RAIDER REVIEW

Superintendent's Notes:

Give Time for Thanks,

Thanksgiving invites us to slow down and reflect. We gather with people who matter. We look back at what we learned and what we built. We acknowledge the gifts in our lives. Our school community is one of those gifts. As we reach this season, we feel grateful for the journey we walked together.

The past two years bring strong memories. We set big goals. We worked together. We focused on our students. We stayed committed to growth. Today we pause and give thanks.

I feel proud when I walk our halls. I see students who grow in confidence. I see teachers who guide with heart and skill. I see staff who support every child and every classroom. I see families who stand with us. Our school thrives because every person cares.

We faced challenges. We stayed united. We made decisions with students in mind. We built trust and stronger relationships. We supported new programs and improved learning opportunities. We celebrated success. We learned from setbacks. We kept moving forward because our students deserve our best.

I thank our teachers for their dedication. I thank our support staff for steady work that keeps our school running. I thank our families for their belief in our mission. I thank our community for constant encouragement. I thank our school board for leadership and partnership. Most of all, I thank our students. They give us purpose and remind us why we show up every day.



The next chapter holds promise. We carry lessons from the past two years. We grow stronger because of them. We will continue to support each other. We will continue to build a school where every student feels valued and capable.

Thank you for standing together. Thank you for believing in our kids. Thank you for lifting this school. The future looks bright because of what we built together.

🎄 Gullickson's Glimpse🎄

Time is flying, students are learning, staff is surviving...and CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Our building is full of energy as we wrap up November and move into one of the most joyful times of the year.

⭐ TRE Super Deed Celebration ⭐

On Friday, November 21, we celebrated our first Super Deed Celebration of the year! Students earned 347 Super Deeds and enjoyed prizes, jokes, treats, and a glow-in-the-dark dance party. Amazing job, TRE students and staff!

🏆 **November Super Deed Winners**:
Owen, Avri, Hattie, Henry, Erick, Dayden, Calvin, Kashton, Allison, Layne, Blake D., Everet, Axton, Adam, Isabella, Eli, Hudson, Adam Z., Emry, Nick, Wyatt S., George, Sawyer, Brooks, Gatlin, Rose, McKenna, Madyx, Jack, Kenrix

💥 Super Powers Shared This Month:

- Mrs. Adamson & Atley Hoff – Bravery
- Miss Donna & Eli Tormachy – Giving the Best Hugs
- Miss Theurer – Positive Spirit ⚡
- Whitney Zent – Kindness 💛
- Miss Abbey – Outgoing
- Kashton Christensen – Loveable ❤️
- Mrs. Witte – Kind and Caring Heart 🌟
- Lucian Hagan-Honest and Kind

🎯 Next Goal: 500 Super Deeds to earn Celebration #2! Let's do this, TRE! 🚀

Club's Choice Fundraiser Results

Fundraiser has officially wrapped up, and we are grateful for the support shown for PAWS. Congratulations to our top sellers:

- 🥇 Lydia Neurohr – $100
- 🥈 Oaklee Berger – $75
- 🥉 Adam Wolf – $50

Thank you to every family who participated!

📅 **December Reminders**

- 📚 Bookmobile: Tuesday, December 2
- 🎬 Christmas Movie Day: Friday, December 5----A huge THANK YOU to PAWS for covering the cost for staff and students!
- 🎶 Christmas Program: Friday, December 12
    - K–1: 1:00 PM
    - 2–4: 2:00 PM
- 🎁 TRE Christmas Quarter Sale: December 16–18 (details to follow)

💙 **A Season of Gratitude**

As our month of gratitude ends, here are a few blessings worth celebrating:

- **Our TRE families** – Thank you for your support, communication, and encouragement.
- **Our incredible substitutes** – November 21 was National Substitute Appreciation Day, and we are beyond grateful for those who step in when needed.
    - Interested in subbing? Contact the office!
- **RTPSD staff, administration, and school board** – Change is easier with a strong team, and TRE has one of the best.

💔 Farewell to Two Wonderful Paraprofessionals

We extend heartfelt well-wishes to Miss Abbey Harnisch and Mrs. Chivas Rood as they begin new adventures. Their impact on TRE has been meaningful, and they will always be part of our TRE family. We are grateful for the time, talent, and care they shared with our students.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and a joyful New Year! 🎄✨



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The Raiders are hosting our Military Appreciation Night on January 16th. All Veterans and active duty military members are welcome to join us with free admission! We will honor each of you during the Star Spangled Banner. More details to follow.

