

The Roadrunner

Rickard School Newsletter
October 2020

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RICKARD ROCKS! Therefore we are:
Respectful and Responsible. We Own our own actions.
We Choose to learn. We show Kindness to everyone.
We believe that Safety comes first.

Dates to Remember:

Oct 1	Battle of the Books Begins
Oct 4 - 10	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 7	Early Out @ 2:00
Oct 7	PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course
Oct 12-16	WHS Homecoming Week
Oct 15	End of 1 st 9-weeks
Oct 15	Fundraiser @ Taco John's, 5:00-7:00 PM
Oct 21	Report Cards made available
Oct 22 - 23	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Oct 26 - 30	Book Fair
Oct 26-29	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 27 & 29	K-Grade 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 29	Halloween Parties @ 2:00
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends

Keep Our Children Safe

When dropping off or picking up students, try to be in the lane **closest to the school** so that your children **do not** have to cross a lane of traffic to enter the building or when they exit the building.

If your vehicle is not on the school-side of the street, encourage your child to **use the closest crosswalk** to cross the street. This is especially important as we get into fall and winter and it's still dark outside when kids are coming to school. We do not want any child accidentally hit by a car because they could not be seen when crossing the street. Thank you for your help



Visitors and Masks

Any visitors to Rickard **MUST** wear a mask. Visitors will only be able to enter the Door #1 entryway. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no visitors will be allowed in the hallways.

Early Out Days

During the 2020-2021 school year, we will have an Early Out Day **the first Wednesday of every month**. Students will be released at 2:00 while the teachers have professional development sessions. The Early Out in October will be October 7th.

October Birthdays

5	Bryson Semingson	20	Aliah Edwards
9	Ashton Engh	20	Madison Harshbarger
9	Haines Stephenson	24	Max A
10	Maren Graupe	24	Diego Briseno
10	Mason Graupe	25	Raya Isenhower
11	Madeleine Stiles	25	Kruz Poeckes
12	Sadie Funkhouser	27	Myles Michelson
12	Juliette Martinez	27	Abigail Newport
12	Grady Sorenson	28	Bennett Groce
13	Kiarra Clausen	31	Lane Llewellyn
18	Melanie Grimes		

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Be On Time!

School starts at **8:15**. Please make every effort to have your children here **on time**. Late students disrupt the class and the morning schedule for everyone. Being on time also teaches **responsibility**, which is a positive asset that everyone needs to learn in life. **Students are considered late if they are not in their classrooms at 8:20.**

With our enhanced security on the front door at Rickard, late students disrupt everyone's schedule. **Please be on time!**



Picture Retakes



Picture retakes will be taken on **Monday, November 16th at Rickard School**. If your child was missing on September 29th when

photos were taken, they should have their photo taken on November 16th. If anyone wants to have their photos retaken, **bring your original packet of photos to the photographer on November 16th.**

2019-2020 Rickard Yearbooks

We have extra 2019-2020 Rickard yearbooks available for sale for \$15. They are in color and are a wonderful keepsake. Contact the Rickard office to get one, first come, first served. Checks should be payable to Rickard Activity Account.

Library Book Fair

Dates: October 26-30 during Parent/Teacher Conference week

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Book Fair will be a little different this year. We will have books available for students to purchase during the week, but we are limiting students touching the books. Students will make a wish list to bring home to share with you. Parents can then either pay online or send a check with the student. More details will be given to students and parents as we get closer to the dates.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books will begin October 1st for 3rd and 4th graders. Lists of the books to be read will be given to students during the month of October. We are excited to begin reading the many books that will be offered.

Food Pantry Available

The Williston School District #1 has access to a Food Pantry. If your family is in need of food, contact the Rickard counselor, Mrs. Mock.

Inform The Office

Please inform the office if you change your address, telephone number, work phone, or have a new emergency phone number. Parents can notify the school of a child's absence using **School Messenger**. The website is www.go.schoolmessenger.com. The toll-free phone number is 1-844-562-5919.

Label Clothing/Lost & Found

Please mark your child's items (jackets, backpacks, etc.) **with at least initials**. That way, we can get those items back to your child if they are accidentally left at school. Our Lost & Found is located east of the office.

Mr. Klassen's Corner

Roadrunner News! October 2020

I can't believe it's October already!! The beauty of fall is here! Leaves are changing colors and days are getting cooler! Personally, fall is my favorite time of the year, as the landscape is showered with an array of colors. The cooler days will require students to dress differently, as the classrooms may sometimes be a little cooler. An extra sweatshirt or sweater may be a good choice, as sometimes it gets warm in the afternoon and the students can remove it if so desired. The Lost and Found is already starting to fill up, hence if your child is missing something please let me know.

The 2020/2021 school year has brought significant changes, however Rickard Elementary is off to a very successful start. Students and staff are making the best of the changes; however, it'll be nice to get back to "normal"!

The end of the first quarter is drawing near, as it's October 15th. If you have any questions concerning your child, please call or email the student's teacher. These options aren't optimal; but a meaningful conversation can occur. Parent/Teacher conferences are currently being discussed and you can expect a type of communication from your child's teacher soon.

Rickard Elementary will be practicing various emergency drills, as to become familiar with procedures. Please ensure your contact information (home and cell phone numbers) are up to date in PowerSchool. Williston Public Schools will use the automated calling/texting/emailing system, and the district website features in PowerSchool to communicate with parents during a crisis. Depending on the circumstance, Rickard Elementary may need to evacuate the school. Rickard's evacuation site has been established; however, it won't be publicized prior to an emergency to maintain student safety. We will inform you the time and place to pick up your child through the district communication channels. During the unification process parents and

emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up a student, however identification will be required before a student is released. Parents and/or guardians, it's imperative during an emergency not to call or come to Rickard Elementary, as streets, parking areas, and phone lines need to be open for emergency responders and inner-district communication. When a crisis occurs, parents/guardians want to ensure their child's safety; however, please restrain from calling the student's apple watch or cell phone, as teachers will be providing procedures for the students to follow, which will keep the students as safe as possible.

