

Viking Voice

Ruby Van Meter 515-242-8220

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When your student finishes their 12th grade year at Ruby Van Meter, they are automatically eligible to attend our Transition age program for ages 18-21. Special Education services in the public schools are completed at the end of the school year in which the student turns 21 years old. While enrolled in the Transition program, your student will continue to have instruction in their goal areas. They will continue to have instruction in reading, writing, and math as well as other goals included on their IEPs. Additional classes in the Transition program include Civic and Financial Literacy.

Giving your student exposure and practice in skills needed in the workplace is a priority during these years. In addition to Work Experience class included in their Related Arts rotation, our oldest students also have Employability Skills class. Each year at your student's IEP meeting, we will discuss their strengths, interests, preferences, and skills as they pertain to Post-Secondary working. We know that work experiences will look different for each student, and we join with parents, teachers, and Pre-Vocational Services and Vocational Rehabilitation to develop a plan.

If you have specific questions, contact Judy Taylor for support at 242-8220 or Judith.Taylor@dmschools.org



Lunch Menu

22	23	24	25	26
Breaded Chicken Sandwich or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cooked Carrots Celery Sticks Peaches, Raisels	Beef & Bean Burrito or Yogurt Kydz-able Refried Beans Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa Cup Mandarin Oranges, Apple Slices	<p>A large, stylized graphic for Thanksgiving. It features the words "Happy Thanksgiving" in a bubbly, yellow font with a drop shadow. A realistic orange pumpkin with a green stem is positioned behind the word "Thanksgiving".</p>		

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This Week's Events

Mon. 11 - 22 - 21

Tues. 11 - 23 - 21

Fall Conferences 4:00 -
7:00

Wed. 11 - 24 - 21

No Classes

Thurs. 11 - 25 - 21



Fri. 11 - 26 - 21

No Classes

Upcoming Events:

12/7: School Board Meeting

12/10: NO SCHOOL,
Professional Development

12/22-31: Winter Break

1/3: Classes Resume

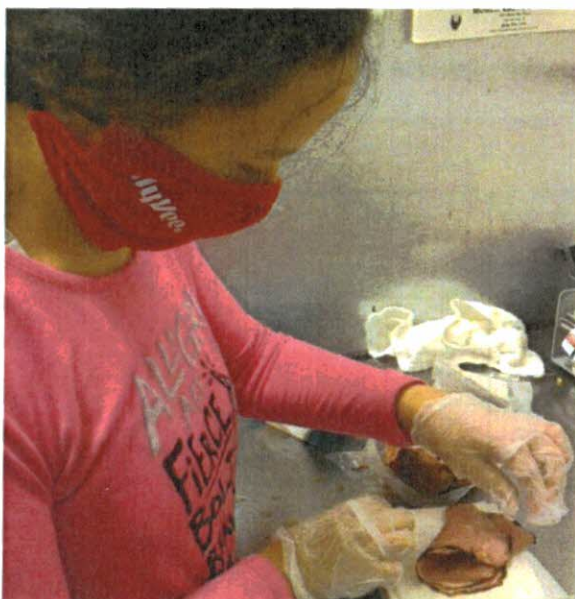
1/14: End of 1st Semester

Work Experience at RVM

At Ruby Van Meter we are fortunate to have an Employment Specialist with ties to Easter Seals to work with our learners. Madeline Harris helps students in High School and Transition explore career areas through volunteering, job shadowing, and short-term work experiences. They have had the opportunity to work and/or volunteer at Many Hands Thrift Market, Food Bank of Iowa, Meals from the Heartland, St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, Bruegger's Bagels and others.

Middle School students are exploring work opportunities with in-building job tasks, and employability skills training. They are also currently preparing for their annual career day on February 18th. Invitations and more information to come!

A helpful, fun website to check out for career planning for teens with disabilities is - [https://
explore-work.com/](https://explore-work.com/)



Above left, Brooklyn Roering working at Brueggers Bakery, above right, Shea Reeves stocks books at the St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store-Sixth Avenue.

From the Office -

An early Happy Thanksgiving all! Reminder, the Des Moines Public School district and school offices will be closed for Thanksgiving break, November 24-26. Classes will resume on Monday, November 29. We hope our students, staff and families have a safe and healthy holiday break.