The Colors for Cancer night will be held on January 24th. The players will ask a local hero to join them to honor their fight against cancer. More details to follow.



Misti Vogle's Post

We have had the most beautiful Fall, and we are gearing up for winter. I want to remind students and families to be prepared with proper clothing and winter gear for traveling and recess. We want to make sure that students are covered well as we move into the cold season.

GRADE REPORT

First semester ends on January 11th, 2025. This does not affect the elementary classrooms. This does affect 7th–12th grade courses as students' first semester courses end on January 11th and second semester elective courses begin on January 12th. Students in grades 7th – 12th will participate in semester tests on January 8th and 9th, before first semester completes.

Grades are accessible online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you do not have access to your child's PowerSchool report, please contact Mrs. Sara Conlon or Mrs. Kessel to obtain access.
Phone: 701-974-2111
Email sara.conlon@k12.nd.us or jodi.kessel@k12.nd.us.

ND STATE SCHOOL SURVEYS

Students will be participating in the North Dakota Student Engagement Survey during the month of January. The survey measures student engagement in the classroom. Student engagement focuses on learning through classroom involvement and interaction with teachers and peers. The teachers at the Richardton-Taylor Public School have implemented many engagement strategies over the past six years and will continue to implement strategies to further enhance student learning.

INTRODUCTING NEW STAFF

I am excited to introduce a few of our new staff that have joined our Raider Team!



Mrs. Waage joined our team as the 6th grade teacher with Mrs. Bartz as her mentor. Mrs. Waage recently moved from Bemidji, MN where she previously taught Special Education and coached softball. She graduated from Bemidji State University in 2021 in criminal justice. Mrs. Waage will graduate with elementary education Fall of 2026. Mrs. Waage has quickly felt at home here in Richardton and is extremely thankful for the welcoming community. Mrs. Waage loves to sew, watch sports, and cook. She is excited for each and everyday of school!



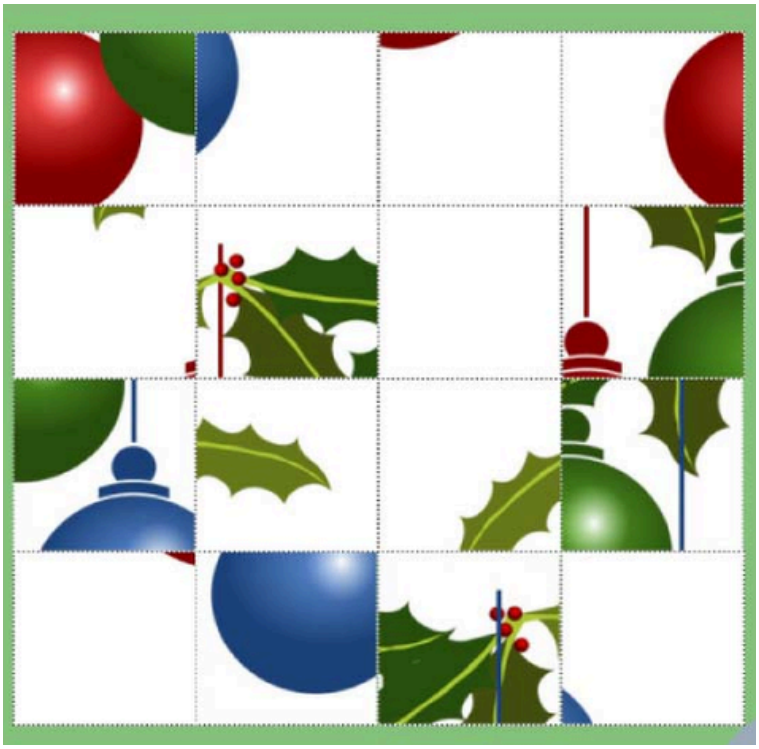
Mrs. Rachel Fenner has joined our team as a paraprofessional librarian at RTHS and TRE. Mrs. Fenner recently moved back to Richardton from Fargo. She is originally from Richardton and graduated from RTHS in 2015. She graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2021 with a bachelor's in University Studies with emphasis in History and Psychology. After graduating, Mrs. Fenner worked as a Paraprofessional and then a Substitute Teacher. She is currently studying for her Masters in Secondary Education at Grand Canyon University. She is excited to get to know a new generation of RTPS students!

