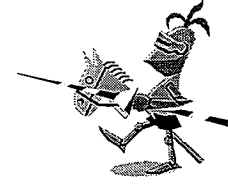




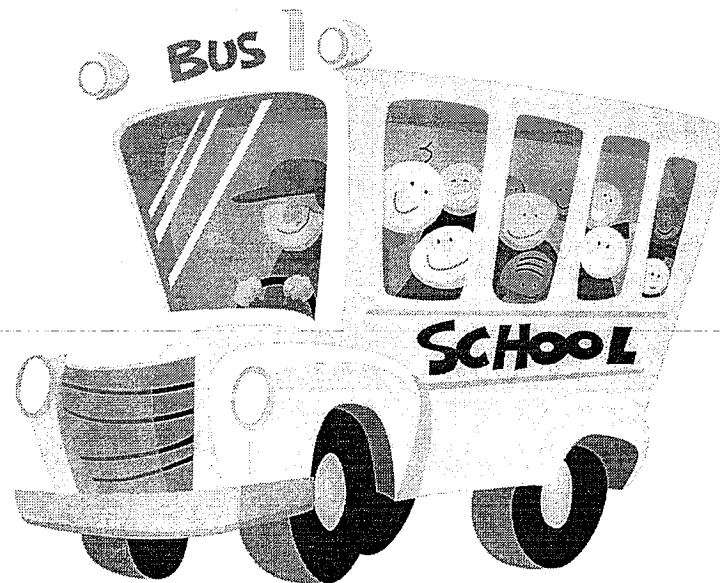
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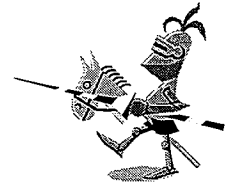
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

RTR School District #2902

Superintendent	Bruce Houck	507-247-5913
High School Principal	Pam Bush	507-247-5911
MS Admin.	Jim Burns	507-823-4370
Elementary Principal	Amy Christensen	507-658-3301 (local) 800-430-6429 (long distance)
Business Manager	Dave Lehnhoff	507-247-5913



RTR School Board Members

Mike Barron, John Biren, Jerry Bly, Bill Clark, Paul Erickson, Paul Henriksen, Pat O'Toole

RTR School District Mission Statement

Educational excellence, enhanced student achievement, fiscal stability, and life-long learning are the four pillars of the RTR School. We are a community dedicated to providing a safe, friendly environment challenging students to be productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

Special Message to RTR students, staff, & community members from your School Board:

Congratulations on making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) once again! Your hard work and diligence truly has paid off and the result is RTR Schools having some of the highest scores in Reading and Math in the area! Educational excellence and student achievement like this could not be attained without the combined efforts of everyone involved. We commend everyone's hard work and we will continue emphasizing life-long learning by challenging our students so they can become productive citizens in our ever-changing world!

RTR Schools created 4 new positions this year to continue meeting the needs of all our students. Maintaining fiscal stability while continuing to strive for educational excellence and enhanced student achievement can be tricky. We are excited to report that these positions are covered mainly through a grant received by the district. The 4 new staff members are hired as **RTI** (Response to Intervention) Instructors. There are two members at the elementary, one at the middle school, and one at the high school.

As your school board members, we thank you for all that you do and we will continue to work to keep the RTR School District moving forward with our mission always at the core.

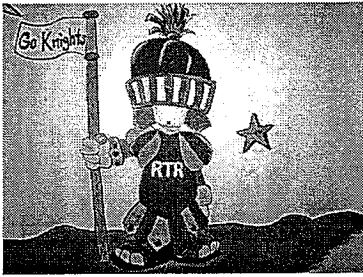


RTR KNIGHTLY NEWS

KLOH RADIO 1050 AM

FRIDAYS SHORTLY AFTER 4:00 PM

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE HAPPENINGS AT
RTR SCHOOL WITH OUR WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE.



