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Riverside Community School Mission

Statement

The mission of the Riverside Community School District is to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future as responsible citizens in a global society.

Riverside Newsletter

Riverside website is www.riversideschools.org

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WE R Riverside
"Small Towns, BIG Dreams"

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* Dr. Tim Mitchell, Superintendent

712-484-2212 Central Office

*Mr. Jamie Meek, Pre-K-6 Principal

712-484-2212 Intermediate School

712-482-6296 Elementary School

* Mr. David Gute Jr.-Sr. HS Principal

712-482-6465 Jr.-Sr. High School

*Mr. Nick Bates Transportation Director

712-482-6215 Bus Garage

Regular School Board Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month

@ 7 PM

Intermediate School

Media Center



THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 BLOOD DRIVE @ JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 END OF THE 3RD QUARTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 DANCE TEAM SHOW @ 7 PM @ JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL GYM

MONDAY, MARCH 12 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 15 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-8 PM EACH DAY

THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2018 IOWA ASSESSMENT TESTING

MARCH 29, MARCH 30, APRIL 2 NO SCHOOL

Captain Jack's Care Closet

The Class of 2024 received a grant to help students in need so if you or someone you know needs any of the following:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Products

Tell a teacher or contact either of the schools at:

712-482-6464 HS (Mrs. Hensley)

712-484-2291 IS (Mrs. Hensley or Ms. Houser)

712-482-6296 ES



**SIDELINE
STORE**

RIVERSIDE ONLINE STORE

The Official BULLDOGS Apparel Store and RIVERSIDE Merchandise for BULLDOGS Fans, Parents and Alumni

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We are happy to announce that we've partnered with BSN Sports and built an online store front to support our community.

In the store, you'll find brands you know and designs you'll love. You can customize your gear with names, numbers, or relationships like Mom and Dad. There's no minimum order, quick shipping and best of all, the proceeds help us support essential programs at our school.



Visit SidelineStores.com to get your gear.



JOIN

THE RIVERSIDE BOOSTER CLUB

\$15 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

\$25 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP

Parents of 6th and 11th Grade Students

Get ready for 2018-19. Students entering the 7th and 12th grades are required to have immunizations to start school. There is no grace period for these boosters; they must be completed before the 1st day of attendance for the '18-'19 school year.

1. Students entering 7th grade and above must have a 1 time dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap), if born after September 15, 2000; regardless of the interval since the last tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine.
2. Students entering 7th grade and above must have 1 dose of meningococcal if born after September 15, 2004; and 2 doses of meningococcal vaccines for the applicant in 12th grade, if born after September 15, 1999; or 1 dose if received when the applicant is 16 years of age or older.

Interpretation: Incoming 7th graders need a Tdap and a meningitis shot. Incoming 12th graders need a meningitis shot, if they had the meningitis vaccine before 16 years of age they need a booster!

We request these be completed and to Mrs. Palmer by May 22, 2018 for records to be updated and no interruption to a student's education. If you have any questions contact Vicki Palmer RN at one of the schools or by email vpalmer@riverside.k12.ia.us

2nd Quarter Honor Roll *

Gold Honor Roll

7th Grade
Veronica Andrusyshyn
Lian Antunez
Madison Baldwin
Pierce Johnson
Lili McCready
Kiara Meek
Mackenzie Olmstead-Mitchell
Cole Simmons
Kimberly Smith
8th Grade
Cale Bentley
Kelly Clevenger
Makenna Rose
McCartney Sanny
McKenna Sick

Silver Honor Roll

7th Grade
Cassidy Feigenbutz
Stormy Noble
Ayden Salais
Teegan Schechinger
8th Grade
Isabelle Bluml
Jace Rose

Honor Roll

7th Grade
Austyn Fisher
Braydon Hill
Keaton Perkins
Tyler Reed
Brant Spies
Justin Wilson
Macy Woods
8th Grade
Michael Casson
Josh Fajen
Frannee Maher
Nathan Seifert
Clayton Spies

*A computer error caused omissions from the original Junior High Honor Rolls. We apologize for the error and have reprinted the corrected versions.



February Top Dawgs (Holly Garcia)

Top Dawgs for the month of February are Bailey Holub, Ripley Meek, and Hannah Millett. These students are chosen by the faculty and staff.

