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Riverside Public Schools

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RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cedar Rapids, NE | Spalding, NE

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 6—No school RPS PK-8
Oct. 9—JH Volleyball Tournament in Cedar
Oct. 15—End of 1st Quarter; Senior Night FB vs CWC in Cedar
Oct. 16—Conference volleyball tournament
Oct. 20—County government day for Seniors
Oct. 21—Football playoffs—round 1
Oct. 22—Fall break; No school for all students; State cross country
Oct. 25-26—Volleyball sub-districts
Oct. 28—Riverside's Got Talent @ 7pm
Oct. 29—Football playoffs—round 2
Oct. 30—Volleyball district finals
Nov. 4—State Volleyball
Nov. 5—Football quarter finals
Nov. 11—Veterans Day program at each site TBA
Nov. 17—Blood drive at Cedar site 12pm-6pm
Nov. 22—State Football
Nov. 23—Goldenrod Conference play production
Nov. 24-26—No School Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30—People of Prominence at Spalding site @ 7pm

Riverside Chargers ACTIVITY PASSES

Available for purchase at
School offices in Spalding and
Cedar Rapids

Adult Individual: \$60.00

Family: \$90.00

Free passes to the Senior
Citizens (65 and older) of our
school district!

Be Respectful, Be Productive, and
Be Safe



RIVERSIDE CHARGERS

Riverside Public School



Home of the Chargers



From the Desk of the Superintendent

Happy Fall! We are excited to be back in school and ready for all that lies ahead. With classes in full swing and fall activities underway it makes it a very busy time of year. Thanks to the support of our wonderful staff, students, families, and communities, we are off to a great start. Normal: the word of the year coming off a year that was anything but. Throughout the summer and beginning of the school year, one phrase we heard over and over was “normal year.” As we all discuss how and when we will get back to normal, it might be time to acknowledge that we are truly living in extraordinary times. And maybe, instead of hoping for “normal”, we should hope the upcoming year will be amazing. As life settles into what is commonly referred to as “our new normal,” we need to remember and appreciate the growth we have experienced and all we have to be thankful for. Riverside is doing just that! RPS starts the year with five new staff members- Deb Brownfield as our Cedar site principal, Dan Wolken as our 9-12 Social Science teacher and 9-12 athletic director, Kalie Bloom as our assistant women’s basketball coach and Spalding site paraprofessional, Jaiden Switzer as a Cedar site paraprofessional, and Mary Auten as a Cedar site cook and custodian. We welcome them and their families to our community and are excited about the energy and enthusiasm they bring to Riverside Public School. Along with new staff members, we also welcome 10 new K-12 students to the district. We also welcomed 21 of our youngest Chargers to school on August 24th as they started their educational journey as preschoolers. This rounds out our student enrollment for the 2021/22 school year at 242 students.



1st row--Dennis Weltruski, Steve VanDeWalle, Marcus Donner, Carter Camp, Cory Valasek, Dan Wolken

2nd row- Sherri Kelley, Mary Bopp, Gladys Asche, Peg Ray, Stephanie Kaczor, Sarah Feik, Nanda Armatys, Calen Choyeski, Lisa Hamling

3rd row-Angela Langer, Datrece Voichoski, Julie Rankin, Melissa Hyde, Kelly Steenson, Lisa Thayer, Margaret Boyer, Lacey Peterson, LaTravia Dobson

4th row-Cecilia Baldwin, Erin VanDeWalle, Tiffany Holka, Sandy Mogensen, Samantha Molt, Kimberly Webb, Tana Dozler, Kendra Hahlbeck, Jayne Nelson, Andrea Jazwick

5th row-Melissa Weltruski, Angela Pfeifer, Candace Poss, Ari Ray, Mary Auten, Tammy Iburg, Jaiden Switzer, Cathy McConkey