E-mail is first name.last name@rtrschoools.org

RTR ELEMENTARY
658-3301

TEACHING STAFF

Kindergarten	Amanda Press
	Danielle Vandenberg
1 st Grade	Kari Kidman
	Marilyn Mortland
2 nd Grade	Deanna Larson
	Betty Van Keulen
3 rd Grade	Jeanne Norgaard
	Mary Wabeke
4 th Grade	Deb Mikkelsen
	Teddy Smidt
5 th Grade	Steve Borchert
	Theresa Petersen
Title I	Bo Duncan
Special Education	Anna Hesse
Special Education	Carol Rasmussen
Special Education	Tammy Kopacek
Speech	Jessica Robinson
OT	Kathy Rupp
Librarian	Bev Anderson
Music/Band	Tiffany Bockelmann
Art	Tessa Dierks
P.E./DAPE	Jason Borman
Spanish	Jonathan Olson
Spanish	David Mayorga
School Readiness	Pam Hansen
RtI	Patty Sas
RtI	Britney Latzig

SUPPORT STAFF

Paraprofessional	Marian Feste
Paraprofessional	Brenda Johnson
Paraprofessional	Sue Kahler
Paraprofessional	Shirley Mortland
Paraprofessional	Sean Pattison
Paraprofessional	Christina Redepenning
Paraprofessional	Sallie Thooff
Paraprofessional	Doretta Vinson
Paraprofessional	Linda Sutherland
Head Cook	Luann Reber
Cafeteria	Delores Dagele
Cafeteria	Dar Garrow
Head Custodian	Marlin Muenchow
Custodial Dept.	Rick Wiese
Custodial Dept.	Jack Bullerman
Secretary	Monica Lutterman
Health Coordinator	Christie Wieme
Green Tree Senior	Rosmary Hartson



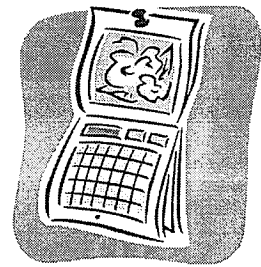
RTR MIDDLE SCHOOL
PHONE 823-4371

SUPPORT STAFF

Betty Dayland	Secretary
Jennifer Dressen	Lunchroom Cashier/ Library Aide/Paraprofessional
Galen Grant	Bus Driver
Carol Halling	Cook
Greg Hurst	Custodian
Dan Johnson	Bus Driver
Dennis Meulebroeck	Bus Driver
Allen Peterson	Bus Driver
Leon Sand	Transportation Manager/Bus Driver/ Head Custodian
Leigh Swanson	ECFE Aide
Vernon Swanson	Bus Driver
Joann Walter	Head Cook
Julie Wieme	Paraprofessional
Kristy Swanson	Paraprofessional
Heidi Buchert	Paraprofessional

TEACHING STAFF

Tammy Borman	Life Skills (6-8)
James Burns	Athletic Dir., Administration, Phy. Ed (7-8)
Barbara Hammer	Special Education
Ted Kern	Math (7), Pre-Algebra, Algebra (8)
Cindy Girard	History (7), Geography (8)/Title I
Todd Peterson	Band (6-7-8), Choir (6-7-8)
Tammy Brust	Learning Readiness Instructor
Renee Manian	Language Arts (7-8), Theater (8)
Sheri Tinklenberg	Social Studies (6), Language Arts (6)
Ron Ries	Science (6), Math (6), Health (6), Phy. Ed (6)
Neil Witte	Science/Health (6, 7, 8)
Tessa Dierks	Art (7-8)
Mark Greenwood	Industrial Tech (6-8 at the Lynd School) Spanish (6-8 at the Lynd School)
Ron Ries	Computer (6-8)
Anna Banttari	RTI Instructor (6-8)



There are RTR Activity calendars for sale. They are available in the Elementary School Office and Buffalo Ridge Express in Ruthton, Tyler Tribute and High School Office in Tyler, and Mini Mart, First Independent Bank, and Middle School Office in Russell. Cost is \$5.00.

Also available are pocket calendars with the same information. These are available for \$3.00.



RTR High School 247-5911



CERTIFIED STAFF

Patty	Andersen	US History, Geography & Psychology
Bev	Anderson	Library
Brian	Boomgaarden	Ag, FFA
Tammy	Borman	Family & Consumer Science
Pam	Bush	High School Principal
Leanne	Carmany	Biology, Anatomy
Kitsie	Carr	Special Education
Darin	Dahle	Math
Janet	Gustafson	Spanish
Erick	Harper	English
Sharon	Jensen	Science 9, Chemistry, Physics
Almalita	Joosten	Government, Civics, Economics
Megan	Klumper	English
Kent	Mikkelsen	Health/PE
Todd	Peterson	Choir/Band
Tim	Ramler	Rtl Instructor
Christine	Steinbach	Business, Accounting
Naomi	Stellmach	Math
Paul	Tuszynski	Art
Melea	Weaklend	Counselor

