



REBEL NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 13** NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
OCT 15 Fall Picture Retakes/Sports Pictures
OCT 17 End of 1st Quarter
OCT 22-23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
OCT 24 NO SCHOOL
OCT 27 Track-or-Treat (STUCO Hosted) 5-7pm
 PFK Meeting 5:30 pm (CLS)
 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
OCT 28 Hearing & Vision Screening

BOYS BASKETBALL- Season Starting

PRE-SEASON OPTIONAL OPEN GYMS:

10/6, 10/7, & 10/9 3:00-4:30pm

TRYOUTS:

10/20 3:00-5:00 pm

Students MUST have a current Sports Physical on file to participate.



Click Here

Nick Beard, Principal
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 School Website: www.rankin98.org
 Join us on Facebook!

Teacher Ease-Parent Portal

Visit our parent portal to view your students' grades, assignments, attendance, and fees.

Fees can be paid online through **Illinois e-Pay** or in the office with cash or a check.

K-8 Meal Prices

- Breakfast: Student \$2.00 / Adult \$2.30
- Lunch: Student \$3.00 / Adult \$3.55
- Additional items: \$0.50-\$2.00 (extra drinks and snacks available for purchase, 3rd- 8th grade only)

If you are interested in applying for the **FREE/REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM**, apply through TeacherEase, under the Miscellaneous tab. Applications are accepted all year. If you have already applied, please know we are working through all of the applications as fast as we can, and you will be contacted shortly.



IMPORTANT!

STUDENT-LED PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

Oct 22 & 23 (3:30-7:00pm)

Teachers have already started scheduling. If you have not already scheduled yours, please contact your child's teacher(s).

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: OCT 6-12TH

Visit our website for full calendar details.

- MON** 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Open Gym
 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Away Game at Edison
TUES 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Open Gym
 3:15 pm Homework Help (Grades 3-8)
 5:30 pm Girls Basketball Away Game at Blessed Sacrament
THURS 3:00 pm Boys Basketball Open Gym
 3:15 pm Homework Help (Grades 3-8)
 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Away Game at Limestone Walters
FRI 4:00 pm STUCO Fall Workshop at Porta School
 4:00 pm XC Sectionals

MISC NEWS

PICTURE DAY

Fall Picture Retakes are coming up on Oct 15th. Student Pictures will be taken in the morning.

Fall Sports Pictures for Girls' Basketball & Cheer will be in the afternoon.



STUCO

PINK OUT GAME- Wed, Oct 15, 4:30pm

Items can be purchased before the game.
 Pom-Poms: \$5 Boom Sticks: \$1
 Headbands: \$5 Necklaces: \$1

Proceeds from items sold will go to Susan G Komen Association.

Let's fill the stands with PINK!!



Rankin PFK is looking for

★ **LEADERS** ★

NEXT MEETING:
 MON, OCT 27TH
 5:30PM IN THE CLS

NURSE NOTES

October starts Influenza season.

Protect your family from illness by getting your flu vaccine by Halloween!



If your student is absent, please be sure to contact our attendance line:
 309-346-3182, option 2
 Dr Notes are encouraged with any visit.

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PARENTS FOR KIDS GROUP

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT THAT BOX TOPS ARE STILL AN ACTIVE PROGRAM?
YOU CAN FACILITATE PFK'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BY DOWNLOADING THE APP AND LINKING RANKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



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REBEL PIT STOP

We serve delicious options for Breakfast and Lunch! Check out what's on the Menu!!

Click Here

OCT MENU



Energize Your Day!
Eat School Breakfast

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Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not really know how they are supposed to see or hear. Therefore, they may not complain about poor vision or hearing. Each year your school provides screening to ensure children are seeing and hearing optimally for their growth and learning. This is done in accordance with the IL Rules and Regulations of the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. ***In the event you are unable to participate in this free service provided, it will be your responsibility to ensure your child does not have vision and/or hearing deficits.***

The screening dates for 2025/2026 school year will be:
October 28th, 2025 with a rescreen date of November 11th, 2025

Those who have been referred for hearing by School Sight & Sound, Inc. at previous screens will receive yearly hearing monitoring as needed. Students who are new to the district, attend any special education classes, or are referred by a teacher will be screened for both vision and hearing along with the following grades:

Hearing Screens:

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Vision Screens:

Kindergarten (If student has not had an eye exam for Kindergarten entrance requirement)

2nd Grade

8th Grade

"Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months." (Section 27-8.1 of the School Code)

Lori Leskovisek and Deanna Frye, administrators of School Sight & Sound, Inc. are certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as vision and hearing screening technicians. They are, for this purpose, considered "school officials" as they conduct a program that has "legitimate educational interest". Under the State codes 99.31 and 99.7, as *school officials*, they are authorized to share screening results with the school office since these results have *legitimate educational interest*. School Sight & Sound, Inc. will notify parents/guardians if a child is recommended for further testing.

This service has proven to be very valuable in discovering those children who may be struggling academically due to vision and hearing needs. Although this service is meant to benefit your child, it is your right to refuse it for religious purposes. According to the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act, a written statement of objection must be submitted by any parent/guardian who chooses to not have their child tested. (410 ILCS 205/6)

Sincerely,