to our processes and have them ready for the new school year. In addition, the educational process needs to be nourished by all to continue to see growth and realize future success. Examples of nourishing our educational process include: implementing a new English Language Arts curriculum in the Elementary School, continuing to implement a new Science curriculum in grades 5-8, and implementing new intervention strategies that will surely have a positive effect on all of our students.

The final take-away from the book talks about when a person gives time and energy to something, it encourages growth; meaning that what we choose to put our energy into, will in fact grow. The Reedsville School District continues to grow in great ways. Our leadership team has developed some excellent goals for the school year and we will continue to build them out over the next few months and beyond.

Our teacher in-service dates are Monday, August 21-Thursday, August 31. The culminating event is the district-wide OPEN HOUSE being held on Thursday, August 31 from 3:00-7:00 pm. More information will be coming from the respective buildings prior to the event, but we hope to see you there to meet teachers and update important information.

As I continue to lead the district, know that I am committed to growth for all students and understand that the district has the supreme responsibility of educating your most prized possession. Our students are the focal point of our "hive" and we will continue to foster growth in them to be productive members of our community.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or phone, or stop by the office. I look forward to another great school year that is full of exploring, learning, and growing together. Thank you for your continued support of the Reedsville School District's "HIVE!"

Michael Nate
Reedsville School District Superintendent



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SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE

920-754-4341

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Jr/Sr High School - press 2

District Office - press 1

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Busing and Referral Information

Welcome back to another school year. The bus company is looking forward to working with the Reedsville School District again this year. Below are a number of procedures that the bus company has in place for the 2023-24 school year:

Our student pick-up and drop-off policy will be only one pickup point and one drop off point. (Example: pickup at home/drop off at babysitter for all 5 days of the week/for the entire year.) Seat assignments will be established for your child(ren). If you have not contacted the bus company, your child(ren) may not be assigned to a bus. Once the routes are established and approved, some requests may not be able to be honored.

All 4K and students using car seats, seatbelts must be put on and taken off the bus by a parent or responsible adult. If no one is there to take your child off the bus, the child will be returned to school. A note from the parent(s) will need to be in the office prior to the start of the school year to allow the child to get off or get on the bus with an older sibling, etc.

There is NO FOOD OR DRINK to be consumed while riding the bus.

If your child will not be riding the bus on any given day in the AM, it would be appreciated if you would contact the bus station with either a phone call or email to let us know.

During the year please update the bus company with ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES that have occurred.

Students riding the bus to and from school will be contacted by their bus driver regarding the time they will be picked up. Some of the routes may have changed from last year. All students should be contacted by August 25th with the pickup times and seat assignments. If you have not been contacted, please touch base with us at Kobussen at 920-875-7800 or email: paula.freimuth@kobussen.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 920-875-7800.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF REEDSVILLE

ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the Reedsville School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting the District Office at (920) 754-4341.

Miscellaneous Notifications

McKinney-Vento Act

The McKinney-Vento Act defines children and youth who are homeless as: children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes those that are sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reasons. Those living in hotels, shelters, are abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement are also included. If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify, please contact Tracey Schmidt, Homeless Liaison for the Reedsville School District at 754-4341.

Asbestos Management

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing building materials. As a matter of policy, Reedsville School District shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees. In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely & responsibly. The Reedsville School District maintains their Operations and Maintenance Program with respect to its asbestos containing building materials.

This will be accomplished by MacNeil Environmental, Inc. Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information. Reedsville School District has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Questions related to the plan should be directed to MacNeil Environmental, Inc., Burnsville, Minnesota, at (800) 232-5209.

To see our current notifications regarding Asbestos and Indoor Air Quality visit <https://www.reedsville.k12.wi.us/district/postings-and-notices.cfm>

Media Release Opt Out

According to 118.125, any information designated as "Directory Data" may be disclosed to any person requesting that information of the school UNLESS THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN HAS INFORMED THE SCHOOL THAT ALL OR ANY PART OF THE DIRECTORY DATA MAY NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. **If you do not wish this information released for your child, you must notify the building principal in writing.**

Confidentiality

Pupils, and parents of a minor pupil, have a right to inspect the pupil's school records. They also have a right to a copy of such records and assistance in the interpretation of records. For specific information related to pupil records, please refer to school Board Policy 8330: Student Records under "Policies" on our Board Docs site (go.boarddocs.com/wi/reedv/Board.nsf/vpublic?open).

The Reedsville School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, national origin, handicap, age, or political affiliation.