Thank you for joining our Raider Team! We are excited to have you.

In closing,

I Wish You and Your Family the Happiest and Healthiest Holidays!

Merry Christmas



Cut out the blocks on the black lines and put the Christmas puzzle together

Raiders Selected for Junior High All-State Treble Choir



Congratulations to the following students: seventh graders Liza Johnson and Raelynn Gullickson for making it into Junior High All-State Treble Choir. Ethan Reisenaur was also selected as an alternate for the Mixed Choir and we are hoping he will get called up. Students from across the state, from both Class A and Class B, auditioned for Junior High All-State, totaling in about 600 auditions, accepting 105 students in the Mixed Choir, and 90 in the Treble Choir. Junior High All-State will be held in Grand Forks on Friday, February 6th with a concert concluding on Saturday, February 7th. This is a very difficult festival to get into, so again congratulations to the students who made, and to all who auditioned.

Raiders Earn Second at Region X One-Act Competition

Richardton-Taylor High School One-Acts competed in the Region X One-Act Competition on Thursday, November 13th. Our large cast included students from grades 7–12. The group performed the play #Viral by Maria McConville, which tells the story of five high school girls who recount a cruel locker-room bullying incident. At first, the event is kept secret, but it eventually spreads online. What happens afterward forces each student to think about the role they played in what happened that day.

The lead roles were played by juniors Violet Fideldy and Lily Olson, freshman Harper Bartz and Dasha Rhode, homeschool student Kathryn Akin, and 7th grader Liza Johnson. The tech and stage manager was junior Dorothy Rohde, and the student director was Draven Potter. The tech crew included Nolan Kuntz, Darius Knight, and Lucy Myran.

The Parent “Trolls” were played by Draven Potter and Miya Pretzer. The Student “Trolls” were Mataya Calahan, Makaley Grager, Raelynn Gullickson (also a main cast understudy), Breanna Hoff, Keira Potter, Ethan Reisenauer, Sawyer Rivinius, Sisco Sanchez, Hayden Skaley, Evelyn Wilkes, and Kiera Wilkes.

The play earned 2nd place in the region. Three actresses received individual awards: Violet Fideldy and Harper Bartz earned Superior Acting Awards, and Kathryn Akin received an Honorable Mention. Director Alexia Tutorow was also named Region X Coach of the Year. It was a fantastic end to a season filled with learning, dedication, and hard work.



Harper, Kathryn, Violet







Raider Positive Behavior

The Richardton-Taylor School teachers, staff, and administration are recognizing exceptional kindness, helpfulness, improved social/listening skills, and other positive behaviors. Congratulations to Penalton Walth and Sawyer Rivinius for receiving this Shout-Out and for being a good role model for their peers!



Penalton Walth



Sawyer Rivinius

Library Link – November 2025

This month at the TRE Library we had lessons about Veterans Day where we read the book "The Wall" by Eve Bunting, we talked about digital citizenship and digital footprints, had a Thanksgiving lesson, and we read the book "Fall Mixed Up" by Bob Raczka.

Our most popular books this month have been:

- The Baby-Sitters Club Series
- Dog Man Graphic Novels
- Partypooper (The new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book
- The Graphic Novels of the Amulet Series

Our most popular series were:

- Checkerboard Animal Library
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- I Survived
- National Geographic Kids

Mrs. Martin, art instructor, worked with students at TRE making a flag to present to the Veterans during the Veteran's Day program at the high school November 7th.







