



# December Newsletter



## 16th Annual Blue Ridge Food Drive

Blue Ridge Elementary students are invited to participate in the Blue Ridge annual food drive. Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom for students to bring their donations. A box will also be available, during the school day, at the front doors of the building for parents to drop off items as well. All nonperishable food will be donated to the Dickinson County Food and Clothing Bank. NON EXPIRED canned goods, granola bars, rice, beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats, pasta meals, and canned milk are appreciated. Please do not send food in glass containers. Food will be collected from November 28th through December 9th. Thank you for taking time to celebrate the holiday season through the gift of giving to our community!

## Holiday Music Program

Mark your calendars for these Christmas music programs!

**Blue Ridge - Thursday December 7th @ 7:00 PM**

**Enterprise - Tuesday December 12th @ 7:00 PM**

Please be aware that our front doors will not open for students, families, or guests until 6:40 as staff are not present to supervise students in their rooms. We also ask that the parking lot in front of Blue Ridge be kept open for our guests that have limited mobility.

Thank you to the Dickinson County Sheriff's Dept. for assisting with parking for the program.

## From Your Blue Ridge PTO

Below are the 2023-2024 Blue Ridge PTO meeting dates. Meetings will be at 6:00 PM on the following dates:

- Feb. 28th
- April 24th (last meeting)

**\*ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM**

Zoom Meeting ID: 910 2149 2644

## YEARBOOKS

If you are wanting a 2023-2024 yearbook, please preorder by January 12, 2024. Only those students who preorder by January 12th, will be guaranteed a yearbook. Extras will NOT be ordered. The cost is \$10.00, checks are payable to USD 473.

## From the School Nurse

### A Few Friendly Reminders from the School Nurse...

\*Please DO NOT send your child to school if they have a fever over 100 or have been vomiting. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducer (Tylenol/Ibuprofen) and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school. While it is important for your child to attend school regularly when a child is sick, very little learning takes place and he/she is a distraction to other students in the classroom.

\*Remind your child to NOT share hats, coats, hair combs/brushes, and/or hair accessories as this contributes to the spread of head lice and will increase their chances of contracting head lice. If your child has long hair it is encouraged to put their hair up (example: ponytail, bun, braid, etc.). Please check your child's hair at least once a month for head lice. If you suspect your child may have head lice please call your doctor or school nurse for further information. With proper precautions and immediate treatment outbreaks can be avoided as well as re-infestation.

\*Please make sure that your child is dressed weather appropriate this includes socks, shoes, hats, gloves, and coats. Your child will be going out to recess and is expected to have the appropriate clothing.

\*Please DO NOT send medication to school with your child on the bus (including cough drops). All medication must be checked in through the school office and the required medication form must be filled out.

Please feel free to call or email me with any further questions or concerns. Thank you!

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