Important Information

PUBLIC RELEASE
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

RELEASE STATEMENT

The Reedsville School District today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program or milk for split-session students served under the Special Milk Program. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if a split-session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE
For Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Family (Household) Size	ANNUAL INCOME LEVEL		MONTHLY INCOME LEVEL	
	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>
1	\$18,954	\$ 18,954.01 and \$26,973	\$ 1,580	\$1,580.01 and \$2,248
2	25,636	25,636.01 and 36,482	2,137	2,137.01 and 3,041
3	32,318	32,318.01 and 45,991	2,694	2,694.01 and 3,833
4	39,000	39,000.01 and 55,500	3,250	3,250.01 and 4,625
5	45,682	45,682.01 and 65,009	3,807	3,807.01 and 5,418
6	52,364	52,364.01 and 74,518	4,364	4,364.01 and 6,210
7	59,046	59,046.01 and 84,027	4,921	4,921.01 and 7,003
8	65,728	65,728.01 and 93,536	5,478	5,478.01 and 7,795
For each additional household member, add	+ 6,682	+ 6,682 and +9,509	+ 557	+ 557 and + 793

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price meals or free milk for children in a household where one or more household members receive FoodShare, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, list the FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 case number, program name, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals or free milk of households not receiving FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 cash benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, total number of household members, and the adult signing the application form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the box to the right of "Check if no SSN". Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal and free milk policy Kristi Strenn, Determining Official, Reedsville School District, PO Box 340, Reedsville, WI 54230 will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: *Michael Nate, Superintendent, Reedsville School District*, PO Box 340, Reedsville, WI 54230, 920-754-4341 x400.

If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals or free milk if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above, and they may reapply at that time.

Children formally placed in foster care are also eligible for free meal benefits. Foster children may be certified as eligible without a household application. Households with foster children and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income available to the foster child, on the same application that includes their non-foster children.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 limits the release of student free and reduced price school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs. Consent of the parent/guardian is needed for other purposes such as waiver of textbook fees.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email: Program.Intake@usda.gov

Important Dates to note:

Open House	Thursday, August 31	3:00-7:00 PM
First Day of School	Tuesday, September 5	
District Wide Teacher Conferences	Thursday, November 9	3:30-7:00 PM
District Wide Teacher Conferences	Monday, November 13	3:30-7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 - 24	
Christmas Break	December 25 - January 1	
Spring/Easter Break	March 25 - April 1	
District Wide Teacher Conferences	Thursday, April 4	3:30-7:00 PM
District Wide Teacher Conferences	Monday, April 8	3:30-7:00 PM
Graduation	Friday, May 24	7:00 PM
Last Day of School	Thursday, May 30	

For a detailed calendar regarding all of our important dates please visit

<https://www.reedsville.k12.wi.us/district/calendar.cfm>

You will find the full school year calendar for 2023/2024 located in the box on the right.

For up-to-date information on school activities check the Reedsville School's master calendar at <https://www.reedsville.k12.wi.us/district/calendar.cfm>

Aftercare

Our Aftercare program is available to all students in 3k-6th grade. It will be held after school until 5:30 PM everyday school is in session. The cost is \$3 per child per day. For more information and to sign up, please contact Melissa Zipperer at mzipperer@reedsville.k12.wi.us.

Cub Care Days

Cub Care will be available for Elementary students during Staff Professional Development Days from 8:00am - 3:00pm. These are non-instructional days filled with a variety of activities. An email and text will be sent out before each Cub Care day with a form that is required for signing up. No walkins on the day of Cub Care will be allowed. Lunch is not provided. Bussing is available (for those normally bussed) but only if you request it on the sign up form. Please be aware that the times for bussing will also be different from regular school day bus times.

Watch for an email or text regarding signing up for the following Cub Care Days. The notification/sign up will be sent out before each Cub Care Day.

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 15
- February 16
- March 11
- May 6

Back To School Information

GATE ADMISSION

Adults \$5.00
 Students/Senior Citizens \$2.00
 (students age 6-grade 12)
 Ages 5 and under FREE

HOME SEASON PASSES

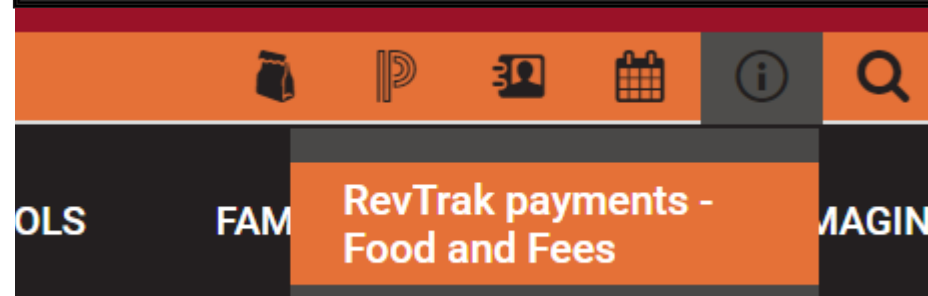
Good for all home athletic events
 (excluding WIAA tournaments)
 Students \$25.00
 Adults \$40.00
 Senior Citizens FREE