“Bailey is one of the hardest working students,” one staff member states. Bailey easily engages in class discussion. She is resilient and always has a positive outlook and she is kind to all.

Ripley is also known for his kindness as well as being courteous and polite. Ripley has the ability to always make people smile. He, too, easily participates in class discussions.

Hannah is willing to work with others and is a cooperative member of her classes. She is kind and considerate to all. Hannah always works to do her best.

Congratulations, kids!

Top Dawgs receive preferred parking all month, first in the lunch line all month, 2% extra credit in a class, and a \$1.00 a la carte ticket.



Basketball cheerleaders Lydia Wede and Britney Gordon at Coaches v. Cancer game. (photo by Karla Keener)



Junior High 1st Semester Honor Roll

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MaKenna Rose

Honor Roll

7th Grade
Bowe Branan
Tayleigh DeGroat
Jack Eggers
Jacob Ladd
Paige Long
Nathaniel Messerschmidt
Keaton Perkins
Tyler Reed
Ayden Salais
Brant Spies
Justin Wilson
8th Grade
Michael Casson
Joshua Fajen
Frannee Maher
Jace Rose
Nathan Seifert
Clayton Spies

Riverside FFA Chapter Members Visit Des Moines (Tyler Johannsen)

Five members of the Riverside FFA and their sponsor attended the annual legislative and FFA day in Des Moines. We have included the press release that shares some of the activities during that day. Mr. Johannsen supplied the photos.

33rd Annual Legislative Symposium & FFA Day at the Capitol

DES MOINES, IOWA—FFA members from across Iowa converged on the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates and the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.

Approximately 500 high school students wearing blue corduroy from 80 schools flooded the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on January 30. The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills learned in the agriculture classroom and learned the importance of citizenship. This was all part of the 33rd Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members heard from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President, Craig Hill, at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Libby Crimmings of the World Food Prize addressed students about the future of Iowa agriculture and the importance of being involved with statewide issues. The FFA members also heard remarks from Governor Kim Reynolds about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the legislative process.

Governor Reynolds signed the FFA Week Proclamation, declaring February 18-25, the week of President George Washington's Birthday, FFA Week in Iowa. The proclamation signing took place during a special ceremony at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates following legislative visits at the Iowa State Capitol Building.

The 33rd Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol was made possible with support from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.



Above Row 1: Katie Messerschmidt, Caiden Goodman, Skylar Wilson. Row 2: Joel Henningsen, Taten Williams

Far left: one of the speakers

Left: Katie Messerschmidt, Skylar Wilson, Joel Henningsen, Taten Williams, Caiden Goodman (left to right)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



Blood Drive
Riverside High School
Gymnasium

Thursday, March 8, 2018
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For an appointment contact the high school office at 482-6464 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: RiversideHS to schedule an appointment.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | Download the Blood Donor App

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Please Note: Local Scholarships will open on March 1, 2018

March 6 Riverside Pops Concert @ Jr.-Sr. High School @ 7 PM

DANCE TEAM SHOW MARCH 10, 2018

Parent-Teacher Conferences are March 12 and March 15

NO SCHOOL MARCH 16

Iowa Assessments will be given district-wide during the week of
March 19, 2018

Jr.-Sr. High School Students

TIME IS RUNNING OUT...



BUY A YEARBOOK!!

2017-18 YEARBOOK

\$45 FOR ONE OR TWO FOR \$80

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LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

ADVISORY

GRADE

NUMBER OF YEARBOOKS (\$45/1 OR \$80/2)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RIVERSIDE YEARBOOK)

SEE YOU IN FALL 2018!



2018 Shoe Recycling Drive

Riverside Elementary will be holding a Shoe Recycling Drive between April 9 and April 19. Our goal is to divert 900 or more pairs of shoes from our local landfill and reuse them by sending them to developing countries.

(Last year we collected over 750 pairs!)

How can YOU participate?

- Clean out your closets, ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for matching pairs of shoes they are no longer wearing.
- Rubber band or tie the matching pairs of shoes together.
- Bring them to Riverside Elementary April 9-April 19.

(Please do not send students to ride the buses with large boxes or bags of shoes!)

Classrooms will be holding a competition for bringing in the most shoes, so make sure your favorite classroom gets credit for your donation.