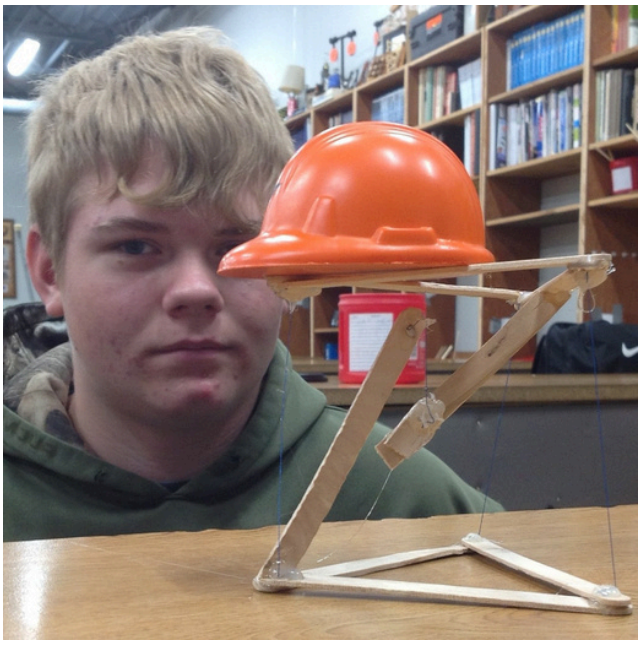
Tech & Engineering Dept. News

Eight 8th graders in this fall's Applying Technology class are learning a variety of scientific/technical concepts, then applying that knowledge in a real-world scenario. They learned how Newton's Laws of Motion apply to heavier-than-air objects that fly, then built water bottle rockets; explored how tension and compression provide strength to structures, then built a tensegrity structures and geodesic dome models with an accompanying site plans; and studied and built basic electronic circuits. They are now using a computer drafting program called SketchUp to design an object that they will print with a 3-D printer. Students in the class include Owen Kitzan, Jacob Luithle, MaKenna Okland, Ash Reyes-Nunez, Shailynn Riley, Logan Strain, Carter Uzdilla, and Penalton Walth.

The thirteen freshmen in this semester's Foundations of Technology class are taking part in their second class from the technology and engineering department. They started off learning about the history of technology, and now they are learning how to apply a step-by-step critical thinking process to various problem-solving projects. Those projects included building a "FOPS" (falling object protective structure) for a miniature skid steer chair and designing and constructing a marshmallow launcher to shoot baskets in a hoop. They are currently learning various forms of technical drawing as they prepare for their final project of using the Pythagorean Theorem to design and build a balsa wood crane, then performing destructive testing by loading it with weight until it breaks. Students in the class include Harper Bartz, Paige Christensen, Carley Elkins, David Grady, Makaely Grager, Avery Hoff, Jace Jesperson, Lyrehc Macks, Lucy Myran, Dasha Rohde, Hayden Schmidt, Isaiah Vogle, and Kaiden Zech.



Ash Reyes-Nunez displays her water bottle rocket before launching it.



Logan Strain's tensegrity structure makes it appear as if the platform the hardhat is on is levitating!

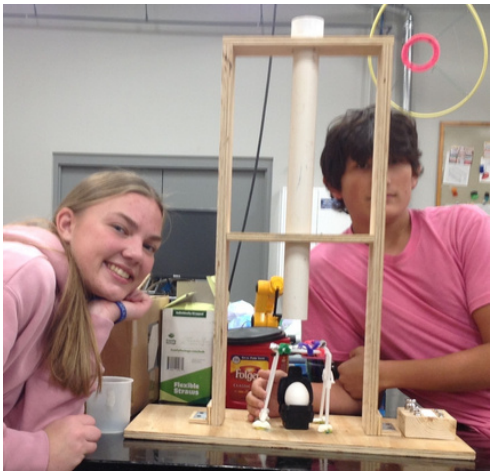


Water sprays out of Carter Uzdilla's water bottle rocket during take of.

Tech & Engineering Dept. News



Jacob Luithle turned his geodesic dome into a racing stadium with a parking lot





Paige Christensen, David Grady, Lyrehc Macks and Dasha Rohde are ready to test their FOPS by dropping weights down the pipe to see if it will protect an egg.



The freshmen had several creative marshmallow launcher designs.



Lucy Myran scores one of her two baskets with her team's winning marshmallow launcher