BIG EAST ATHLETIC PASSES

Students/Senior Citizens \$35.00
 (elementary-HS students and residents
 60 years or older)
 Adults \$85.00
 Family \$180.00
 (parents & children HS age & younger)



Would you like to pay for school fees and lunch on line?
 Visit <https://reedsvilleschools.revtrak.net/>



RevTrak payments - Food and Fees

Student Fees
 K-4 :\$15.00 fee
 Gr. 5-12: \$25.00 fee

Yearly fees cover the cost of general classroom consumables. Students are asked to pay all their fees at once. No Athletic Participation fees will be charged this school year.

Medication Administration

Any students needing medication during the course of a school day must have a Parent/Guardian Medication Consent form with Physicians Order for Administration on file in the office prior to school personnel being able to administer medication to your child. Forms can be picked up in the office. Medications must be kept in their original containers.

Medical Conditions

Parents are asked to notify the School Nurse if your child has a medical condition such as allergies, asthma, etc. so that the appropriate personnel can more effectively support students coping with these conditions. This information will be kept confidential.

Breakfast/Lunch

Elementary Breakfast \$2.00
 Elementary Lunch \$3.00

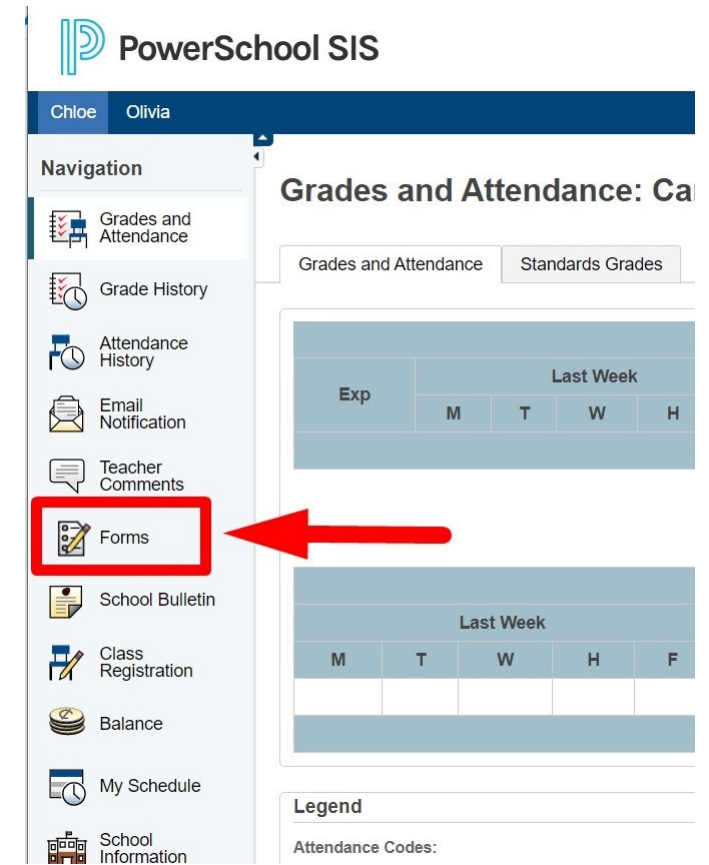
Jr/Sr High Breakfast \$2.50
 Jr/Sr High Lunch \$3.50

2nds for Lunch Entrees are available at \$1.50
 Extra milk \$0.35
 Milk break \$30/semester

Important...How to Keep in Contact

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Please go into your Parent Portal at <https://reedsville.powerschool.com/public/> and update your information at any point there is a change, especially before the beginning of the school year. We want to have the most up to date information on your child. If you are unsure how to access your forms please call Tara Taddy at 920-754-4341 ext 106 or ttaddy@reedsville.k12.wi.us.



Parent Notifications

The Reedsville School District keeps in touch with families regarding important information (i.e.: snow days, emergencies, sign ups, newsletters, etc) by sending out texts and emails using a system tied to PowerSchool. In order to receive these you need to make sure that your phone number and email are up-to-date in PowerSchool. There are three steps to make keeping in touch possible.

1. Please go into your PowerSchool parent portal and update anything that has changed (see above information). Only those that have updated information will be receiving the texts and emails.
2. It is also VERY important that you send the word YES to 67587 from your cell phone to opt-in.
3. Make sure you and/or your phone do not block 67587. That is the number that will show up as the contact sending you texts.