Art Students creating with wire

THE ART DEPARTMENT NEEDS OUR HELP!

IN ANTICIPATION OF AN ELEMENTARY ART LESSON FOR THE 4TH QUARTER

THE ART DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE

EMPTY, CLEAN BABY FOOD, JELLY, OR PICKLE JARS

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PLEASE REMOVE THE LABELS

CONTACT KIM PIRO, ART TEACHER AT HIGH SCHOOL

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



Descriptions of Past Booth ideas



- **Bubble-ology**—Presenters will demonstrate how to create soap film bubbles by dipping models into a soap solution. Presenters will ask participants to predict what kind of bubble will occur when different models are used.
- **Float My Clay Boat**—Students work to design clay objects that will float in water and are challenged to design an object to hold as many pennies as possible.
- Our plan is to have a machine tool simulator and computer monitor demonstrating solid works and mastercam. Along with machined parts for viewing.



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Riverside

STEM

Festival

2018 theme:

"Mapping our dreams with STEM"

When:

April 19th 5:30-7:30

Where:

Oakland Community Building

Who:

PreK—3rd and their families



Science Technology Engineering Math



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

"Mapping our future with STEM"

4th Grade News (Michelle Griffen)

4th grade competed against 37 other classes in the week-long Green Hills AEA District SumDog Math Contest on February 2nd. There were a total of 816 students in the competition. Each student was challenged to correctly answer 1,000 math questions. The Riverside 4th grade came in 4th place overall. The 4th grade was also the top daily winner on Thursday, February 8th. Three students placed in the top ten. Bentley Rone placed 5th. Aaron Smith-Haven placed 7th. Danika Feigenbutz placed 9th.



Above: Top Ten Finishers—Bentley Rone, Aaron Smith-Haven, Danika Feigenbutz (left to right)



Power Pups (left to right): Laney Rice, Emma Gordon, Wyatt Bell, Ryan Conover, Bella Gute, and Keaton Rieken. Congrats, kids!



Above: Mrs. Skank on the 100th day of school . . .

Thank you for all your photos, Mrs. S.!



Above: Student who completed Mr. Stewart's exercise challenge for the 100th Day of School show off their certificates. (photo by Tami Skank)



Far left and left:
4th Graders rocking their red for
#heart for Hazel and learning about
tuning forks.
(photos by Tami Skank)



6th Grade Engineering Studies Continue (Susan Berndt)

Last month, we featured pictures of the 6th grade's recreation of the bridges of the Inca Empire. They continued their studies to create additional items from the Incas.

Students were given the task to design/engineer a colcas (storage units), a tampos (hotels by the roadside), or water canals using the 3D programming website *Tinkercad*. After designing one of the Inca engineering feat of their choice on *Tinkercad*, students were able to print their item using a 3D printer from GHAEA.

Students greatly enjoyed the learning from the unit as well as the hands-on application!

3rd Quarter Ends March 9, 2018

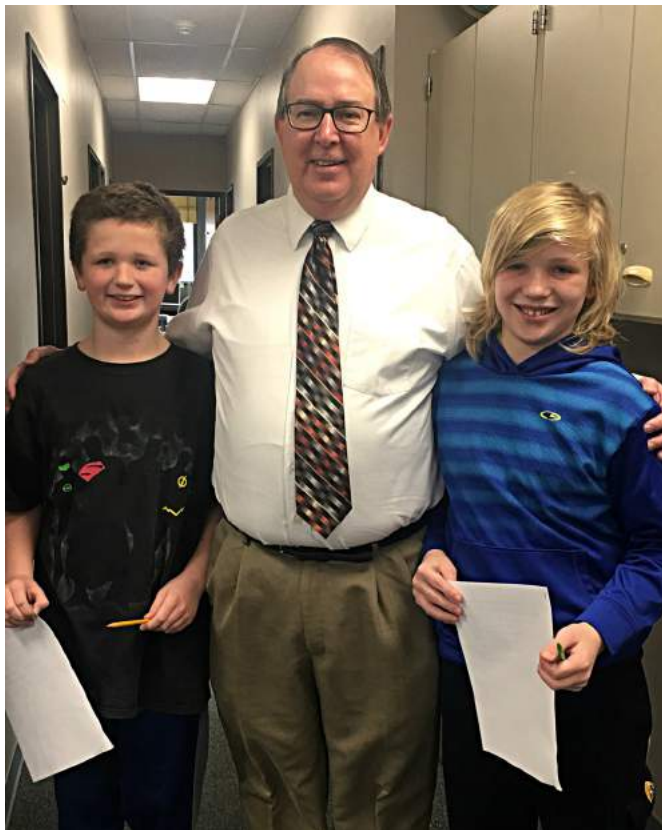
Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM on