6th row- Cyndie Cornwell, Tricia Martinsen, Barb Newquist, Nancy Hendrickson, Sherri Molt, Sarah Nordhues, Meridee Heikes
Not pictured - Tom Armatys, Pete Asche, Lori Beeson, Sharon Bennett, Denny Bloom, Kalie Bloom, Deb Brownfield, Janet Feik, Mitch Glesinger, Molly Keehn, Jim Langan, Collin Martinsen, Mike Morgan, Malisa Ragar, Kallen Ryan, Deb Slevin, Tina Smith, and Scott Schmieding

At the September Riverside Board of Education meeting, the 2021-2022 budget was approved. The district saw a .25% decrease in district valuations. The board of education approved a 57.12 cent levy. This is a .001 cent or .247% increase over the past year. Even with this .247% levy increase, the board did vote to keep the tax asking the same as the previous school year at \$ 4,491,490. With our previous year's levy of 56.98 cents, we were in the bottom 10% of the lowest levy's in the state. We predict our new levy of 57.12 cents, will have Riverside in the bottom 8% of the lowest levies in the state of Nebraska. Assessment and data are important pieces to school systems in today's world. Technology is another essential part. As we continue to grow in these areas and receive data regarding our growth as a district, we will keep you well informed. Due to the pandemic, only certain portions of school data will be released this year due to no state data collected in the 2019-2020 school year. We anticipate district trends and demographic data to be released later this month from the Department of Education as well. We will share all this data with the public at that time.

As we reflect back on the past year, we have learned how important the little things are to us. We gained a new appreciation for the many things we used to take for granted. We came together as schools and communities and developed plans and ideas in order to reach the common goal of doing what is best for our students. We sacrificed but we succeeded. Change is hard. Change is good. Change is inevitable. Even in years of "normal", change happens, and in extraordinary years that change brings with it positivity and opportunities. We are looking forward to this 2021-2022 school year and all that it brings. There will be many great accomplishments that our staff and students will achieve this year and we are thrilled you are a part of the journey with us!

~Ms. Kaczor

**‘A journey of a thousand miles
begins with one step.’**

~Lao Tzu

A Message From Mrs. Nordhues

We have had a busy, but fun start to the 2021 school year. In the past few weeks, we have celebrated homecoming, Grandparents/Special Friends Luncheon, Middle School Families, Book Fair, and completed MAPS testing. It has been busy but the smiles have made it all worth it!

I have had a few parents reach out about accessing PowerSchool. We checked into it and realized we had a glitch in our system. At Parent Teacher Conferences, we will give you a hand out with direction on how to set up your account along with your one-time access code. This will be handed to you when you receive your students' mid quarter report. We will also have a few computers set up so that you can set up your account that night.

Preschool through eighth grade parents are also encouraged to sign up for SeeSaw if you have not yet. You should have been sent a link to your email or your cell phone. Click on the link and follow the directions. If you need another link, please let your child's teacher know. Pk-8th grade teachers will use SeeSaw in many ways. Students will use it to complete assignments, teachers can communicate with you, announcements can be sent to different recipients, and you, the parents can communicate with teachers through it. It is just an overall great way to keep informed and watch your students' progress. If you are having trouble logging in please ask for help at conferences.

~Mrs. Nordhues

Riverside High School Students

Present

Riverside's Got Talent

Thursday, October 28

7:00pm

Cedar Rapids Site

Come Enjoy a Night of Fabulous Entertainment!



Riverside Junior class will be selling the Northern Wreaths from Oct 1- Oct 26! If you would like a Spray, Balsam Wreath, Cross, or Garland then get in touch with a junior, Mrs. Holka or Mrs. Ray! Thank you!!

Child Find for Special Education Services

Riverside Public Schools asks you to assist us in our "Nebraska Child Find" efforts. This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, ages birth through 21.

SEP If you know of a child who is experiencing difficulties with motor development, speech and language, vision, hearing or learning, please refer the parent to the number below. The Riverside Public Schools District will provide an educational evaluation at no cost to the parent. If the child qualifies under Nebraska law, a free and appropriate educational program will be developed to meet his/her educational needs.

