

The promise of Rush City Schools is to create global citizens who are lifelong learners.



Tiger Tails



Fifth graders at CE Jacobson Elementary celebrated the holidays with bowling at Chucker's.

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Rush City Schools



Superintendent

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Dear Rush City Schools Community,

As we usher in the new year, I extend a warm welcome to each and every member of our dedicated community. With 2024 upon us, I am optimistic that this year will bring forth numerous opportunities for growth, learning, and collaboration within our school district and surrounding communities.

One noteworthy development on the horizon is the addition of Mr. Rory Roth to our esteemed Board of Education. Rory's commitment to our community has been evident through his attendance at board meetings and his active effort to familiarize himself with the intricacies of our district over the past several months. We are pleased to officially welcome Rory as he embarks on his journey as a valuable member of the school board. His contributions will undoubtedly play a role in the ongoing success of Rush City Schools.

As we navigate the winter season, it is essential to stay mindful of the unique challenges that come with the colder months. With the anticipation of snow, I would like to remind everyone to take note of some basic winter precautions. Keep an eye out for early morning calls and potential cancellations due to inclement weather. Safety is our top priority, and we want to ensure that all community members are informed and prepared.

Additionally, with the winter wonderland setting in, it's time to embrace the various outdoor activities that come with the season. Whether it's snowmobiling, ice fishing, skating, skiing, or snowboarding, remember to prioritize safety. Be cautious of your surroundings, dress appropriately for the weather, and engage in these activities responsibly. By doing so, we can all enjoy the beauty and excitement that winter has to offer while keeping safety at the forefront.

In closing, let us approach this new year with a sense of optimism, unity, and a commitment to the continued success of Rush City Schools. Together, we can create an environment where every student thrives, and our community flourishes.

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous 2024!

Warm regards,

Superintendent Brent Stavig
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Rush City High School



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Happy New Year Rush City Families,

Wishing you and your families a year full of fun, joy, and happiness!

Cell Phone Policy and the “Why”

Rush City High School changed its cell phone policy over the summer. Since making the change we have seen the following positives:

- Increased participation in class
- Students are more engaged in class
- Less time spent on redirections
- Fewer interruptions during classroom instruction
- Students are socializing more with each other, including during passing time
- Less negative social media behavior during school hours

A good read, to learn more, is the book [Glow Kids by Nicholas Kardaras](#).

In this book, you can learn about the addiction to screen time/technology along with the potential connections with mental health conditions.



Here is the cell phone policy:

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CHROMEBOOKS

Electronic devices may be brought to school. ***Students must take personal responsibility for all devices brought to school. RCHS is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.***

Rush City High School (RCHS) values a continued commitment to teaching and learning. To that end, the staff of RCHS continually strives to minimize disruptions that may occur during class time. While we support technology and the use of technology, we also recognize the need to take the opportunity to maintain order through the regulation of all electronic devices including cell phones.

Cell phones and personal electronic devices(gaming devices, watches, etc) are not allowed in classrooms or to be used during class time. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned rules will result in the following consequences:

1. On the first offense, the device is confiscated until the end of the school day when it will be returned. The student is responsible for picking up the device.
2. On the second offense, the device is confiscated for a minimum of 24 hours. A parent/guardian is responsible for picking up the device during school hours but after the confiscated time. 1 period of detention/restorative practice is assigned to the student.

3. On the third offense, the device will be shut off and confiscated for a minimum of 48 hours. A parent/guardian is responsible for picking up the device during school hours but after the confiscated time. 2 periods of detention are assigned.
4. On the fourth offense and subsequent offenses, the device will be shut off and confiscated for a minimum of 72 hours. A parent/guardian is responsible for picking up the device during school hours but after the confiscated time. A half day of ISS will be assigned.
5. After the fourth offense, the student will not be allowed to bring the device back into the building for the remainder of the school year.

