

RIVERSIDE RAMS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019



A LOOK AHEAD

JANUARY

- 2nd - School resumes from Christmas Break
- 14th - DIBELS Math day
- 18th - DIBELS Reading day
- 21th - NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Day
- 24th—PTA Disney Trivia Night
at 6:00
- 25th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

FEBRUARY

- 8th - 4th Grade Tree Planting
Field Trip
- 11th thru 13th - PTA Smencil
Sales
- 12th - 3rd grade Music Program
at 6:30
- 15th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day
- 18th - NO SCHOOL
Presidents Day
- 21th - PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm



Principally Speaking

Jan/Feb 2019

Happy 2019! I hope the Holiday season brought joy to you and all of our Riverside families. As we are gearing back up to school in January I am excited to see all of the smiling faces back in our classrooms, the cafeteria, and gym. Although the weather is cold, wet, and icy our days will start getting longer and we will be increasingly busier here at school.

January is a time we assess all students on the growth they are making this year. Our goal is to measure how their skills are improving and to ensure they are making adequate progress toward the end of year benchmarks. One tool we are using to assess skills in reading and math is Acadience (formerly called DIBELS). On January 14th we will be Acadience testing all students in math, and on January 18th we will be Acadience testing all students in Reading. The following weeks we will be meeting as a staff to discuss the results with our grade level teams and making adjustments to our reading and math groups and classroom instruction. This is another time of year you might hear that your student could be going to another group or classroom for instruction throughout the day.

We often hear from families asking how they can help at home. Some of the most important things families can do is helping with your child's reading fluency and accuracy. Reading at home, with and/or to your child each day, is the best method and is time well spent improving reading skills and bonding as a family. In addition to reading at home, another thing you can do to help your students succeed is making sure they are in school and on time every day. Thank you for reading at home and for helping make attendance a priority in your house and having your child here on time and ready to learn each day! Every day we have classes who earn perfect attendance and we celebrate this success. Classes can earn monthly prizes for daily perfect attendance.

We want to send a BIG thank you to all of our PTA members who have volunteered this year! The most recent event was our Holiday Shop and it was a huge success! The PTA is also hosting several family events this winter and spring so watch your e-mail and Remind text messages for details and we hope to see all of our Riverside families here those events evening.

Sincerely,

Rob Henderson, Principal

January School-Wide Assessments

January 14th and 18th are important dates for your child to be at school! Each January, Riverside students get an opportunity to show how much they've grown in the areas of reading and math since the beginning of the school year. These short assessments are like well child visits to the doctor where we take the "temperature" of children's academic health. Riverside staff looks at this assessment data to help make decisions regarding the best instruction for all our learners. Your children will also look at their progress and set new goals as they work towards end-of-year objectives. Thank you for working with us to help your children blossom!

Julie Harris,

SPEED LIMIT!



Please be aware that the speed limit in front of the school has been reduced to 10 miles per hour. This is to ensure our children's safety when they are on school grounds. We would appreciate it if you would please be more aware of your speed and SLOW DOWN! Also, please don't use the turn around drive to miss the speed bump. This is only for drop off and pick up of the kids.

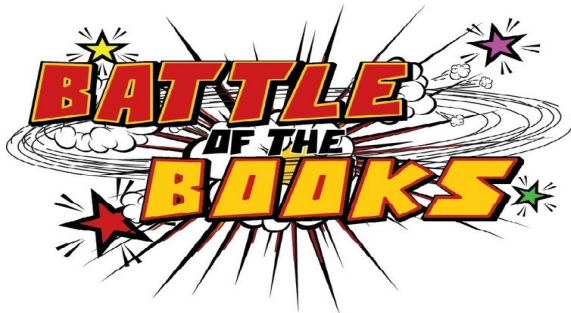
END OF THE DAY CHANGES!

Hello Parents! Just a friendly reminder that if your child is going to have a change with their going home plans in **ANY** way, please call the office no later than 1:45 to let the office know. The dismissal notes go out to the teachers shortly after that ensuring your children get to where they need to go properly and safely! The end of the day can be a hectic time, and we really appreciate your understanding and support with this!

If you have any questions, please call 541-474-5780



ATTENTION 3rd, 4th and 5th graders



Battle of the Books kicked off in December for District 7.

10 books in a range of reading levels are picked, and the Battle is open to all 3rd, 4th & 5th graders at Riverside. Each participant is required to read 2 books and pass the AR test by January 24th to be placed on a team. After teams are formed, the participants are required to read 2 more books and pass the AR tests during the month of February. The school battle will take place at the beginning of March, the whole school gets involved by hosting team rounds in individual classrooms. The top 3 teams from the day will have a final competition and the top 2 teams advance to the District wide Battle on March 7. This is a great reading challenge for many students, and we love how many participants we get every year. If your student is in the Battle, encourage them to read, read, read!

Exclusion Day is coming—Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Exclusion Day will be here soon and the Oregon Immunization Program wants to remind parents that now is the time to make sure kids' vaccination records are complete. State law requires that all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities have up-to-date immunizations, or have a medical or non-medical exemption.

Parents or guardians will receive a letter in January if their child's immunizations are not up to date, but if you have already been notified by your school, please take advantage of the winter vacation time to obtain the missing immunizations. Children will **not be able** to attend school or child care starting February 20, 2019, if school records show missing immunizations. If you have already obtained the missing immunizations, please share a copy of the record with the school as soon as possible to avoid getting the letter.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department (541-474-5325). No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines.

Additional information on school immunizations can be found on the Oregon Public Health website at <http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool>.

Martha Covrig, RN, BSN, MPH, GP#7 District Nurse

The winter season is here in Southern Oregon, and if you've lived here any time at all, you'll know that can mean some nasty weather. We want you to be aware of our school policy in regards to any inclement weather and closures we may have.

Full Day Closure - This will be implemented if weather or road conditions make it impossible for buses to travel safely for a major part of the day.

Two-Hour Delayed Start - This will be implemented if weather or road conditions make it impossible for the buses to travel safely in the early morning hours. School would begin at 10 a.m. Buses would pick up students two hours later than normal. Students who do not ride the bus should not arrive before 9:45 a.m. as there will be no supervision. No breakfast will be served. Lunch and dismissal times remain the same.

Closure or delayed start will be announced over local radio stations. If you have questions, please turn on the radio. If you subscribed to RE-MIND then you will get a text from Mr. Henderson alerting you.

