



# LIL' RAMBLINGS

## MARCH 2024

### Hello!

The warmer weather is here just in time for Spring Break! In-service care will be available for **April 1-5<sup>th</sup>** non-school days. Registration will be open March 18<sup>th</sup> and close at noon March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have several fun field trips and activities planned to keep the kids busy!

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the Procure App! Your child's teachers will use this device to check students in/out each day. This is a GREAT way to communicate with staff and get updates about any fun activities happening during Lil' Rams. More information can be found under the section "Ways to Connect"!

In this newsletter you will find important information about our Lil' Rams school year program, as well as many **reminders** and *contact information* for each Lil' Rams site.

Throughout the year we will be providing FUN and *educational* activities. Our curriculum includes **S.T.E.M.** (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math), **Creative Arts** (Crafts & Cooking), **Physical Development** (Large/Fine Motor), **Literacy** (Reading/Writing), **Social Skills** (Getting along with peers)/ **Community Service** (Random acts of kindness & giving back to others).

We are looking forward to a successful school year!

- **Your Lil' Rams Team**

### HOURS:

7-8am/3-6pm

\*There will be a minimum charge of \$15/child for any drop off before 7am or pick up after 6pm

### SAVE THE DATE:

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> –

**NO SCHOOL**

Lil' Rams care available

March 29<sup>th</sup> – **CLOSED!**

April 1-5<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL**

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### SIGN IN & OUT:

To ensure safety, children must be signed IN and OUT each day by a parent/guardian.

### TUITION:

Tuition is based on ENROLLMENT not ATTENDANCE. Tuition will be pulled from your account every Friday.

### NON SCHOOL DAYS:

Non School Days will be held at Meadows Elementary  
9225 Berry St. Omaha, NE 68127

### ATTENDANCE:

If your child will not be in attendance, please be sure to let a Lil' Rams staff member know.

### HEART OF LEARNING:

Be sure to nominate a deserving Lil' or Tiny Rams staff member for the Heart of Learning Award!

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Heart of Learning

Nominate a deserving Lil' or Tiny Rams staff member for the Heart of Learning Award!

Nominations can be emailed to

[ashley.nodgaard@ralstonschools.org](mailto:ashley.nodgaard@ralstonschools.org) by

March 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Activities

March is full of several fun holidays and other special events! We will be creating Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day & March Madness inspired crafts, STEM experiments and other activities to celebrate the fun all month long!

## Inservice Days

There is NO SCHOOL on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

March 1<sup>st</sup> we will have an on-site visitor, "Stomp, Chomp, Roar". March 8<sup>th</sup> we will attend the Durham Museum and March 11<sup>th</sup> we will attend Sky Zone.



# MEET OUR DIRECTORS



## SARA RYAN

*Hi!* I'm Sara, District Director of Lil' & Tiny Rams. I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for about **16 years**. I am married and have four boys; Mason, Maks, Mavrick and Madden. We love to spend our free time outside!



## LORI LENDERTS

*Hello!* I am Lori, Assistant District Director of Lil' & Tiny Rams. I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for nearly **16 years**. I am a proud **#BOYMOM**. My husband and I have 3 *boys*; Jayden (14), Marshall (11) & Bennett (3)! I **LOVE** being outdoors, traveling and spending time with my family.



## DANI SCHREINER

Hello everyone! My name is Dani, and I am the Director at **Seymour**. This fall is my 7th year with Lil' & Tiny Rams. My spouse and I have 3 dogs named Cash, Chloe, and Callie. We also have a 13-year-old daughter. This school year I am excited about connecting with families and getting to know each other!



## CHEYENNE HERRERA

Hi, my name is Cheyenne Herrera and I'm the director at Blumfield Elementary and I've been working for Lil' Rams for almost 5 years now! In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends, and my cat Saphira. I also love to stay active in the gym and love lifting weights and accomplishing new personal goals! Looking forward to another school year and connecting with new and old students and parents. :)



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## DIANNA GUERRERO

Hello! My name is Dianna and I'm the Director at **Meadows**, this is My 12th year with Lil' Rams and My 15th year with the District, all at Meadows! I have a 5yr old Niece and a 20-year-old Nephew and I also have a 7month old Shih Tzu puppy named Gizmo! I like exploring the outdoors taking walks and playing with My Dog! I'm excited for another fun filled school year!



## CASSIE LONGACRE

Hey! I'm Cassie Longacre! I'm the Director at **Mockingbird** this year! I'm currently a Senior at Metropolitan Community College majoring in Creative Writing while also taking classes at UNO to get my bachelor's degree. I am also the RHS Color guard Coach this year! In my free time I love to read, write, draw/color, watch movies, and hang out with friends and family. I'm super excited for this school year to start!



## MICHELLE BARRAGAN-LOPEZ

My name is Michelle. I'm the Director at Wildewood & this will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year with Lil Rams! A little bit about me is that I am 22 years old, I like spending my free time with friends, going to concerts & traveling I'm excited to meet more kiddos here at Lil Rams, can't wait to see what fun adventures we will have this year :)

# MEET OUR TEACHERS



## JORDAN HERNANDEZ

Hello, my I'm Jordan! I've worked at Lil' Rams for 1 year. I've worked at Seymour for 7 years in the reading program helping children reach their reading goals! I love my job! When I'm not at work I am either relaxing watching crime shows, listening to Country music, or cheering on my nieces at their sporting events! I LOVE being an aunt.



## SERENITY BEISCH

Hi! My name is serenity. Working with kids is my second nature as I have **14 siblings!** This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Lil' Rams. I plan to acquire my gen eds at Metro, and then hopefully I'm off to university in KC - I can't wait to watch the kiddos grow this year!"



## MIA DZIURAWIEC

Hi! I'm Mia and this will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Lil' Rams. I just graduated at RHS and plan on going to MCC in the fall to continue my education. I love spending time outside and doing my favorite hobbies like baking, drawing, crocheting and more!



## BENAZIR KHANDAKER

I'm a new teacher at Lil Rams. I'm also working as a paraprofessional at Meadows Elementary School. It's been a decade since I've been working with kids. I love spending time with children. Working with them makes my heart happy.



# MEET OUR STAFF



## EVE HARRISON

Hey Lil Rams Fam! My name is Eve, and this is my 2nd year with Lil Rams. I am 27 years old, and I have a pet cat named Lola. During my time off, I enjoy skateboarding, painting, or staying home with a good book!



## HANNAH CARROLL

Hello! My name is Hannah and I'm a sophomore at Ralston High School. I'm part of the theatre program, and show choir, I absolutely love performing! I'm so excited to get to know everyone at Lil Rams!



## ANNICA BRUMAGE

Hi! I'm Annica. This is my first year working at Lil' Rams. I love working with the kids and our friendly staff! I am looking forward to getting to know the children even more and learning with them!



## MASON SALNICKY

Hi I'm Mason! I have gone to Ralston my whole life and am a senior this year at Ralston High School. I plan on going to UNL to study Criminal Justice and will figure out what exactly to pursue in it. A fun fact is that I used to go to Lil' Rams and now I teach it!



Hi, my name is Caitlin Leu! This will be my second year at Lil Rams. I am a graduate of Ralston High School. I am currently attending Iowa Western Community College to study Agribusiness Management. In my free time, I love to travel and spend time with my friends and family. As always, it's a great day to be a RAM ❤️🐏.

# WAYS TO CONNECT

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