Responsible use – Students may have and use electronic devices before and after school, during passing time or lunch, and when the instructor has requested permission from the administration to use personal devices in their classroom for a project. No videotaping or audio recording will be allowed at any time without staff permission and/or written permission if someone else is being recorded.

Bathroom Vandalism/Behavior:

We are seeing an alarming amount of inappropriate behavior and vandalism in our student bathrooms. Please talk with your students about the importance of respecting school property and reporting if they see vandalism or other actions that go against school rules. Information was added to the daily student announcements and an email was sent out. Staff took some time to talk to students about this before winter break and the administration will address this during class meetings this month.

If students do not feel comfortable coming to the office to make a report, they can email Mr. Connors or me. Students can also use the “See Something, Say Something” form available on our high school website as a convenient and confidential way to report potentially disruptive activities such as harassment, bullying, drug or alcohol abuse, or threats to personal or school safety. Please click this [LINK](#), it will take you right to our page. The safety and social-emotional well-being of our students and staff continue to remain a top priority.

Biggest Buck Contest Participants

Jocelyn Fletcher
Kellen Gorman
Troy Berg
Tucker Sieling
Lucas Diedrich
Urijah Stich
Maddox Knutson
Nolan Winberg



CONGRATULATIONS! Each student who submitted their picture was entered into a drawing for some great prizes! Students- Make sure to check your email.

Substitutes for Paraprofessionals and Substitute Teachers:

We need substitutes. If you are interested in learning more about the requirements and “how-tos” of subbing please contact me and I can help you with the process. For paraprofessionals, you need a high school diploma/GED and for substitute teaching, you need a four-year degree.

HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS

The High School has part-time and full-time paraprofessional openings: [APPLY HERE](#)



[Click HERE to access ParentVUE](#)

This provides access to your student's schedule, grades, and basic school information.

For assistance with ParentVUE please email office staff:

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As always, thank you for your continued support. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns

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Hey, Look! It's Santa and his friends!

High school students, dressed as our favorite holiday characters, brought festive cheer to the elementary school before the start of Winter Break. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, along with a delightful ensemble featuring Frosty the Snowman, a couple of busy elves, Santa's reindeer, and even our Rush City Tiger, visited with the younger students, spreading the joy and excitement of the holiday season. The cast of characters created lasting memories, fostering a warm and festive atmosphere as the elementary students prepared for their winter break.



Junior High Choir performs at The Estates at Rush City

The Junior High Choir presented a concert of classical choral music and Holiday music for the residents and staff at The Estates at Rush City on Thursday, December 14, 2023, during their choir hour.

"The singers really stepped up and did a super job at the concert," Mr. Montzka, choir director, indicated. The choir performed music in Latin and English.



Spreading Holiday Cheer

On December 22, 2023, the Rush City High School Jazz Band and Jazz Choir presented a concert of Holiday music for the students attending CE Jacobson Elementary School. The concert concluded with the Jazz Band and Choir leading the elementary students in singing Holiday music favorites.

The Band and Choir then traveled throughout Rush City spreading Holiday cheer. The Band and Choir performed at Rush Oaks Apartments, The Estates, the Rusheba Station at the Chisago County City Senior Center both on the second-floor level and on the ground-floor level, and Unity Bank. There were many smiles among the wonderful residents and staff at the facilities visited.



CE Jacobson Elementary



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Together, we are better for our children, families, our community, and each other. 😊

January is a time of renewal and excitement! It can be hard for students to return to school after a long break, but we are excited to have them back!

Here are some very important and helpful tips as we support our learners during the long winter months and throughout the rest of the school year:

HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE CHOICES

It is helpful to limit the following food choices for students and please do not send them to school:

The school “no-no” list for safety reasons and learning loss risk:

- Energy Drinks
- Caffeinated Drinks
- Candy / Sugary Foods (save these for special occasions at school only)

According to UCLA's Dr. Garcia, these can include side effects such as increases in heart rate and blood pressure, jitters, and insomnia, quickly followed by a crash. Depending on the frequency with which they consume energy drinks, adolescents can develop a dependence on that high.