Emma


Kamran


Heston


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Crunching Apples


Rawlins


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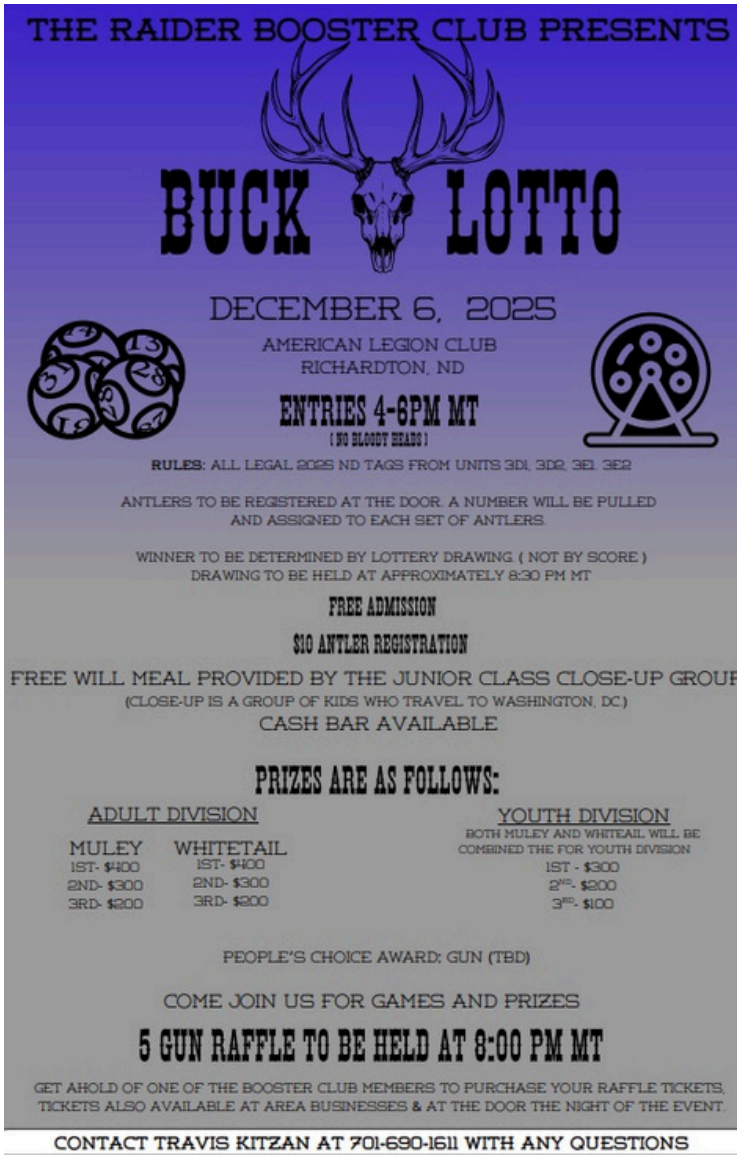
We know how unpredictable the weather is in North Dakota. During inclement weather the following local radio and TV stations will be contacted for school related closures.

Local radio stations will also be notified as follows:

- KDIX -1230 AM
- KLTC - 1460 AM
- KCAD - 99.1 FM
- KZRX –92.1 FM

Tune into the local TV stations: KQCD (NBC) or KXMA(CBS).

If for other reasons school should be closed, students and parents will be notified by note from the administrator. In both incidents, the administration will also send out a message via the school alert system. The RTPSD uses Aptegy, that sends mass voice, text, and/or email messages. Phone messages appear on your caller ID as (501) 712-2633 from Little Rock, Arkansas. Please add them to your contacts to receive messages from RTPSD.



Winter Recess Reminder

As we head into the winter recess period, please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots will help keep everyone comfortable and safe during outdoor activities.

If a student does not wear the proper winter gear, they will still go outside but they must stay on the basketball court or stay by the school building so they stay dry.

Coats must be worn when the outside temperature is below 50° F. Students will be going outside for recess unless it is –10° or colder, this includes actual or wind chill temp. Recess will then be held indoors.

Also, please label your child's winter gear so that when something is lost we can get it back to it's owner.

Thank you for helping us ensure a warm and enjoyable winter season for all students!

RTHS & TRE are looking for substitute teachers

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE $150 A DAY?

YOU CAN BE A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

- Official transcripts documenting 48 semester hours of college coursework
- Successful background check completed with ESPB
- Completed application online from ESPB
- Substitute license is $95 and is valid for 2 years
- https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/license-information/substitute-license
- Completed RTPSD application

DON'T HAVE THE EDUCATION - NO WORRIES

- Frontline has online training for those that do not have the 48 semester hours
- Cost is $99 and will take 20 hours to complete
- https://www.frontlineeducation.com/substitute-teacher-training/
- Once complete you will need to register and apply for ND Substitute license

https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/substitute-license-requirements-and-application

$150/day
Free lunch
Can pick your days to work
Hours are 8:00 am - 3:30 pm



Christmas Concerts

Grades 7-12 - December 2 @ 7:00 PM
RTHS gymnasium

Taylor-Richardton Elementary Concerts - December 12
Grades K-1 - 1:00 PM
Grades 2-4 - 2:00 PM
TRE Gym

Concerts will be livestreamed on HUDL for those that cannot attend:
https://fan.hudl.com/usa/nd/richardton/organization/38903/richardtontaylor-high-school

Mark your calendars for the second Friday of December! The students and staff at TRE invite you to join us on December 12th as we share our seasonal Christmas Program. The Kindergarten and First Grade program will begin at 1 pm in the Taylor Elementary School Gym. The students have been working hard on making the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett come to life.