Drop off and pick-up times at Rickard have been going well; but, remember drive extra cautiously and obey the rules of the road, as it's a difficult task navigating through a school zone when there's an increased amount of traffic. **PLEASE, DO NOT** stop in the middle of the street to drop off or pick up your child, as this practice is extremely dangerous and increases the likelihood of an accident occurring! Our children are precious, hence slow down, pay attention, and ensure the safety of students, as they travel to and from school. Something else to keep in mind is when a school bus is stopped with flashing lights and the stop sign showing, it's illegal to pass them. Please, wait patiently while the bus safely loads its riders.

Happy Fall!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rickard "**ROCKS**" is our Positive Behavior Intervention System, which stands for:

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We **O**wn our own actions.

We **C**hoose to learn.

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Respectfully,

Kevin Klassen
Principal



Halloween Parties



Halloween parties will be held in each classroom at 2:00 on

October 29th. Juice will be provided by the Rickard PTO. Please remember that **face masks** and **Halloween make-up** are **not allowed** at school. Everyone is still expected to wear a face covering due to Covid-19. Colored hair spray is allowed.

Rickard Clothing

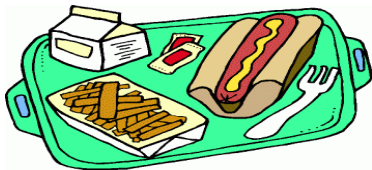


For those who ordered Rickard clothing in September, our orders should come the first part

of October.

Orders can still be placed until Thursday, October 22. Order online at spiritandpride.com or call 800-854-4452. Rickard's ID number is **3797**. Any orders placed between September 18th and October 22nd will go to production on October 22nd. The clothing will then be shipped to Rickard approximately two weeks later.

Free Meals for Students



Beginning September 3rd, breakfast and lunch is **FREE** to all WPSD #1 students.

The USDA has

granted a waiver extension for free meals through December 2020. This means **ALL** students in WPSD #1 will receive free breakfasts and lunches through December 18, 2020, regardless of their free/reduced status, if they choose to do so.

You may continue to fill out free and reduced applications to ensure that your status will remain in January 2021. If you have already filled out an application and been considered reduced or denied, you will not be charged for meals until January 2021.

Any money on your student's account will remain until charges begin again on January 4th, 2021.

In Time for Breakfast

If your child is eating breakfast at school, make sure they get here no later than **8:00** so they have plenty of time to eat. They should be **done eating by 8:15** so they can be in their classroom by 8:20.



Up- to-date on Immunizations

In cooperation with the Upper Missouri District Health Unit, and the State of North Dakota Century Code 33-06-05, **all students MUST be up-to-date on their immunizations, or claim an exemption by October 1st each school year.** If a student is not up-to-date on their immunizations, or has failed to file an exemption, the student will be excluded from school and school sponsored activities until the requirements are met.

PTO News

The next PTO Meeting is **Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM** at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course, located at 6401 3rd Ave East. Everyone is welcome.

The PTO will sponsor a fundraiser at Taco John's on Thursday, October 15th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. More information will follow closer to that date.

School Arrival

Doors to Rickard Elementary open at 7:30 AM. The cooks start serving breakfast at 7:40. When parents drop off students in the morning, students must come in the building. They cannot wait outside.

Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 26th – 29th. The 2020 theme is “**Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free**”.

Students and staff are invited to participate in a week of spirit to celebrate your choice to be drug and alcohol free.

Monday, Oct 26: “I’m a JEAN-ius, I’m Drug Free!”

Wear jeans.

Tuesday, Oct 27: “Our School is Teaming Up Against Drugs!”

Wear Rickard shirts or the Rickard school colors of purple and white.

Wednesday, Oct 28: “Too Bright for Drugs!”

Wear bright colors.

Thursday, Oct 29: “RED-y to Live a Drug-Free Life!”

Wear red clothing.

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday,

November 1st at 2:00 AM. **Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.**

Fresh Fruits & Veggies

Rickard Elementary School qualified for the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant this school year. Starting October 7th, the students will be served a fresh fruit or vegetable each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This is free to the students. On the monthly lunch menu, the fruit or vegetable that will be served is listed under “FFVP”.

Save These, Please!



Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to collect “Box Tops for Education”.

Box tops can be turned into the office or to the classroom teachers anytime during the school year. The Box Top mobile app can be used to scan your store receipt. Learn more at boxtops4education.com

PTO volunteers compile all of these items. It helps immensely if a person will cut out the box tops before sending them to school. That way, the PTO volunteer doesn't have to take time to cut around all of them.

Cash Wise Foods sponsors the MORE School Rewards program to help schools raise money. It runs September 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. It does not run over the summer. Go to www.moreRewards.com to sign up and designate Rickard Elementary as your preferred school.

The money we get from these programs is used for supplies, materials, and other items to improve Rickard and the students' educational opportunities.

End of the First Nine Weeks

The first nine weeks period ends on Thursday, October 15th. Report cards will be available on **Wednesday, October 21st.**

One Per Family

When sending home correspondence such as newsletters, lunch menus, meeting notices, schedule changes, etc., they are sent “**one per family**”. Therefore, families that have more than one child attending Rickard, items are sent home with the **oldest** child. Please be sure to check with the oldest sibling to ensure that you are receiving this information.