These Foods/Beverages + Trying to Learn at School = A Bad Idea

You'll save a lot of money by avoiding sending these things to school! Win-win!

HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Lack of sleep is causing a great deal of difficulty in our students' lives and we wanted to encourage you to start the new year off right with some healthier habits!

According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine:

Children 3 to 5 years of age should sleep **10 to 13 hours** per 24 hours (including naps) regularly to promote optimal health.

Children 6 to 12 years of age should sleep **9 to 12 hours** per 24 hours regularly to promote optimal health.

When students don't get enough sleep, they struggle in school. We see sleep-deprived students struggle with:

- Moodiness and decreased self-regulation
- Decreased organizational skills
- Decreased problem-solving ability
- Decreased productivity and task completion
- Memory loss and difficulty making academic gains
- Increased behavioral issues

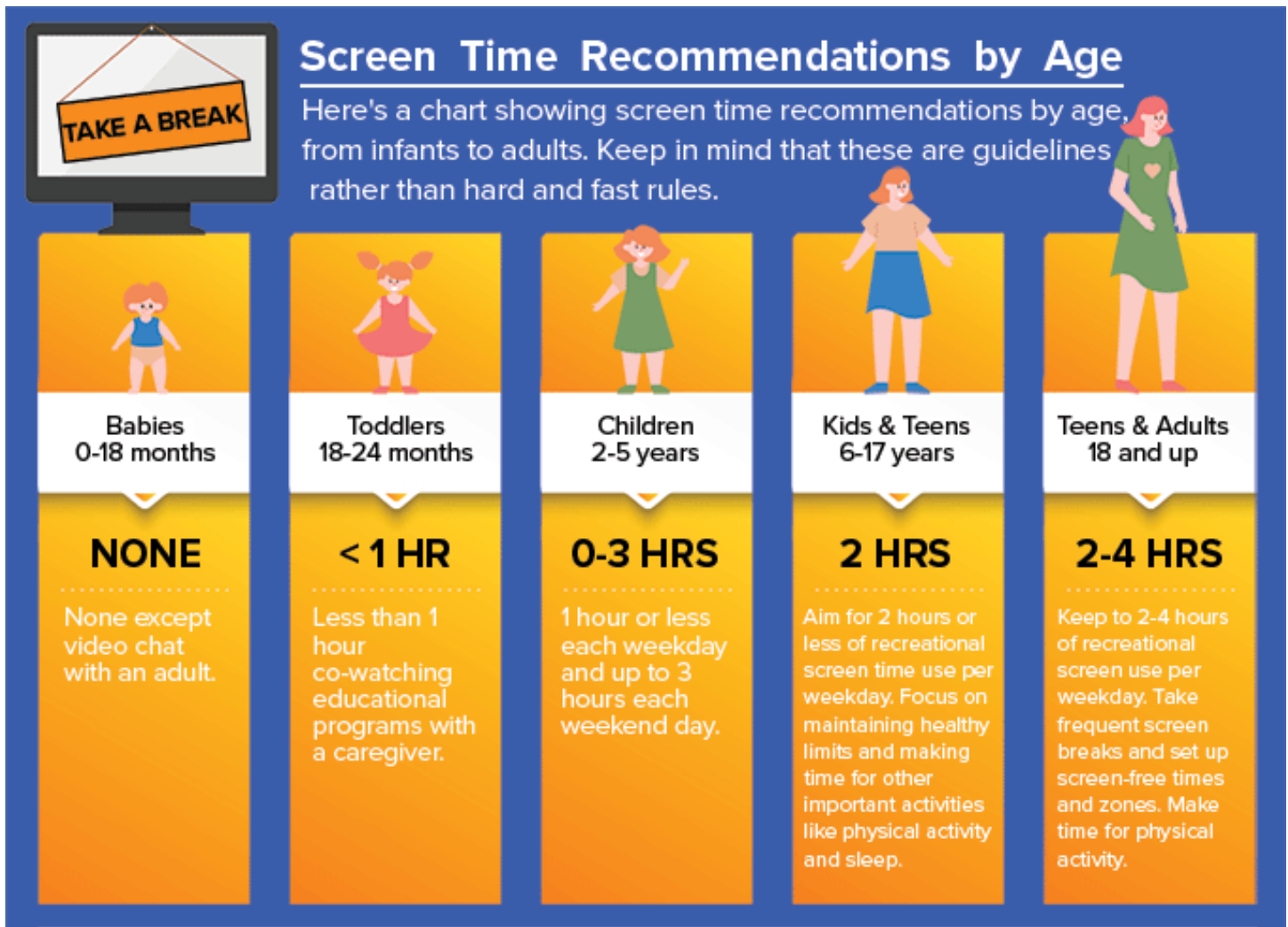


CLICK BELOW FOR A HELPFUL ARTICLE ON SETTING BETTER SLEEP HABITS FOR STUDENTS!

<https://www.understood.org/articles/grade-school-child-sleep-tips-schedule>

REDUCE SCREEN TIME

Source: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 2022



The Negative Effects of Too Much Screen Time for Our Students Include:

- Severe sleep problems and sleep deprivation
- Reduced academic performance and reduced test scores
- Emotional instability and dysregulation
- Inability to manage emotions
- Anxiety and depression
- Behavioral problems and at times, "fits" and "rage"
- Increased peer disturbances and damaged relationships through social media

Winter Dress Procedure at C.E. Jacobson Elementary.

Please make sure your child is coming to school with appropriate winter gear. If you don't have certain items please let us know and we can help. We have items that we can give away as well as loan out from day to day.

Updated Student Recess Dress Code Zero Degrees or Below = Inside Recess Under 40 Degrees and Snow/Ice/Wet

K-2

Required: Boots, Snow pants, Hats, Mittens/Gloves, Jacket

If no boots or snow pants- Students must play on paved areas only.

If no jacket- Students will have to borrow a loaner.

*Students may self-regulate body temp when playing by unzipping a jacket, but not taking it off.

3-4