March 12 and March 15

NO SCHOOL MARCH 16

Practicing Interviewing Skills (Larissa Potter)

Four members of Mrs. Potter's 5th grade writing class interviewed their Superintendent Dr. Mitchell and Principal Mr. Meek. As a whole, the 5th grade class decided on ten questions for the interviewers to ask the two administrators. They decided it would be best to ask fun questions that no one else knew about the two. Four students were selected at random to interview the administrators. All four students did an excellent job interviewing Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Meek. Both administrators commented on how polite and professional the students were during the interview. The questions and answers will also be displayed in the 2017-2018 yearbook for the Riverside Intermediate School in a section titled, "Meet Our Administrators." (photos submitted by Tami Skank)



Questions Asked of Dr. Mitchell

****What is your favorite thing about your job?**

It is the students and being around students.

****How many people do you think come in your office a day?**

12 people per day whether they are students, parents, or teachers.

****What would you do if you had 1 million dollars?**

I would fix the air unit in the intermediate school and elementary.

****Who is your favorite superhero?**

Superman

****As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I wanted to work at a national park and have a degree in biology.

****Who is your favorite author?**

Danick Pink and James Patterson

****What was your favorite and least favorite subject in school?**

My favorite is science and biology and my least favorite is math.*

****What is your dream car?**

1964 Mustang convertible red body and black top.

****If you weren't a school administrator, what would you be?**

I wanted to be a rock star.

****If there is one thing you would change about the school, what would it be?**

I would have more resources to improve facilities and provide a good education.



Questions Asked of Mr. Meek

****What is your favorite thing about your job?**

Helping students reach their goals.

****How many people do you think come in your office a day?**

12 people a day

****What would you do if you had 1 million dollars?**

I'd pay off all my debt and go on vacation.

****Who is your favorite superhero?**

Batman, because he is human.

****As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

A mechanical engineer

****Who is your favorite author?**

My favorite is Stephen King.

****What was your favorite and least favorite subject in school?**

My favorite is math and my least favorite is art.

****What is your dream car?**

Mid 50s stepside pickup

****If you weren't a school administrator, what would you be?**

I would be a paramedic on an ambulance.

****If there is one thing you would change about the school, what would it be?**

I would like to make a play area.

DON'T
FORGET



THE BLOOD DRIVE

MARCH 8, 2018

8 AM to 2 PM

@

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



Riverside SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL MATH PROGRAM

The Grenville M. Dodge Chapter of the Iowa Engineering Society announces the 36th Annual Regional MATHCOUNTS program was held Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Boys & Girls Club in Council Bluffs. Approximately 120 students from fifteen schools participated in the program.

Riverside Intermediate students participating in the event were:

Anthony Bernard Charles Klemmensen Kyler Rieken
Andy Chatterton Jay Klemmensen Abe Schechinger

Riverside Junior High students participating were:

Madison Baldwin Landon Joneson Nolan Moore Cole Simmons
Cale Bentley Kiara Meek Ayden Salais Clayton Spies

The students were coached by Bonnie Kramer and Joni Houser.

Members of the Grenville M. Dodge Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers provide leadership of the local MATHCOUNTS program with assistance from Iowa Western Community College and Area Education Agencies.

National MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, funding for MATHCOUNTS comes primarily from its National Sponsors; Raytheon Company, Northrop Grumman Foundation, National Society of Professional Engineers, CNA Foundation, ConocoPhillips, General Motors Foundation, Lockheed Martin, 3M Foundation and Texas Instruments Incorporated. MATHCOUNTS was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers, CNA Foundation and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.



