

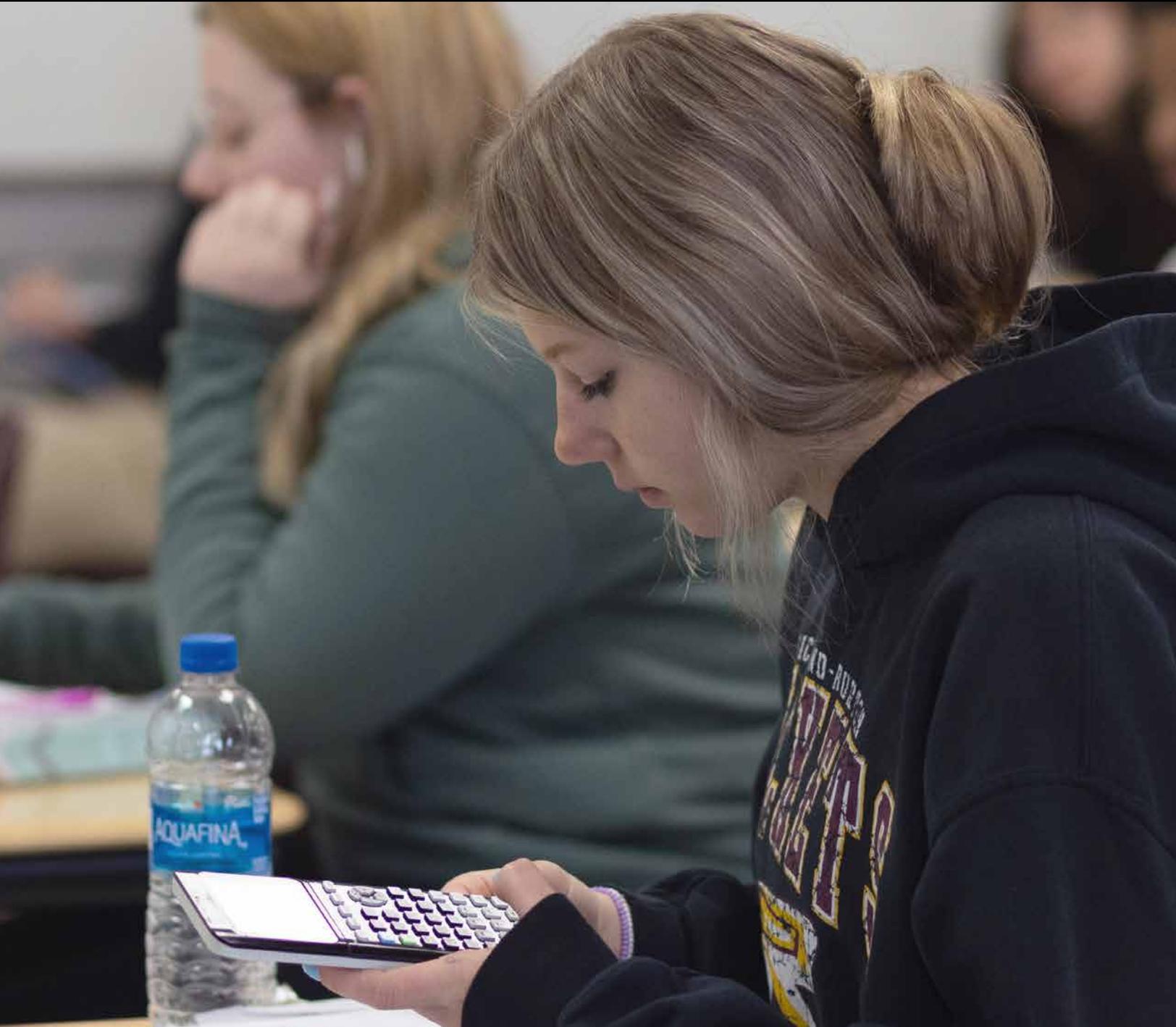


# TWO DISTRICTS. ONE MISSION.



Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 - Nippersink SD 2

SUMMER 2022



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Nippersink SD 2 and RB Families,

As fall settles in throughout both our Districts, it is wonderful to see our schools busy with students and staff once again. It also marks the time of year when so many fall school activities and traditions begin to take place. Therefore, I want to take a moment to update everyone on all the exciting things currently taking place in our two Districts.