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If no boots- Students must play on paved areas only.

If no jacket- Students will have to borrow from a loaner.

*Students may self-regulate body temp when playing by unzipping a jacket, but not taking it off.

5-6

Required: Jackets and hats/hoods of some kind are required- loaners are always available.

If students do not / will not wear mittens or gloves, that will have to be a natural consequence- they will have cold hands and hopefully choose to wear them. If students do not wear boots, they are limited to playing only on the paved areas.

REMINDER: When calling with changes in student dismissal or transportation changes, please remember to call the office as early as possible at 320-358-4724. Any emails to teachers may not be seen in time in the afternoons as they're busy teaching. You can email ksarago@rushcity.k12.mn.us and mkruse@rushcity.k12.mn.us with any changes as well. Emailing both secretaries is helpful if you cannot make a call, in case one is gone or tied up in other duties.

Be sure to keep your contact information updated throughout the year by calling our office to receive frequent and accurate updates, invitations, and information.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

Attendance and Punctuality

Students need to be in school whenever possible so as not to miss out on important learning. Refer to the chart on the left if children are ill or contact our school nurse at gcornelius@rushcity.k12.mn.us.

TARDINESS - we can help you problem-solve if you're having trouble getting your child to school. Please make sure students arrive on time as instruction begins right away in the day!



PE Reminder:

Please remember to send gym shoes with students on PE days.
Gym shoes are necessary to protect students from injury and to protect the gym floor.

If you do not have shoes or have trouble obtaining them—we can help! Contact the office.

Elementary Academic Testing

During this month, we collect mid-year data, which we refer to as “winter” assessments. This data is very important as it helps us determine students' progress and allows us to make individualized instructional decisions. These assessments do not take very long but do measure students' progress well. Students need to have adequate rest and routines during this time. If a student is absent due to illness, staff will be able to help him/her make up testing.