SEP To contact us, please call Stephanie Kaczor at 308-358-0640 or 308-497-2431. You may also contact Nebraska Child find at (888) 806-6287.

A Note from Mrs. Brownfield

Hello Riverside Family,

I am so excited to get the opportunity to meet each and every one of you. Thank you for the honor and privileged to work with your children to provide them with the best educational experience ever.

I am the oldest of five girls, my dad was in the Air Force and I went to 14 different schools before I attended one high school for 3 years. I graduated from South Tama County High School in Toledo, Iowa.

My husband Vernon and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in July. We have the family farm/ranch operation in Hershey. We have two grown daughters. Lindsay is a coordinator of library services at UNK. Melissa and her husband Scott live in Papillion. Melissa does insurances auditing from home and Scott is a dedicated field supervisor for Werner Trucks. They have two sons, Carter who will be a 4th grader and Everett who will be a 1st grader this year.

I taught High School Math at Wheatland and North Platte, I was the HS Math coordinator in Garden City, Kansas, where I worked with 17 Math instructors. I was PK-12 Principal in Sioux County and have just finished 9 years as K-12 Principal at McPherson County Schools.

Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself to me. I look forward to partnering with you all for the benefit of your children.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the lives of your children.

IT IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A CHARGER!

Respectfully,

Deb Brownfield

Technology Tips

Technology is a huge part of our student's daily lives, and staying informed on the latest trends can be overwhelming. Here are two websites that work to inform and educate parents, students, and teachers on topics such as: screen time, cell phone parenting, social media, sexting, technology addiction, and many more. Common Sense Media also reviews movies, TV shows, video games, apps, books, and websites! Check these sites out!

www.common sense media.org

www.net smartz.org

Riverside on Twitter

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#ChargeUp

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and stay up-to-date on
Riverside activities!

~Mrs. Weltruski

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Preschool Spalding Site

Preschool is off to a great start in Spalding! We have spent the first several weeks learning each other's names, as well as expectations at school. We have learned about making green choices, and how when we make red choices it sometimes hurts our friends or makes us feel sad. The preschoolers have also learned about the Zones of Regulation and we have started "checking in" each day with deciding which zone we are in based on how we are feeling! Preschool looks a little bit different in Spalding this year with class going from 11:00am - 3:35pm. We have all adjusted to these times changes. We are hoping to be able to go on some field trips this year and have visitors come to our classroom! We are looking forward to the many adventures in store for us this year!

~Mrs. Thayer

Kindergarten News Cedar Site

The Kindergarten Class has been working hard recognizing and writing the capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet. They are blending, segmenting, counting sounds in words, rhyming words, and many other things to make the process of reading so much easier for them.

The kindergarten class is very good at identifying shapes and being able to recognize many different patterns with those shapes. Number recognition is becoming higher as well as the counting of numbers.

We went on a nature walk to look for different leaves and to see the different colors of the fall season. We will also be studying the life cycle of a pumpkin. And their next objective will be the needs of animals.

In November, we will be discussing what we are thankful for and will be learning what donating means and what it feels like when we donate. We will be collecting loose change throughout the months of November and December and then purchase toys for our local "Toys for Tots" with the change that we collect. If you would like to help us with this cause, please stop into our classroom anytime.

~Mrs. Heikes

It Takes a Big
Heart to shape
little minds!

Second and Third Grade News Spalding Site

It feels so good to be back in school and in our classrooms! It's a new look for Mrs. Martinsen's classroom and students. This year we have combined 2nd and 3rd grade and moved into a different classroom. We just completed MAPS testing and are settling in to our daily routine.

We are getting used to a new Math series called Zearn. The 3rd grade jumped right into multiplication and division. The 2nd grade are adding and subtracting friendly numbers from 2-digit numbers. The 3rd grade has a couple of students who have complete addition fluency in XtraMath!

