

September 24, 2020

October 9 - Picture Retake Day - Students who did not have their photo taken on Registration Day will have their photo taken and will receive their student id card on this date.

State Face Covering Order Extended - see attached statement from Wayne Weber, Superintendent.

Free School Lunch - USDA Extends Federal School Meal Plan Waivers - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it will extend federal school meal waivers until December 31, 2020. According to the USDA, this means the free meal program we ran last spring can continue operating as funding allows. The Rosendale-Brandon School District applied for and was granted a waiver that will allow the District to offer free lunch to all students, regardless of income or enrollment, through the end of 2020 “as funding allows.” See attached document for more information.

Apparel Sale - The Laconia Business Department is having an apparel sale from now until September 25th. Orders will be in on October 12th and will be distributed as quickly as possible. See attached flyer for more information or go to: <https://laconiafall2020.itemorder.com/sale>. All funds raised will go to the Laconia Locker.

Chromebook Insurance Enrollment Extended

ATTENTION, ALL LACONIA STUDENTS: Please be advised that enrollment for Chromebook insurance coverage through Worth Ave Group has been extended and will end on **September 30, 2020**. Chromebook insurance coverage is valid from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021 and must be reapplied for annually. Insurance coverage is not included with the Chromebook fee. The insurance policy covers accidental damage (drops & spills), cracked screens, vandalism, liquid damage, fire, flood & natural disasters as well as power surge by lightning but does not cover

manufacturer defects, mechanical failure, standard wear and tear, cosmetic damage or unexplained loss and theft. More information regarding Chromebook insurance can be found on the RBSD website at https://www.rbsd.us/?page_id=633 To enroll, please go to the insurance portal at <https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/gpo/rbsd/>

When enrolling, the “device id number” is the number that can be found on the sticker on the bottom of the Chromebook, e.g. LAC-2019-001, L20-3100-001; it is NOT the serial number. The device model number is also found on the bottom of the Chromebook, e.g. Dell 3100, etc.

Any Questions? Please contact Heidi Kopf, District Technology Support Specialist, kopfhei@rbsd.k12.wi.us or 920-872-5322

Changes to Parent/Teacher Conferences

Throughout the past few months we have made numerous adjustments to how we design and deliver educational opportunities to our students. We have also changed how we engage in professional development activities and meetings with our staff. We are doing as much teaching and learning as possible utilizing technology that will allow the opportunity for us to engage in conversations and sharing ideas and resources, while limiting physical engagement with varied groups of people.

With this practice in mind, we are changing how we are engaging in Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. Our conferences, which were scheduled to take place from 4:00-7:30 p.m. October 5 (K-12), October 13 (K-5), and November 9 (6-12), will not take place. Instead of those designated dates and times, our teachers will be reaching out to families during October and November to set up opportunities to meet virtually or via a phone call. We believe this will allow for the opportunity to talk about your child(ren)'s progress and address questions or concerns.

While this is very different from how we've done things in the past, our experience is telling us that different is sometimes preferred. An example of this was our registration day this past summer. We've never asked families to sign up for a time prior to this year. The responses we heard from parents regarding registration were overwhelmingly in favor of repeating this process every year. We hope the same holds true for this change in how we are handling conferences.

More information will be forthcoming from your child(ren)'s teacher and / or school building. Watch your parent email for details.

Fond du Lac County Health Department Influenza Clinics - the Fond du Lac County Health Department will NOT be offering flu vaccinations at each individual school in the county this year. Instead, they will be holding three drive-thru clinics throughout Fond du Lac County to more efficiently immunize children. For additional information see attached letter from the Fond du Lac County Health Department.

Virtual Parents/Students: A reminder that if you are out sick and/or have an appointment for the day, or a portion of the day, you need to report that absence to the high school office, 872-2161.

Student Attendance Virtual Learner vs In-Person Learner

One thing we've been experiencing is parents of students attending school in person calling in to excuse their children for being absent for various reasons and stating their children will "just attend virtually for the day." Please know that if your child is scheduled to attend school in person, he/she will be marked absent when not attending in person. This is the case for a variety of reasons. One is that not all our classes are set up for virtual delivery. Another is due to the sheer management of attendance of over 1,000 students. When taking attendance, our staff are looking for those students who are present in person and those who are officially designated "virtual learners." Those in-person learners who elect to attend virtual for a day, or a portion of the day here and there, will be marked absent, whether or not they attended virtually.

Prior to the start of the school year, we asked parents to select whether their children would be attending school in person or virtually. Our hope was to provide families with a choice that would meet their comfort level. We asked families to make that decision so our staff could prepare accordingly as there are a number of factors that come into play when planning and delivering instruction remotely.

Since school started, we have had a number of families who originally selected the virtual option change their minds and now those students are attending in person. We've also had a few families elect to change from in person to virtual. We've done our best to accommodate those changes. While we want to be flexible for our families, our desire is to not have students bouncing from virtual to in person and vice versa. This is not ideal for the student, the student's classmates, or our staff as it makes planning difficult.

We know attendance is an important factor in the success of our students. Another important factor is our ability to plan and deliver effective instruction. Our hope is that consistency in student attendance will allow us to plan and deliver instruction more effectively. Thank you for your understanding.

Virtual Wisconsin Education Fair! Calling all Juniors and interested students! Normally, we would have had the chance to attend the "WEF" (Wisconsin Education Fair) in person, but this year it is being offered virtually on a few different days. By attending, you can interact with over 150 colleges, universities. or military branches. You must register on your own to attend. This is a FREE event! Check out these links to learn more!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaOXWLzjviA&feature=youtu.be>

- Link to register: <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/wefs>

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The Eldorado Emergency Medical Responders are holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on September 27, for more information see attached flyer.