Schedule:

K-1: 1:1 testing scheduled from Jan 4-18, with make-up testing as needed.

READING test dates

2nd grade: Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m.
3rd grade: Jan. 10, 9:00 a.m.
4th grade: Jan 10, 10:20 a.m.
5th grade: Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.
6th grade: during Reading block

MATH test dates

2nd grade: Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m.
3rd grade: Jan. 18, 9:00 a.m.
4th grade: Jan 18, 10:20 a.m.
5th grade: Jan. 24, 12:15 p.m.

Important Dates (UPDATED)

No School for Students or Staff on January 15th

No School for Students on January 22nd (Staff In-service Day)

Upcoming Special Music performances:

Below is our elementary school concert calendar for the year. You will also receive updates throughout the year about many other special events and programs for our students and families! NEW THIS YEAR—We have added a new sound system for better-quality performances!

Grades 6-7 Band Winter Concert - Monday, February 5th, 2023 - 7:00p.m. - HS Theater

Grades 2-3 Music Program - Friday, February 9, 2024 - 9:30 OR 1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grade 4- 5 Music Program - Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 9:30am OR 1:45 pm - Elem. Gym

Grade 6 and Jr. High Choirs Root Beer Rag - Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Grades 6-7 - Bands Root Beer Rag - Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Student Festivities!



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Our school therapy dog joined in the festivities as well!



Activities



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Happy New Year Tigers!

This is a great time of the year to come and watch our students. Here are home activities that will be happening in January. For start times, please go to the [Events and Activities Calendar](#).

Girls Hockey (@ Pine City Civic Center): Thursday, January 4 Saturday, January 13 Tuesday, January 16 Tuesday, January 23	Boys Hockey (@ Pine City Civic Center): Thursday, January 11 Friday, January 19 Saturday, January 20 Thursday, January 25 Tuesday, January 30
Wrestling: January 19 (@ Braham High School)	Gymnastics (@ Rush City Aquatic Center): Friday, January 19
Girls Basketball (@ North Branch High School): Friday, January 5 Thursday, January 18 Tuesday, January 23 Thursday, January 25	Boys Basketball (@ RCHS): Tuesday, January 9 Friday, January 12 Tuesday, January 16 Friday, January 19 Tuesday, January 23 Saturday, January 27 Tuesday, January 30
Junior High Boys Basketball (@ Jacobson Elementary School): Thursday, January 18 Tuesday, January 23 Thursday, January 25	
One Act Play Performance: HS Theater Thursday, January 25 - 7:00 p.m.	

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Activity Notifications

Parents, make sure to opt-in to the Remind 101 app that your child's coach provides. If you do not know what it is, reach out to the coach and find out. This is a great way to get messages about practice and bus departure changes on short notice. Grandpas, grandmas, and community members can stay informed about schedule changes and notifications as well. Simply set up '[Notify Me](#)' through the events & activities calendar on the district's homepage.

1. Set up an account using your email address and create a password.
2. Choose all of the activities you would like to be alerted to.
3. Setup Notification Preferences
 - a. You can choose to get notifications of the upcoming events in the activities you choose.
 - b. You can choose to get notifications only when a scheduled event is changed.
4. Click "Save My Settings" and you are finished.

You can change your 'Notify Me' settings anytime by logging back into your account, making the changes, and saving the changes you make.

A promotional poster for 'Open Gym' at CE Jacobson Elementary. The background is a wooden basketball court floor. On the right, a basketball sits on a white court line. The text is bold and clear, announcing the event for grades 3-8th. The word 'OPEN' is in large, white, block letters, and 'Gym' is in a white, cursive script. The dates and location are in bold black text, and the times are underlined. The closing text is in bold black text.