SUPPORT STAFF

James	Gilmer	Head Custodian
Lori	Grant	Bookkeeper
Pam	Hansen	School Readiness Teacher
Frank	Hobart	Assistant Custodian
Barb	Houck	Paraprofessional
Terry	Jaspersen	Assistant Custodian
Robin	Knudsen	Office Manager
Lorraine	Maleyko	Head Cook
Emily	Nielsen	Cook's Helper
Becky	Rodriquez	Custodian
Debra	Schaefer	Principal's Secretary
Beth	Terhark	Assistant Cook
Sallie	Thooft	School Readiness Assistant
Kathy	Wilmes	Bookkeeper



SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE HOUCK

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The H1N1 virus or 'swine flu' is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza virus. These swine flu viruses are different from the seasonal human flu viruses. The virus is airborne and is not transmitted by food. You cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. This virus is directly transmitted from infected pigs to humans and humans to pigs.

Symptoms for this type of influenza may include; fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat and sometimes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Prevention of the 'swine flu' is essential. Good hand washing is of utmost importance. If your child is sick, please have them refrain from school, school activities and social events to prevent others from catching any type of illness. RTR school policy states, "Students should refrain from school at least 24 hours after vomiting, diarrhea or fever have subsided." Students are reminded to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. They should also practice other good health habits such as, getting plenty of sleep, staying physically active, managing stress, drinking plenty of fluids and eating nutritious foods.

RTR district administrators will continue to receive updates as they become available. Students who have an elevated temperature, sore throat, headache, body aches, diarrhea and/or vomiting will be dismissed from school immediately. A phone call will be made to the parents and/or guardians of children who become ill during the school day. The parents and/or guardians will then be expected to pick up their children in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 507-247-5913.



FOOD SERVICE		2009-10
STUDENT PRICES	FULL PRICE	REDUCED PRICE
Elem Breakfast	\$1.00	No Charge
School Readiness Breakfast	\$1.00	No Charge
Elementary Lunch	\$2.00	\$.40
Middle School Lunch	\$2.20	\$.40
High School Lunch	\$2.40	\$.40
ADULT PRICES		
District-wide Adult Breakfast	\$2.40	
District-wide Adult Lunch	\$3.40	
MILK PRICES		
District-wide Milk Price	\$.35 per carton	

SCHOOL PORTRAITS

School Portraits will be taken on September 24th during the school day at the elementary in Ruthton.

Forms will be sent out in the Friday Folders with students approximately Sept. 18th. All students will have their photos taken for the 2009-10 memory book.

Community members are invited to bring their preschool child in for a portrait. Please call ahead -658-3301.

MS FB

Sept. 12	MS Jamboree 7th & 8th	Home
Sept. 17	Canby	Away
Sept. 21	Lincoln HI	Away
Sept. 28	Fulda	Away
Oct. 6	TMB	Home
Oct. 8	Pipestone	Away
Oct. 13	MCC	Home

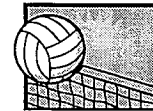
MS VB

Sept. 14	Minneota	Away
Sept. 15	Holy Redeemer	Home
Sept. 19	Marshall 7-8 Invite	Marshall
Sept. 21	ECHO Charter	Home
Sept. 22	Canby	Home
Sept. 24	Pipestone	Home
	Lakeview 8th	
Sept. 26	Tourney	Cottonwood
Sept. 28	Minneota	Home
Sept. 29	TMB	Home
Oct. 1	Lakeview	Away
	Lincoln HI 7th	
Oct. 3	Tourney	Hend.
Oct. 8	Dawson/Boyd	Away
Oct. 12	Canby	Away
Oct. 13	Holy Redeemer	Away

STUDENT ACTIVITY PASSES AND ADULT TICKET PRICES

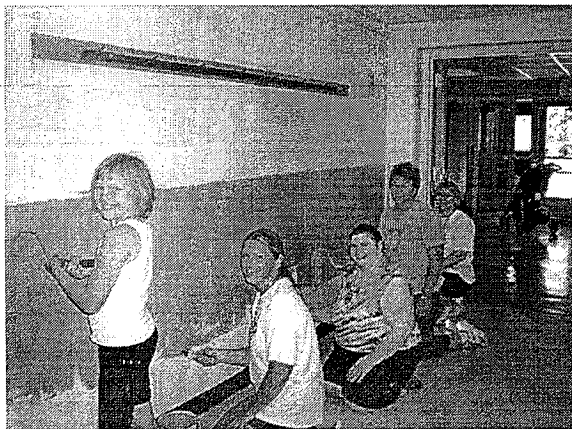


Adults	\$6.00
Students (1 - 12)	\$4.00
Adult Ticket Books	\$40.00/10 tickets
Student Activity Ticket	\$30.00
Prom - Grand March	\$2.00