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Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM on

March 12 and March 15

Winter Sports Banquet March 13 @ Jr.-Sr. High School 5:30 to 6:30 PM

NO SCHOOL MARCH 16

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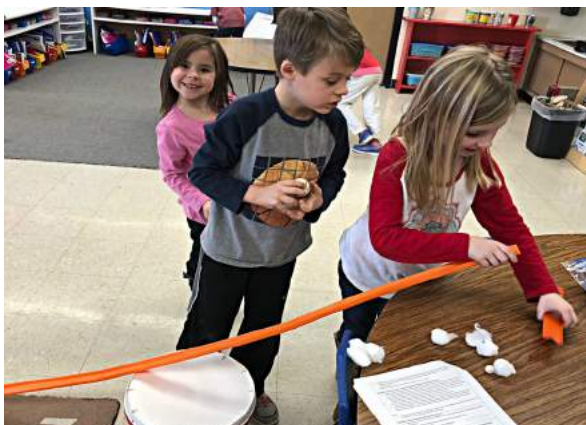
Or

You may purchase them at your school

Cost: \$20

And They're Off (Rachel Gunderson)

Kindergarten is off to the races! Our job was to design and conduct an experiment to see what we needed to change to make our object go the furthest distance. It was our kinder's responsibility to plan an investigation and decide which variables to change. Between the squeals, laughter and engagement, Mrs. Gunderson's kindergartners took ownership of their learning. It was very exciting to reflect back and share our learning about motion and forces. Thank you to the supportive Riverside teachers for letting us borrow their tools to make this possible! See our pictures below.



Preschoolers Visit The Grandparents (Lindsey Henderson)

On Tuesday, February 13th, Mrs. Henderson's Preschool class took a short bus ride to the Oakland Senior Center to visit with their "grandmas and grandpas". This was the third time the class spent the morning with these seniors, the first two times happening at Halloween and Thanksgiving. Each time they get together, games are played, crafts are made, fun is had, and memories created.

Mrs. Henderson began the day by reading the book, Love Monster, to the group. Then each preschooler teamed up with a grandma or grandpa to make a special Love Monster together. The preschoolers presented the finished product to their partner as a Valentine gift. Next, the pairs rotated around to a number of games including heart memory, pin the lips on the girl, and trying out different ways of moving (zombie walk, skipping, move like an elephant). After all this hard work, it was time for a pizza lunch with brownie bites as dessert. The preschoolers sang a few of their winter songs and, finally, serenaded the seniors with the song "You Are My Valentine", taught to them by Mrs. Kramer. Both the preschoolers and seniors look forward to the next time they can get together. Everyone has such a great time together. Thank you to Debbie Kester and all the Grandmas and Grandpas!



THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

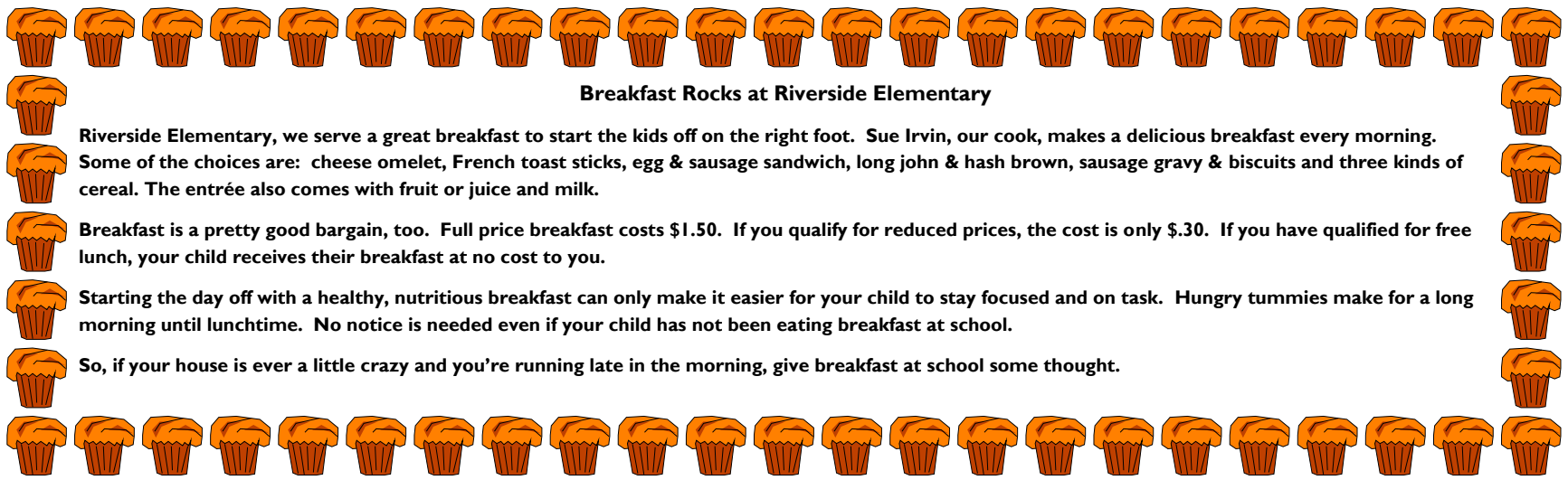
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MARCH 29, MARCH 30, APRIL 2, NO SCHOOL