**RUSH CITY YOUTH SPORTS CLUB IS A
PROUD SPONSOR**

OPEN
Gym

EVERY SUNDAY IN JAN AND FEB
6PM TO 730PM @ CE JACOBSON ELEMENTARY GYM

**GRADES 3-8TH ARE WELCOME
COME AND SHARPEN YOUR BASKETBALL
SKILLS BUT MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN!!**

High School Counseling

Happy New Year from the RCHS Counseling Offices!

There has been a long-standing request from students, parents, colleges, and counselors for updating the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The old FAFSA had more questions than many income tax forms, and even though I was rooting for the updated version that consisted of two questions ("What's the income of your household? How many people are in your household?"), the 36-or-so-question version that is supposed to be rolling out is a huge step in the right direction. It was supposed to be out on December 31, however, as we know how all new things can be delayed, we are yet waiting with bated breath for the big rollout. When it does happen, seniors, I will come into the classroom and show you how to fill it out and reach out to your parents.

Avoid the Winter Slump

It is hard to believe that it is January already! We know this month arrives with just coming out from a lot of holiday excitement and a bustle of activities. It is also a time when students have a tough time finding motivation for school.

Encourage your students to share what they are learning with you. Ask them to find ways how their schoolwork applies to their lives and the world around them. Talk about the future after high school and generate excitement about future careers.

Exploring Student Interest

Exploring interests can help students pick a future career. Set aside some time to complete the interest assessment with your teen to find out where their interests lie.

Explore this website to learn more and take a short, free interest survey.

Interest Assessment: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/interestAssessment.cfm>

For More Information: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1165>

We are looking forward to a great 2024 with all your students!

Cheers!

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Elementary Counseling

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great break from school! Hopefully, you all managed to get in some family time as well as some rest and relaxation. As we get back into the swing of things at school, it can be difficult to get back into a rhythm after taking a break for a while. Remember that it is okay to ease into things and to not put too much on your plate at once. In January, I will continue to see students on an individual basis as well as continue our second cycle of small groups. If you think your student would benefit from a check-in with me, feel free to send me an email!

Skill of the Month: Mindsets

Growth Mindset: Believing that your brain can grow and you can learn new things, learn from your mistakes

Fixed Mindset: Giving up when things get hard, saying “this is good enough”

For example... instead of thinking “I messed up,” think “mistakes help me grow” or instead of thinking “I’m not good at this,” think “how can I get better at this?”



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Backpack Food Program

CE Jacobson Elementary School has a backpack food program again this year that is administered by First Lutheran Church in Rush City and Family Pathways in North Branch. If you would like to contribute to this program, you can do so in a couple of ways:

- Send your donation to **Family Pathways in North Branch** with a note that it should be credited to the Rush City backpack program.
- If you donate fresh produce, \$1 per pound will be donated to our account if you specify our Rush City backpack program.



This year we have upwards of 70 bags of food going home weekly with students. **We would like to thank First Lutheran Church in Rush City for their faithful donations and commitment to the backpack program at CE Jacobson Elementary School.** Without their support, we would not be able to offer this program to our families.

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Welcome to 2024

Hope you all had a great break with family and friends!

We want parents to be reminded of some helpful tips to keep children healthy throughout the new year:

- **Wash hands frequently** to reduce the spread of germs - Teach them to keep their hands away from their face and to cough or sneeze into their arm or shoulder.
- **Get adequate sleep.** Children K-6th grade should get 9 to 11 hours of sleep each night. Sleep quality is known to be directly associated with behavior, eating habits, and the ability to fight off infections. Lack of sleep increases cravings for junk food and often results in mood swings, temper tantrums, and an increased risk of infection.
- **Exercise daily.** Help your child get 30 minutes of exercise daily. This will help promote better sleep, fight off infection, improve behavior, manage stress, and improve performance at school.
- **Reduce screen time.** This will help with improving sleep habits, better focus and brain function, decrease obesity, and lower risk of anxiety and depression.
- **Practice healthy eating habits and adequate hydration.** This helps boost immunity, supports healthy growth and brain development, strengthens bones, and helps achieve and maintain a healthy weight just to name a few.
- **Stay up-to-date on immunizations.**
- **Help your child deal with stress and anxiety.** School, sports, and social media can all be sources of stress and anxiety for your child. Monitor their social media use, communicate, and spend time with your child so they know they have a safe place and someone they can talk to if/when needed.
- **Schedule a school or sports physical annually.** School and sports physicals are a way to monitor your child's development, growth, and overall health each year.