Christina Redepenning, Amanda Press, Teddy Smidt

Thank you, Thank you!! Many elementary staff members helped volunteer to paint the elementary school walls over the summer. The results were awesome!



Mya Christensen, Brenda Johnson, Christina Redepenning, Marian Feste, Amy Christensen



Mary Wabeke



Mrs. Amy Christensen, RTR Elementary Principal

Welcome Back!

Another new school year is upon us! As we begin the 2009-10 school year, I would first of all like to welcome everyone back to RTR! I'm sure you had a busy and fun summer break. Now it's time to hit the books and begin the exciting learning process once again. I hope you are ready to hop on board "The RTR Learning Train."

We kicked off our school year with our annual Open House on Tuesday, August 25th. It was good to see so many of you and I'm always amazed to see how much everyone has grown over the summer months!

Thank you for all that you do! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school. Our local phone number (for Ruthton & Tyler) is 658-3301; our long distance phone number is 800-430-6429. Remember, you can always reach your classroom teacher by e-mail if that is more convenient for you. It is the teacher's first name.last name@rtrschoools.org.

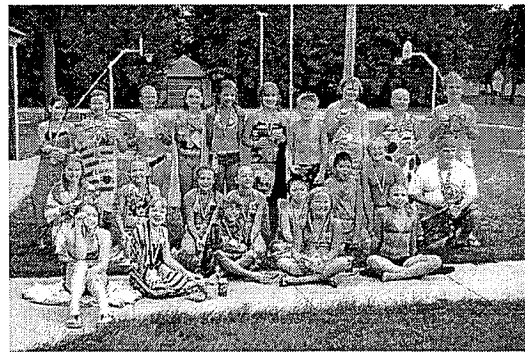
I'm looking forward to another awesome year here at RTR Elementary School!

MCA POOL PARTY

On Aug. 19th, RTR Elementary 3rd - 5th grade students celebrated their awesome MCA scores by having a Pool Party at the Tyler Pool. Shown below are pictures of the classes celebrating our MCA success!



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



Meet the Staff

Name: Bruce Houck

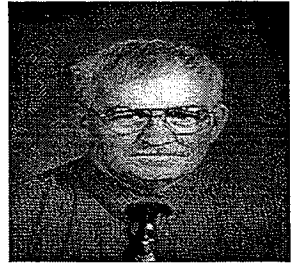
Position at RTR Schools: Superintendent

Family: Wife Barb, Molly, Elizabeth, and Joe

Pets: No

Hobbies: Fishing, woodworking and being with family

What I Love About Education/RTR: I enjoy seeing students succeed in school and what them understand the new ideas that they have learned in school. I enjoy being at RTR since we have a great staff and three communities that support the school and staff.



Name: James Burns

Position at RTR Schools: Middle School Admin/
Physical Education Instructor, RTR Athletic Director

Family: Wife Rebecca, Children, Nathan, Adam, Hunter, Brooke

Pets: Cocker Spaniel- Lady

Hobbies: Watching most any sporting event, some woodworking.

What I Love About Education/RTR: Having the opportunity to work with young people who are eager to learn.



Name: Pamela Bush

Position at RTR Schools: High School
Principal

Family: I have 2 grown daughters (Susan and Janet) and a husband (Lee).

Pets: a cat (Kitty) and dog (Buddy)

Hobbies: My hobbies are reading, baking, and playing piano.

What I Love About Education/RTR: I truly appreciate the fact that so many of the families in our communities emphasize academics and the importance of doing well in school, and I enjoy seeing students learn.



Name: Amy Christensen

Position at RTR Schools: Elementary Principal

Family: Carmen (Husband), Mya (9 yrs), Chase (5 yrs), Taya (18 mo.),

Britany (22), Katelyne (20)

Pets: Belle (our Golden Lab)

Hobbies: reading, playing with my kids, playing sports & playing Addams Family Pinball

What I Love About Education/RTR: I enjoy seeing our students on a daily basis and watching them learn & grow. I love the dedication of our staff and how they are always encouraging students toward success.