Richmond-Burton CHS D157 has finished the stadium turf project and we are all looking forward to seeing our students, teams and marching band use it this fall. The District's Learning Resource Center (LCR) project is in its final planning phase, and it will go out to bid this fall with construction scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023. The LCR will include an expanded library with additional STEM and student presentation spaces. It will also provide the latest technology and a large outside patio located next to our garden. Finally, the LRC will include a cafe that will be managed by our business and culinary arts classes.

Academically, Richmond-Burton continues to add dual credit classes that allow students to earn college credit while still in high school. The District is also looking at the addition of Project Lead the Way, which would offer students a career pathway in engineering or biomedical sciences.

Nippersink School District 2 will continue this school year redesigning our math and literacy curriculum to ensure it aligns to standards across all schools. This will be an ongoing process with student success and growth remaining our focus. We are also excited to announce we will be offering all new menu choices in our schools' cafeterias this year. Students will be given more choices including a vegetarian option each day. We believe these changes will provide students with even more fresh and healthy options.

The Nippersink SD 2 Board of Education also wants to thank everyone for participating in their survey last spring. The results of that survey and a letter from the Board of Education can now be found on the District website at <https://www.nippersinkdistrict2.org/>.

Finally, we continue to remain focused on providing your student(s) with new opportunities for growth and the needed support to ensure their year is successful. Good things are happening every day in our schools!

*Sincerely,*  
*Dr. Tom Lind*  
*Superintendent of Schools*



## D2/D157 CURRICULUM

Welcome back to the 2022-23 school year! We are excited to share the great work that staff has done over the past year to align curriculum for the best student experience. Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) identified the English and Language Arts (ELA) priority standards for Grades K-12. The identified standards are most vital for student success during school and post-secondary. To view Nippersink D2 standards, please visit the district website and click on "Departments" then "Curriculum Department," finally "Essentially ELA Standards K-8." To view Richmond-Burton D157 standards, please visit the website and click on "Departments" then "Curriculum Department," then "Scope and Sequence" where you will find English levels 1-4. In addition to the standards, the D2/D157 Literacy Team created the following D2/D157 Student Literacy Portrait for reading and writing.

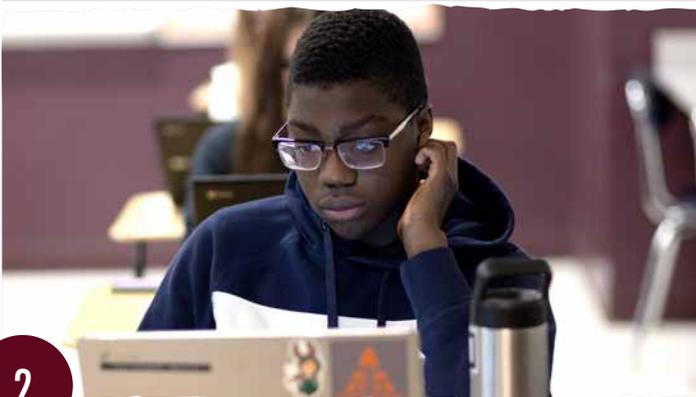
**Reading:** Based on the selected English Language Arts standards for Grades K-12, when students complete their education from D2 and D157 they will be able to analyze and comprehend complex informational and literary text, structure, grammar and vocabulary.

**Writing:** Based on the selected English Language Arts standards for Grades K-12, when students complete their education from D2 and D157 they will be able to confidently and effectively write in all areas of English (argumentative, narrative, informative) while using detailed research methods and formats.

The Literacy Team will continue to meet and build out achievement milestones to ensure students are fully prepared for post-secondary life.

Staff has also begun the hard work of identifying math standards for Grades K-12 including a D2/D157 Student Numeracy Portrait. We will share the outcomes when complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you on your child's educational journey. We are grateful for the experience.





