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Judy Makovec Recognized as State Support Staff Person of the Year

Riverdale Elementary Secretary Judy Makovec was recently honored as the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance 2025 Support Staff Person of the Year at the October WiRSA conference held in Stevens Point.

Since beginning her career in 1959, Judy has been a cornerstone of the district, helping guide major transitions, including the move to a new high school, the consolidation of three communities into the Riverdale School District, and the centralization of K-8 students into one building.

Judy has worked alongside every Riverdale administrator since 1959, supporting staff, families, and students with professionalism, confidentiality, and care. Her ability to adapt through decades of change, while building strong relationships across generations, has made her a trusted and beloved presence in the community.

Judy began her 66th year in September, working for the Riverdale School District. Congratulations to Judy on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for her lifelong dedication to rural education in Wisconsin.

SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

4k-12	8:00 a.m.
4k-6	3:20 p.m.
7-12	3:25 p.m.

No School:

December 24 -
January 2 : Winter Break

January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 23 - Professional Development Day

End of 2nd Quarter
January 22

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SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our students, families, staff, and community for your continued partnership and support. December is always a meaningful time of year—a moment to reflect on our progress, celebrate our achievements, and look ahead to the opportunities the new year will bring.

This fall, our students have shown remarkable growth inside and outside the classroom. From academic accomplishments to artistic performances and athletic commitments, their hard work has been inspiring. I am equally proud of our staff, whose dedication, professionalism, and care continue to shape a school environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed.

As we approach winter break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments with family and friends. The second half of the school year brings many exciting learning experiences, and returning refreshed helps ensure a strong start in January.

We welcome over 50 alumni back to Riverdale for the 2nd Riverdale Alumni Day on Friday, December 5. This wonderful event blends the past of Riverdale with the current students. Riverdale is fortunate to have such a fantastic, supporting alumni base.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Riverdale School District. I am grateful for this community and look forward to all we will accomplish together in 2026. Wishing you a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday season.

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KINDERGARTEN THANKSGIVING GATHERING

The Riverdale Kindergarten continued the annual tradition of hosting a Thanksgiving gathering with family on Friday, November 21. Students put on a short program followed by a small meal with their families. It was a great event that has been a tradition in the district since the early 90's. Thank you Mrs. Salisbury, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Schneider for continuing this great community event.



Elementary Holiday Shop



All students in grades 4K-6 will have the opportunity to shop for loved ones in an on-site holiday shop this December 16th & 17th. All items will be \$1, and students may purchase an item for up to five people.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for this special event. We look forward to the start of a great tradition!

4K-5 Music Concert

The Riverdale Elementary Christmas music concert will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:30 in the RES Gymnasium. All parents and community members are welcome to attend this event!



SAVE THE DATE - RIVERDALE SHOWCASE NIGHT



On Thursday, March 19, the Riverdale School District will be host an event called "Riverdale Spotlight Night". This event will feature a free meal, performances and displays from the Riverdale Arts Department (music, drama, art, forensics), book fair and much more! Join us from 5-7 at the Riverdale Junior/Senior High School for a great night of celebrating the Riverdale School District!



Riverdale High School Receives Dual Credit Recognition

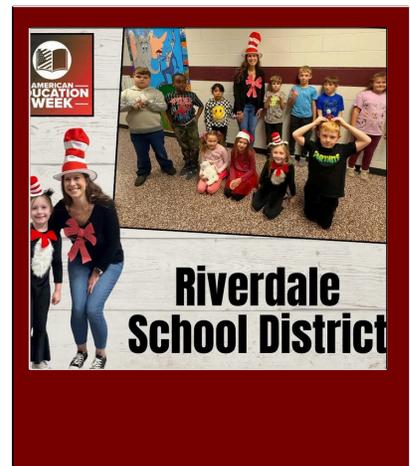
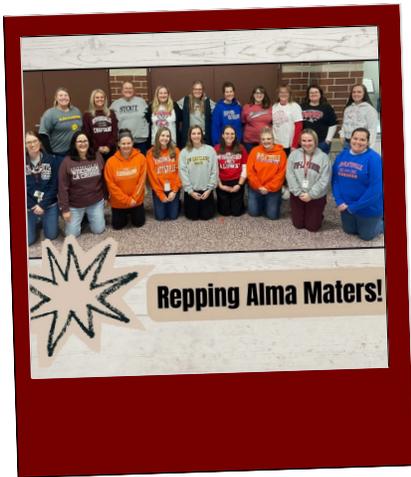
Riverdale High School achieved a Silver Level for the 2024-2025 academic school year through Southwest Technical College's dual credit recognition program. This recognition is a significant accomplishment and will be displayed on a banner that hangs in the entryway of the Junior/Senior High School.

In the 2024-2025 school year, 41% of Riverdale High School students participated in two or more dual credit programs up from 35% the previous year, including CollEDGE up, Start College Now, Transcribed Credit and 38.14 Contracted Courses. The district's dedication to expanding student opportunities has genuinely made a difference, and this achievement reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence.

In the recognition letter from Southwest Tech, Brianna Fortney, Career Prep and Dual Enrollment Coordinator, had the following to say, "At Southwest Tech, we deeply value the collaborative partnership we share with your district, staff, parents, supporters, and, most importantly, your students. Together we are empowering students across southwest Wisconsin to get a head start on their college journey by earning college credit while still in high school - saving them time and money as they work toward their future degrees.

We look forward to continuing this successful partnership and further supporting your students in their educational endeavors. Congratulations again on this well-served recognition!"

Riverdale has earned silver recognition for the third year after earning bronze in the program's first year. Riverdale continues to be an area leader in college and career development through dual credit opportunities and youth apprenticeships. DPI selected Riverdale again this year to mentor other districts in the state on college and career planning. Riverdale High School continues to receive recognition for its outstanding development of future leaders.



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