The second, third and fourth grade program will follow at 2 p.m. entitled "Candles! The Musical, A Multi-Holiday Celebration of Light" by Andy Beck and Brian Fisher. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Advent, Diwali ...What do all these holidays have in common? Candlelight! Listen as the students explore a variety of cultural traditions and learn that each of us has "a light" to share with the world!

Parents, grandparents, and community members are all welcome to attend. We hope to get your Christmas holiday off to a very merry start!

RICHARDTON TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL QUARTER SALE

Taylor Elementary School is having an “everything is a quarter giving sale.” Students will shop for members of their family for a quarter per item. This will allow our students to enjoy the joys of giving. Please help by donating items at Taylor Elementary School. All items will be due December 13. **No clothes please!** For more information contact Alexis Bachler by email at alexis.bachler@k12.nd.us

Items needed

- *candles*
- *outdoor gear*
- *blankets*
- *basic tools*
- *cologne*
- *caps/hats*
- *perfume*
- *coffee*
- *kitchen items*
- *home decor*
- *jewelry*
- *sports team items*
- *books*
- *popcorn*
- *DVD’s*
- *basketballs, footballs,baseballls, golf balls*
- *board games*
- *puzzles*
- *toys*
- *gift bags, tags, wrapping paper*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ABC BB 1st practice JH GB @ Beulah - 3:30	2 7-12 Holiday Concert @ RT -7:00	3	1 JH BB @ Hettinger - 4	5 JH GB vs GCMR @ TRE - 4 AB GB @ Wilton - 4:30	6 JH GB Tourney @ Flasher - TBD AB GB vs Garrison @ RT - 1
8 A GB @ New Salem Holiday Tourney JH BB @ New England - 4 JH GB vs Billings Co @ TRE - 4	9	10 School Board - 6	11 A GB @ New Salem Holiday Tourney	12 JH BB @ Beach - 4 TRE Christmas Program K-1 @ 1:00 2-4 @ 2:00 JH GBB @ South Heart - 4	13 A GB @ New Salem Holiday Tourney
15 JH GB @ Hebron - 4 JV/C GB @ Hebron - 7	16 A BB Roughrider Tourney @ Bowman JH BB @ Hebron - 4 JH GB vs Beulah @ TRE - 4 AB GB vs Flasher @ RT - 5	17	18 A BB Roughrider Tourney @ Bowman JH BB vs Billings Cty @ TRE - 4	19 JH GB S Heart Tourney AB GB vs Hettinger-Scranton @ RTHS - 5	20 JH GB S Heart Tourney A BB Roughrider Tourney @ Bowman
22 No School ABC BB @ Flasher - 4 JH BB vs GU/Hebron @ TRE - 4	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 A GB @ Capital City Shootout vs Trenton @ BSC - 4:30 A BB @ Capital City Shootout vs Trenton @ BSC - 6
29 No School A GB Capital City Shootout @ United Tribes vs Ellendale - 2 A BB @ Capital City Shootout vs Ellendale @ United Tribes- 3:30	30 No School A BB Capital City Shootout vs Medina @ BSC - 11 A GB @ Capital City Shootout vs New Town @ BSC - 12:30	31 No School			



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cereal Super Nachos	2 Bagel/Cr Cheese Chicken Taco	3 Muffin Stew	4 Waffles Chicken Fried Rice	5 Breakfast Bread Breakfast for Lunch
8 Cereal Hamburger Hotdish	9 Muffin Crispitos	10 Sausage, Cheese Bagel Cream Chicken	11 Muffin Hot Ham & Cheese	12 French Toast Soup
15 Cereal Pizza	16 Ham & Cheese Biscuit Chicken Tenders	17 Muffin Ham Dinner	18 Turnover Tacos	19 Breafkast Bread Turkey Wrap

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Richardton-Taylor Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Title IX and Section 504 -
Mrs. Sarah Scott-Singer, Counselor
320 Raider Road
Richardton ND 58652
701-974-2111
email: sarah.scottsinger@k12.nd.us.

Richardton-Taylor Schools empower students with knowledge, skills and character to thrive - we EXPECT SUCCESS!

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