# RICHMOND BURTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



## RBCHS ADDS NEW COURSES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

RBCHS is excited to offer a couple of new courses for the 2022-23 school year. Please see course descriptions below.

### ***Bio 110***

The Bio 110 course is our first ever Dual Credit Science course. Richmond-Burton has partnered with McHenry County College to offer this new and exciting course. Students will be challenged with a rigorous, college-level curriculum. They will perform innovative lab experiments and explore multiple levels of biological sciences. Students who successfully complete this course will receive college credit in lab sciences. Our teacher, Mr. Kamp, and our Lead Teacher of Science, Mrs. Katie Murphy, have been working all summer to prepare for this new offering.

### ***Intro to Mass Communication***

This is another new course in the area of English, which we have partnered with McHenry County College to offer college credit for our RB students. Introduction to Mass Communication gives a broad overview of the journalism field, emphasizing mass media and its impact on public opinion. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Differentiate among the various types of print and electronic media, their content and audiences
- Identify the history, development, operations and audiences of various media
- Identify laws and regulations governing mass media
- Identify ethical issues facing media
- Identify and synthesize personal media use

## RBCHS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

It is always exciting to welcome new staff into the RB family each year. They always seem to come in excited and eager to share their ideas and experiences. Please take a moment to welcome:

### ***Mr. Blaise Mollet, Band and Choir Director***

Blaise Mollet graduated from Illinois State University. He comes to us with extensive experience leading youth bands and participating himself. He has already connected with his band and drum majors to plan his first band camp together.

### ***Ms. Carly Mattson, Physical Education and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach***

Carly Mattson is an experienced coach and athlete who is excited to be a part of the rich RB athletic traditions

### ***Ms. Taylor Conroy, Science Teacher***

Taylor Conroy will be working with Advanced Biology and Chemistry students. She also has experience with cross country and track as extracurriculars.

### ***Ms. Jordan Oeffling, Counselor and Assistant Cheer Coach***

Jordan Oeffling comes to us with experience that will help the counseling department grow. She can't wait to get started.

### ***Ms. Ashley Hawks, Social Worker***

Ashley Hawks brings extensive experience in a wide variety of mental health areas. She is excited to help do her part in helping all of our children.



# RICHMOND GRADE SCHOOL

## RGS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I'm extremely excited to start my new role as Principal of Richmond Grade School and I wanted to thank everyone that has reached out to welcome me. I can already tell that this community is a very special place. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the leader of RGS.



Each school year I have an overarching theme that will compliment and tie in to all of the things we do as a school community. This year, our theme will be based on the children's book "The Energy Bus for Kids" by Jon Gordon. I chose this as a basis for our theme because of the powerful message about the profound daily impact of a positive outlook on life. This story focuses on teaching kids and staff how to find their inner

motivation and pass on that positive energy to others.

I look forward to getting to know your stories as we embark on this journey together! All aboard the Energy Bus!

Michelle Smith, Principal  
Richmond Grade School



## RICHMOND GRADE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

Michelle Smith was selected from a pool of over 20 highly qualified candidates. Following the initial screening process, interviews were conducted by a team that included district and building administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, PTO representatives and members of the Board of Education. At the conclusion of those interviews, it was clear Michelle Smith possessed a collaborative leadership style which would continue to support District 2's mission of meeting the diverse needs of all students. Smith comes to Richmond Grade School from District 300 in Algonquin with over 17 years of experience in education. During the past five years, she has served as the principal of Lake in the Hills Elementary School. Principal Smith received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and Literacy from National-Louis University. In addition, she has a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction and Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, both from the American College of Education. She is looking forward to continuing to grow a positive school culture while ensuring that the needs of all students are met and she is excited to meet the entire school community.



## RICHMOND GRADE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW STAFF

- Michelle Smith ..... Principal
- Meagan Sprout ..... Reading Specialist
- Rachel Schmitt ..... PE Teacher
- Patricia Herron ..... Speech Language Pathologist
- Maggie Elliott ..... 4th Grade Teacher
- Katia Schmitt ..... Music Teacher
- Andi Nieft ..... 5th Grade Teacher
- Shawn Higgs ..... 0 Month School Secretary
- Lara Ratts ..... Library Clerk



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Spring Grove Elementary School is looking forward to the 2022-23 school year. This school year will bring many staff changes as there were six staff members who retired after the 2021-22 school year. Please welcome the following staff members who are either new to Spring Grove Elementary School or who are changing positions within the district!