We have been busy in Science learning about fossils. We had a very interesting lesson one what scientist used to help determine what dinosaurs looked like! In Social Studies, we have discussed our community and how we contribute to our world.

The 2nd & 3rd grade students are taking all the new changes to school in stride and doing their best every day. October is just around the corner and we are looking forward to all the activities that this month brings us!

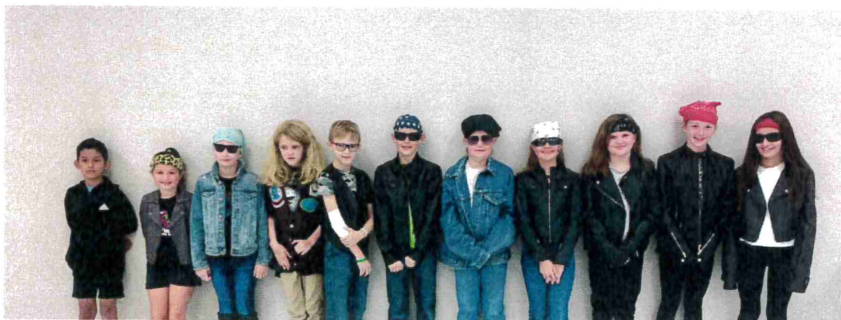
~Mrs. Martinsen

Fourth and Fifth Grade News Spalding Site

The 4th & 5th grades at the Spalding site are in a combined classroom this year. The students really enjoyed showing their spirit and making posters for Homecoming. Cornhusker Public Power District also came to teach us about electrical safety. Our STEM Makerspace is under construction and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the last of our STEM grant items. Hopefully, it will be all set up and usable in the near future. In the meantime, we will continue exploring the robots and other items from the grant.

The 4th and 5th graders are also working very hard in the classroom. They are working on fluency, comprehension, and writing in our reading and language classes. Zearn Math is our new math series. This math series includes small group learning with the teacher and independent practice on the computer. Place value; adding and subtracting decimals; and multiplying and dividing numbers have been the focus in math. In science, students are learning how the energy in animals' food comes from the sun and travels through food chains. Patriot Day and Constitution Day have been the main focus for social studies. Students are also working on independent reading with BINGO reading & the Book It programs. Everyone is looking forward to a fabulous year at Riverside Public Schools filled with cheer, challenges, and Chargers!

~Mrs. Rankin



Middle School Notes

Have you read any good books lately? Middle school students are introduced to new books on **First Chapter Friday**. On Fridays, 6th, 7th and 8th graders listen to the first chapter of a new novel from the library. So far this year, we have heard *96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin, *Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland, and *Ember and the Ice Dragons* by Heather Fawcett. *Ophie's Ghost* is the favorite, and students are asking for multiple copies, so that more of them can finish the book.

Students are choosing novels and doing silent reads for enjoyment and are not just reading for core subjects. The object is to rediscover how enjoyable reading is when we take the time to actually do it. Maybe you have a particular novel that you would like to share with the middle school? Feel free to make suggestions!

The eight graders are demonstrating how talented they are through their public speaking skills. Currently, the speech class is delivering three-minute speeches that explain three wishes that each student finds important. The speakers are enthusiastic and display talent in their writing and communication abilities. This semester is starting out strong.

~Mrs. Boyer

Homecoming News

Homecoming 2021 was celebrated the week of September 7th through September 10th. Students and staff took part in spirit days, parade in Spalding, cross country, volleyball and football games and last the homecoming dance on Friday night.

The spirit days included: Holiday Day on Tuesday, Elderly Day on Wednesday, Biker Day on Thursday, and Blue and Gold on Friday.

During the week, students created class banners that were hung in the gym. Also, they worked on decorations for class floats.