What is PTSA?

PTSA is Parent Teacher Student Association. It is a local, state and national organization. It is not limited to just parents, teachers and students. Grandparents, school board members, clergy members, community members and business owners are also encouraged to join and support the PTSA.

What is the Mission of PTSA?

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

What does the RTR Elementary PTSA do?

In the past we have made efforts to enhance the education of the students both inside and outside of the classroom. We do this by either supporting activities fiscally or with volunteer labor and purchasing materials that will enhance the curriculum. The PTSA helps defray the cost of many field trips, provides the bussing for field trips, pay for admittance to local plays. Within the school building the PTSA has purchased materials for the library, brought in a visiting author, science museum demonstrations, and filled many individual requests from teachers ranging from cd players to materials for physical education classes to printers. We also have a week during the school year that we focus on our teachers. We show the teachers our appreciation for all they do for the students and families of the district.

What do I have to do if I join the PTSA?

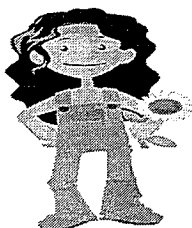
- There is a membership fee of \$5.75. The fee is used to support the national and state organizations which do lend support and resources to our local chapter.
- Support our local chapter by attending meetings when possible and volunteering to help at events and fundraisers. We ask for a very minimal time commitment and only when it works for you.
- Take an interest in the school, students and teachers and be willing to lend your support to make RTR elementary the best school it can be!

When are the PTSA meetings?

Currently we meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Pizza Ranch meeting room in Tyler. Our next meeting is September 14th at 6:30 (changed due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday).

How do I get more information?

- Look for an information sheet in your students Friday Folder.
- Come to our September meeting to see what we are all about
- Call or email any of the officers
 - Stephanie Cordes - President sjcordes@mchsi.com 507-247-3353
 - Kari Althoff - Vice President karixlt@hotmail.com
 - Kari Hansen – Secretary kari.hansen@usbank.com 507- 247- 3490
 - Teresa Johansen – Treasurer johansen@myclearwave.net



September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ~VB @ Pipestone 6:00 ~JV FB @ MACCRAY 5:00 ~HS registration 8-4	2	3 FB vs Canby 7:00	4 VB @ MCC 5:00	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 ~First day of School ~VB @ CMCS 6:15 ~JV FB vs Ortonville 5:00	9	10 ~School Mall Fundraiser Kick Off @ Elem. ~VB vs Minneota 5:00 ~9 th FB vs Pipestone 5:00	11 ~FB @ MACCRAY 7:00 ~SW VB Tourney @ Marshall	12 ~MS FB JAMBOREE ~SW VB Tourney @ Marshall ~FFA Trap Shoot @ Springfield
13	14 ~Homecoming Coronation 7:00 ~FFA National Barrow Show @ Austin ~JV FB vs MCC 5:00 ~MS VB @ Minneota	15 ~VB vs KMS 5:00 (Homecoming) ~MS VB vs Holy Redeemer	16	17 ~VB @ Lincoln HI 5:00 ~9 th FB @ Tracy 4:30 ~MS FB @ Canby	18 ~Homecoming Parade ~FB vs Dawson/Boyd 7:00	19 ~VB "B" Tourney @ Tyler 9:00 ~FFA Trap Shoot @ Mountain Lake
20	21 ~VB @ Wabasso 5:00 ~JV FB @ TMB 5:00 ~MS FB @ Lincoln HI ~MS VB vs ECHO Charter	22 ~VB vs MACCRAY 5:00 ~MS VB vs Canby	23	24 ~Pictures @ Elem. ~VB @ TMB 5:00 ~9 th FB @ Pipestone 4:30 ~MS VB vs Pipestone	25 ~3 rd Grade Ecology Bus ~FB @ Lakeview 7:00	26 ~VB "C" Tourney @ Minneota 9:00 ~State FFA Trap Shoot @ Marshall ~MS VB Tourney @ Cottonwood
27	28 ~JV FB @ Fulda 5:00 ~MS FB @ Fulda ~MS VB vs Minneota	29 ~After School 4H @ Elem. 3:30-5:30 ~VB vs RCW 5:00 ~MS VB vs TMB	30 ~FFA Region Greenhand			