Accelerated/Interventionist Math Teacher..... Abby Primus  
Art Teacher ..... Rachel Roemer

4th Grade Teacher ..... Mary Walsh  
Kindergarten Teacher ..... Kathy Krashoc  
1st Grade Teacher..... Denise Komos  
1st Grade Teacher..... Nicole Pizzo  
Reading Specialist (moving to full time) ..... Petra Craddock  
Student Interventionist..... Jessica Becirovic  
Paraprofessional..... Grace Bates

## SPRING GROVE MENTOR PROGRAM HELPS ALL TEACHERS

To help new teachers become comfortable and familiar with their new roles, each one is assigned a mentor for the entire school year. The mentoring program has two goals. One is to support new teachers beginning their careers in Nippersink School District 2, and the second is to ensure and sustain educational excellence through collegial relationships with knowledgeable teacher mentors. The mentor and protege develop times to meet on a regular basis as well as complete a monthly checklist that the mentor completes. Topics range from reviewing the school's emergency and crisis plan, discussing quarter grading and report cards, preparing for parent/teacher conferences and so much more. In the end, we want all new teachers to feel supported and have a successful school year!





# NIPPERSINK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## WELCOME BACK FROM SCOTT WHIPPLE

I am very excited to start our new school year. We have been very busy this past spring and summer getting ready for an excellent school year.

Some things we are looking forward to this year is adding a homeroom period which we are calling Homebase! This is a little bit of a change from our Wednesday Armor Time to an everyday check in with a homeroom teacher. This 21-minute session at the beginning of the day will allow our students the opportunity to connect with a teacher and build a strong relationship with one point person every day to have a strong start to their day. In addition, we are looking forward to strengthening our students' skill sets that will specifically focus on social emotional learning, behavior expectations and executive functioning skills such as organization, goal setting and much more.

We are also excited to introduce a few new staff members to our Nippersink family. Below is a list of our new staff members and the positions they will be filling

- Breanna Callahan .....7th grade Math
- Jessica Richardson .....6th grade ELA
- Lindsay Anderson .....STEM
- Heidi Nobilio ..... Special Education teacher for ELA
- Paul Augustyn..... 8th grade Social Studies
- Krissy Church ..... School Nurse
- Carie Walter.....Associate Principal

*Scott Whipple, Principal  
Nippersink Middle School*



## NOBLE KNIGHTS AT NIPPERSINK MIDDLE SCHOOL

NMS is excited to announce Noble Knights! Our aim for the initiative is to build consistency across all levels through a common language and expectations that strive to build a community that



is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. We know that the past few years have been anything but consistent with remote learning, exclusions, etc. Our focus encompasses a whole child approach that uniformly builds consistent expectations for all NMS students, provides for social skill development through social emotional resources and challenges our students' academics.

Students will start each day in a Homebase classroom to foster the development of the NMS school culture, often called the Nippersink Way. Our goal is for students not only to know but also demonstrate "the way" to be a Noble Knight in school with the hopes of carryover into life. As a staff, we have outlined what it means to be a Noble Knight and are committed to consistently recognizing the positives of our students and colleagues through verbal recognition and issuing a noble knight card. In addition, we look at our challenges or misbehaviors as an opportunity to teach or reteach expectations.

# NIPPERSINK SD 2 TO OFFER NEW LUNCH MENU

Over the summer, Nippersink SD 2 reviewed the current lunch program and examined ways to offer a more diverse lunch menu with healthier options for our students. Starting this school year, you will see several new meals on the lunch menu with care taken to offer a wide selection of options. One of these new options will allow a student to substitute the standard lunch entree for a variety of vegetarian options. We are excited to bring this new menu and additional food choices to all our students. We look forward to getting feedback from students and families as we continue to expand menu offerings at all our schools.