On Friday, all students went to Spalding to decorate floats, take part in the parade, cheer the Charger football and volleyball teams to victory and dance the night away. The Seniors took the high school float competition and also took home the Class Spirit Award. The Junior class took home the high school banner competition. For the elementary best float went to the second and third grade while the middle school champion float went to the 8th grade. Banner winners for Cedar Rapids site elementary was 4th grade. Banner winners for Spalding site elementary was 2nd and 3rd grade and for middle school was 8th grade.

The crowning took place at Riverside Public School Gymnasium.

Freshmen attendants were Drew Carraher, son of Kurt and Holly Carraher and Ashley Weltruski daughter of Jeff and Sandy Weltruski

Sophomore attendants were: Billy Glesinger son of Terry and Alisha Glesinger and Kaimyn Rutten daughter of Nena Rutten

Junior attendants were: Brandon Sensenig Son of Coleen Wireman and Jazmine Walz daughter of Lenora Reed.

The 2021 king was Tony Berger son of Dave and Arlene Berger.

The 2021 queen was Hope Schalk daughter of Joel and Dee Schalk

The king was crowned by the 2020 king Michael Bernt son of Denny and Carey Bernt.

The queen was crowned by the 2020 queen Neeley Greger daughter of Scott and Cyndie Greger

Students enjoyed pizza and pop with bars and cookies during the dance. Tom and Lisa Hamling served the meal. The DJ, Mr. Jerry Esch played the music as requested by the student body. Thanks to Student Council for organizing homecoming activities!

Get to Know the Riverside Staff: What is your favorite thing about fall?

Mrs. Thayer – cardigans, baking with pumpkin, and pumpkin patches, decorating and carving	Mrs. Rankin – leaves changing colors	Mrs. Nordhues – the 60–70-degree temps and all of the outdoor activities such as football and going to the pumpkin patch
Mrs. Ari Ray – soup and fall smelling candles	Mrs. Choyeski – cooler temperatures, pumpkin patches, and comfy sweats	Mrs. Kelley – beautiful changes in nature, fall college sports, and Halloween
Mrs. Slevin – decorating and eating anything pumpkin	Mrs. Jazwick – leaves changing colors and seeing all of the different pumpkins	Mrs. Holka – sweatshirt and jean weather and outdoor activities
Mrs. Baldwin – going to pumpkin patch with family	Mrs. Hamling – colorful leaves on the trees	Mrs. Webb – leaves changing colors
Mrs. Feik – cooler temperatures		

Resources



**NEBRASKA FAMILY
HELPLINE**

1-888-866-8660

Hearing- and speech-impaired callers with TTY equipment can call **1-888-556-5117**

- Trained counselors 24/7/365
- Children's behavioral issues
- Parent/child conflict resolution
- Youth mental health referrals

BOYS TOWN HOTLINE

Reach Out and Get the
Help You Need

800-448-3000

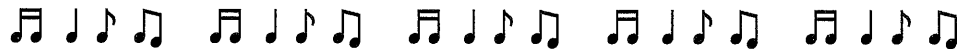
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

 **1-800-273-8255**

If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out! These organizations have professional staff ready to assist parents, students and community members!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Riverside High School Choir
will be singing at the
Cedar Rapids Cemetery Flagpole Dedication
Sunday, October 10 @ 2:00pm.
Everyone is invited to come and support!



Thank you to all the High School Students who have performed the
National Anthem at our Varsity Games.

Clarinet Duet-Marissa Langer, Maria Moseman
Vocal-Sadie Baldwin, Ashtyn Heikes, Marissa Langer, Taya Morrison, Maria
Moseman, Addie Murphy, Kaimyn Rutten, Gabrielle Swanson, Kaitlyn Walz



Congratulations to the High School Band for their
Outstanding Homecoming Pep Band Performance!