Hope these tips will help you guide your child to have a healthy lifestyle.

If you have any questions please reach out.

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Katie Groh, Health Office Assistant

Early Childhood



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Do you have a child going to Kindergarten in the fall?

Are they currently enrolled in an early childhood program?

If not, we still have openings in our Monday through Thursday afternoon school readiness preschool program! Give your child the opportunity to experience coming to school in a smaller setting for a shorter amount of time. Preschoolers in this class eat lunch in the cafeteria and learn to follow ROAR expectations along with other academic and social-emotional skills. Click [here](#) for more information.

Winter ECFE classes are available!

Want to join other parents of 3 - 5 year-olds?

Openings are available in our weekly 3 - 5-year-old ECFE class. Come enjoy time with your child as they play, then spend time with other parents and a licensed parent educator to talk about parenting topics related to your child's age. Classes meet on Fridays from 9:45 to 11:15. Click [here](#) for more information!

Special events coming up:

Friday, January 12th - Winter Fun class

Tuesday, February 13th - Bowling for Books at Chucker's Bowl and Lounge

Do you have a child ages 3.5 - 5 who has not completed early childhood screening?

Appointments are available! Find more information [here](#).



Want to be one of the first to get Early Childhood information? Sign up to be on our mailing list [HERE!](#)

Looking for a way to help support Early Childhood Programming - check out our Amazon [wishlist!](#)

News & Information



Mr. Engel and Mr. Vaughan organized a new field trip for RCHS Honors 8th Graders and College English/World History II Students. The day started with a visit to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, where the Honors students enjoyed an exclusive tour of the Native American art galleries. Delving into a thoughtful exploration, they compared and contrasted the experiences of various Native American groups in America with indigenous peoples worldwide. An extra special touch was added with a tour of Jim Denomie's gallery, a renowned artist who happens to be the great uncle of two of our students!

Meanwhile, the college-level students embarked on an exciting scavenger hunt across the museum, seeking out art and artifacts from the diverse societies studied in their World History classes. The day reached its pinnacle as both groups gathered at the Guthrie Theater to watch an amazing performance of "A Christmas Carol." For many students, this marked their inaugural visit to both an art museum and a professional play, creating lasting memories. Everyone had a wonderful time! We are thankful for this wonderful opportunity that will surely be a tradition in years to come.

Unleashing Creativity with Super Artist: A Tiger Care Adventure

In a moment of inspiration, canvases and paint were provided for a special project with the Tiger Care kids. An artist known as Super Artist was enlisted to guide the creative session. From unclogging paint bottles to getting bouncy kids into aprons, the prelude was a comical chaos.

As Super Artist led the class, the magic unfolded. The participants discovered that everyone is an artist, mistakes are part of the process, and each artwork is a unique masterpiece. The lesson emphasized that creativity knows no bounds, leaving the Tiger Care participants embracing the idea that even a "mistake" can be a masterpiece in the world of art.



Elementary Art

Elementary Art Tie Blankets class made 11 tie blankets. They were donated to The Estates at Rush City nursing home. The kids enjoyed some holiday music, and hot chocolate and avoided the eggnog like the plague. It was a really fun and successful event! I have been asked if we can do more like this, so stay tuned for more community outreach crafts in the future.



Fun with Gingerbread Houses

This fifth-grade crew had a great time creating these incredible gingerbread houses. It looks like we have a group of future engineers at CE Jacobson Elementary!



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School Board Meetings

The Regular School Board Meetings are scheduled for the Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

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