## September Nippersink #2 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			*Bacon Cheeseburger Baked Fries Broccoli Salad Fruit of the Day	Early Dismissal
5	6	7	8	9
No School	Chicken Nuggets w/ Goldfish Crackers Mixed Vegetables Broccoli Florets Fruit of the Day	Creamy Mac & Cheese Soft Pretzel Rod Seasoned Green Beans Garbanzo Bean Salad Fruit of the Day	Yang's Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Garlic Lime Edamame Fruit of the Day	Pepperoni Pizza Garlic Roasted Carrots Leafy Green Salad Fruit of the Day
12	13	14	15	16
Juicy Cheeseburger Steamed Carrots Celery Sticks Fruit of the Day	Chicago Style All Beef Hot Dog Vegetarian Beans Broccoli Florets Fruit of the Day	Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Spiral Fries Grape Tomatoes Fruit of the Day	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Green Beans Leafy Green Salad Fruit of the Day	Cheesy Beef Nachos Chili Lime Sweet Corn Jicama Sticks Fruit of the Day
19	20	21	22	23
*BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich Roasted Garlic Carrots Fresh Made Coleslaw Fruit of the Day	French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patty Hashbrowns Celery Sticks Fruit of the Day	Mini Corn Dogs Mixed Vegetables Leafy Green Salad Fruit of the Day	Fajita Chicken Quesadilla Seasoned Black Beans Baby Carrots Fruit of the Day	Baked Potato w/ Chili Soft Pretzel Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers Fruit of the Day
26	27	28	29	30
Juicy Cheeseburger Seasoned Green Beans Baby Carrots Fruit of the Day	Soft Beef Tacos Fiesta Beans Sliced Bell Peppers Fruit of the Day	Creamy Mac & Cheese-V Soft Pretzel Rod Steamed Broccoli Grape Tomatoes Fruit of the Day	Chicken Nuggets w/ Goldfish Crackers Sweet Corn Baby Carrots Fruit of the Day	Italian Meatball Sub Smiley Fries Leafy Green Salad Fruit of the Day

Please note: Due to national supply chain disruptions and shortages, we may have to make changes to our menus with little or no notice. Please know that we are doing our best to serve meals as planned. Substitution of menu items will be communicated. We apologize in advance and thank you for understanding!

**Included with Every Meal**  
Fruit and Vegetable  
Choice of Milk

Daily Lunch: \$2.35  
Student Milk: \$.35  
Chef Salad offered

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

**Daily Vegetarian Options**  
SunButter & Jelly  
Garden Salad w/ Pita  
Hummus w/ Pita

**Welcome  
Back to  
School!**

**Arbor A+ Nutrition Mission**  
To serve students daily:

- ✓ A wide variety of fresh, nutrient rich foods
- ✓ Fresh fruits and vegetables, locally sourced as seasonally available
- ✓ Cage free poultry with no added hormones or steroids
- ✓ Fresh whole and multigrain bread, buns and baked goods
- ✓ No-fat or 1% milk free from any growth hormones from local, sustainable farms

*-Arbor Management-*

**Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!**




For more information or to "Ask the Dietitian", check out our website!

# ROCKET'S NEW STADIUM



The installation of field turf to begin the 2022-23 school year will transform what staff and students are able to do. The field will now be accessible for all and at all times. With the new turf, there is no longer the need to preserve the playing surface for game action only.

The field will be used by soccer, football, marching band, color guard, baseball, softball and all PE classes! This installation is another step by the district and Board of Education to ensure that all students are provided the best educational environment possible.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 Board of Education holds regular board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each calendar month at 7:00 pm. The meetings are to be held in the District Office at 4213 US HWY 12, Richmond, Illinois. You are invited to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Nippersink School District 2 Board of Education holds regular board meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each calendar month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted on the posted meeting agenda. The meetings take place at the District Office at 4213 US HWY 12, Richmond, Illinois. You are invited to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

## RICHMOND-BURTON CHSD 157 SCHOOL BOARD

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## NIPPERSINK SD 2 SCHOOL BOARD

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