Fall Band Members: Sadie Baldwin, Colton Bernt, Brady Buetcher,
Drew Carraher, Caddilyn Cave, Aidan Choat, Hayden Clark, Chet Dobbs,
Elizabeth Esch, Averi Fulton, Caleb Fulton, Avy Gutierrez, Jessie Haynie, Ashtyn
Heikes, Carter Keehn, Marissa Langer, Colten McCready, Lilian Metz, Taya
Morrison, Maria Moseman, Damein Roan, Kaimyn Rutten,
Alexandra Scarlett, Sadie Schilousky, Stevie Shoemaker, Hannah Standley, Alexia
Staub, Jazmine Walz, Ashley Weltruski, Jaden Wemhoff, Kaden Wemhoff

COUNSELOR CORNER



JUNIORS & SENIORS

JUNIORS-

Every year, Riverside High School Juniors are permitted 2 college visits during the school year, that doesn't count against attendance. I encourage parents to discuss college planning with your Junior students to see what colleges they are interested in, and start planning a few visits to a college campus. College visits allow the students to tour campus, talk to professors and/or students in their field of interests, and see what college life is like on that campus. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact me at calen.choyeski@riversideps.org

SENIORS -

Every year Seniors are permitted 3 college visits during the school year. This fall should be busy with college visits, college research, college applications, filling out the FAFSA, and finding scholarships. Each college has their own deadlines so please start diving into the college's websites and get yourself familiar with them. Seniors I know your schedules are busy, but please seek out Ms. Choyeski for help with all things college and career related.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 1 - FAFSA Applications Opens (College Financial Assistance Application)

October 23 - ACT Test Date @ Boone Central or Central Valley

November 1 - Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship Opens (Due Feb 1)

December 11 - ACT Test Date @ Boone Central or Central Valley

December 1 - RHOP, RLOP Scholarship Application Due

March 15 - KHOP, KLOP Scholarship Application Due

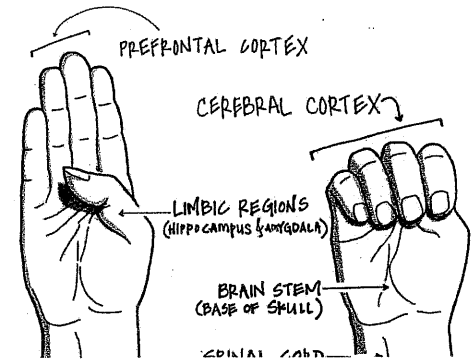
****For MOST College Specific scholarships you need to be admitted to the college and apply for the scholarship on or before December 1, 2021.**

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Ms. Choyeski

Hand Model of the Brain

ELEMENTARY LESSONS

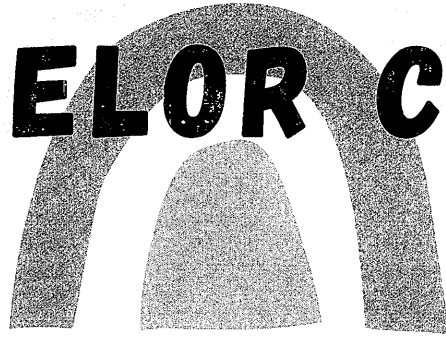


This year we are kicking off elementary social emotional lessons with discussions about our brains, via Dr. Siegel's hand model of the brain. Dr. Daniel Siegel's hand model of the brain allows us to picture our brain structure and understand why it's difficult to control our reactions when we're overwhelmed with strong emotions, especially stress and anger. The hand model of the brain helps them imagine what's happening inside their brain when they get upset so that they can identify and deal with negative emotions more effectively.

As its name suggests, you need to use your hand for understanding how the brain regulates our emotions. The palm controls our basic body functions. The thumb represents big feelings like anger or stress and lives with the palm in the downstairs brain. The other fingers are the thinking brain (the upstairs brain). When we lift our fingers ("flip our lid"), our thinking brain is no longer connected to our feelings. That's when our children throw a tantrum or cry uncontrollably. Which is nothing unusual or to be ashamed of, but what if there was another way?

After learning about our brains and our need to self regulate our emotions, we have started discussing coping skills to get our brain to calm down. I encourage you to ask your students to teach you the hand model of the brain and share their favorite calm down strategy.

COUNSELOR CORNER



COLLEGE VISIT CAREER DAYS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

***Students (& their families) can sign up for these dates through the respective college and sign out of school for the day. These are just a few dates that I've been notified of and there are likely many more days available if you research the colleges you are interested in.*

Northeast Community College

October 7 - Education & Human Services Careers (Teacher, Social Work, Human Services)

October 13 - Criminal Justice Career Day

October 22 - Agriculture, Math & Sciences Career Day

(Ag, Horticulture, Turf, Natural Resources, Engineering, STEM)

Nov 10 - Veterinary Technician Career Day

Nov 18 - Media Arts Career Day (Broadcasting, Graphic Design, Digital Cinema)

Central Community College

Oct 7 - Diesel Career Day (Hastings)

Nov 8 - Dental Hygiene Days (Hastings)

Southeast Community College

Oct 8 - Careers in Ag Day

Oct 13 - Careers in Manufacturing & Engineering Technology

March 31 - Careers in Healthcare Day

University of Nebraska

October 30 - Big Red Saturday (UNL)

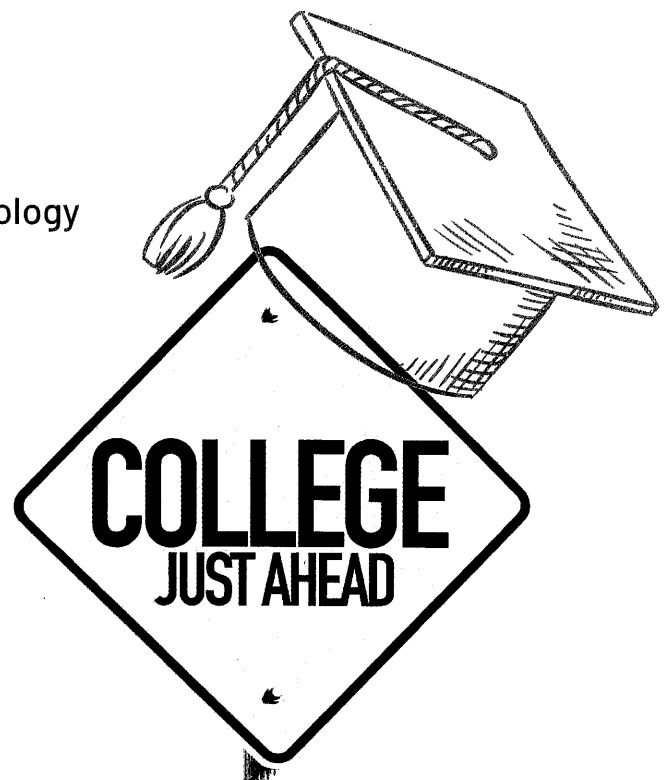
TBD - Big Red Experience & Husker Weekdays (UNL)

UNK

Oct 14 - Music Day

Wayne State

Oct 16 - Senior Saturday



Donate Blood In Memory of **Mary Morgan**



Mary Morgan made a difference in the Cedar Rapids community in many ways, such as teaching at Riverside High School and volunteering to coordinate blood drives with the Red Cross, despite battling multiple sclerosis for 22 years. She passed away last year after a brief battle with cancer. Now, her family and the community invite others to donate blood in memory of Mary, who was a loyal blood donor herself.

Blood Drive **Riverside Public School Scholarship**

Main Entrance – Game Gym

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please contact the school at 308-358-0640
or go online at www.redcrossblood.org

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID

Note: Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.



American Red Cross

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Riverside Public School receives FFVP Sponsor

The USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides funding to elementary schools to serve free fresh fruits and vegetables to children throughout the school day. The program is designed to help combat childhood obesity by teaching children the importance of developing healthy eating habits. The FFVP expands the variety of fruits and vegetable children experience and hopefully increases their fruit and vegetable consumption. Funds provided to each school cover the costs associated with administering the program including the cost of food and labor. Districts eligible must have fifty percent of their families qualify for free and reduced lunches. Riverside Public School did not meet this criterion. We are so thrilled to announce that Henderson State Bank will sponsor the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program at both Riverside campuses for the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you Henderson State Bank!!!



The public is asked to share comments and suggestions on the Riverside COVID-19 Plan for 2021-2022. This can be done by emailing responses to: chargers21@riversideps.org

Revised 7/7/21	BLUE (low risk)	YELLOW (moderate risk)	ORANGE (high risk)	RED (severe risk)
SCREENING	Normal home and school health monitoring protocols in place Handwashing promoted and encouraged Contact tracing conducted in consultation with local health dept if positive cases	Same as blue Handwashing breaks scheduled Contact tracing conducted in consultation with local health dept if positive cases	Temperature checks prior to entering transportation or school buildings Same as yellow Contact tracing conducted in consultation with local health dept if positive cases	Same as orange- unless homebound Same as yellow Contact tracing conducted in consultation with local health dept if positive cases Same as blue- unless homebound
BUILDING ENTRY	Hand sanitizer at entry points/classrooms/etc DOORS OPEN AT 7:40 for breakfast	Same as blue	Same as blue	Same as blue- unless homebound
SCHEDULE	Normal	Same as blue	Same as blue (if possible) Could be combination of online and in-person Calendar changes determined monthly Possible days off to deep clean and/or train	Same as orange
LEARNING	In person/all students SPACE students 3-6 ft apart/limit movement between pods when possible	Same as blue	Same as blue (if possible) In person/possible smaller group Possible alternate days Possible hybrid learning system	Same as orange
ACTIVITIES	NSAA Guidelines Individual areas to be defined on Activities Plan	NSAA Guidelines Individual areas to be defined on Activities Plan	NSAA Guidelines Individual areas to be defined on Activities Plan	NSAA Guidelines
FOOD SERVICE	K-12 Designated areas/fast track food service Students wash hands prior to eating Thoroughly clean and sanitized tables after each group No more than 8 to a table (K-5 assigned seats) Hand sanitize after eating	Same as blue	Same as blue	Same as blue-unless homebound
RECESS	Monitor students and encourage physical fitness activities Use sanitizers and wash hands when returning to classrooms	Same as blue	Same as blue	Same as blue-unless homebound
TRANSPORTATION	Encourage sanitizers and proper hygiene Sanitize buses daily	Same as blue	Same as blue Masks may become mandatory in vehicles	Same as orange-unless homebound
CUSTODIAL	Liners replaced often, high contact areas Disinfected at scheduled times throughout day, Bathroom cleaning at scheduled times	Same as blue Increase cleaning schedule for areas/grades of concern	Same as yellow	Same as yellow
MASKS	Cloth face coverings are supported for those who choose to wear them	Cloth face coverings (covering nose & mouth) recommended when social distancing is not possible	Cloth face coverings (covering nose & mouth) highly encouraged for all, may become required	Cloth face coverings (covering nose & mouth) may become required
VACCINATIONS	Inform parents/students where vaccinations may be received	Same as blue	Same as blue	Same as blue

Covid Committee: Stephanie Kaczor, Deb Brownfield, Sarah Nordhues, Julie Rankin, Lisa Hamling, Deb Slevin, Sandy Mogensen, LaTravia Dobson, Margaret Boyer, and Brian Swerczek

Health Protocols

Quarantine protocols and procedures will be determined by school officials and the proper local health officials, when deemed necessary.

School will coordinate with state and local health officials for support and technical assistance for proper health strategies.

Will consider appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies.

Will monitor staff and student (physical, social, emotional, mental) health through observation and open communication.

The school board grants the superintendent the authority to adapt and alter these plans as deemed necessary in consultation with board president.

The Riverside public is encouraged to offer suggestions on the updated plan.

This can be done by sending comments to the following email address: chargers21@riversideps.org