Breakfast Rocks at Riverside Elementary

Riverside Elementary, we serve a great breakfast to start the kids off on the right foot. Sue Irvin, our cook, makes a delicious breakfast every morning. Some of the choices are: cheese omelet, French toast sticks, egg & sausage sandwich, long john & hash brown, sausage gravy & biscuits and three kinds of cereal. The entrée also comes with fruit or juice and milk.

Breakfast is a pretty good bargain, too. Full price breakfast costs \$1.50. If you qualify for reduced prices, the cost is only \$.30. If you have qualified for free lunch, your child receives their breakfast at no cost to you.

Starting the day off with a healthy, nutritious breakfast can only make it easier for your child to stay focused and on task. Hungry tummies make for a long morning until lunchtime. No notice is needed even if your child has not been eating breakfast at school.

So, if your house is ever a little crazy and you're running late in the morning, give breakfast at school some thought.

Global Day of Play (Alison Henry)

First grade participated in the Global Day of Play on February 7th. Mrs. A. Henry's room had sensory items, Ms. Schutt's room had manipulatives, and Mrs. C. Henry's room had board games. The day was created to give kids 'unstructured' play time with NO technology, i.e. batteries, screens, etc.



Mrs. Ravlin's Class



Mrs. Perkins' Class

Above: Jump Rope For Heart. Brock Johnson, PE Teacher oversees this program each year. We thank him for these photos.



Gabe Smith picks up his 100th win this season.
(Photo by Tina Cater)



Above: It was Mr. White's Birthday and his bus kids surprised him with a card and a song!



Riverside Jazz Choir (Abi Petersen, photos by Leslie Amdor)

Riverside Jazz Choir performs at the Jazz Choir Festival and scores a 1 rating. The competition had been postponed twice before the choir was able to perform. "While we were performing you could feel the fun energy we had," said Abi Petersen.



With the arrival of winter weather season it is time to remind everyone about the procedures and guidelines regarding snow/weather closures or delays. Riverside Community School District will remain open, if at all possible, on all scheduled school days, even when weather conditions may be extreme in the belief that it is in the best interest of the students. The District is concerned about the safety of all students, staff and patrons. We encourage everyone to use caution traveling safely to and from our schools and buildings. Please know that parents can keep children home when weather is extreme. Schools understand and respect this decision and will work with families. Remember, no announcement means normal school operation. School closure or delayed start information will always be posted no later than 6:00 a.m. on the Riverside Community Schools website at riversideschools.org, through social media and local news outlets.

On occasion, weather may be so extreme the District will close schools or implement a late start or early dismissal. The following information outlines the communication procedures that will be followed if such school closures or delays become necessary.

- Media Announcements**
Parents and employees should listen to these designated radio or television stations for school closure information between the hours of 5:30-8:00 AM (If schools dismiss early, the media will air the announcement as soon as possible.)
 - Radio Stations**
 - KCSI — 95.3 FM
 - KJAN — 1220 AM & 101.1 FM
 - KMA — 960 AM & 99.1 FM
 - KNOD — 105.3 FM
 - KSOM — 96.5 FM
 - TV Stations**
 - KMTV — Channel 3
 - KETV — Channel 7
 - WOWT — Channel 6
- Listen for One of These Messages**
One of the following messages will be aired by the media:
 - "Schools Will Be Closed" (day and date)
 - "Schools Will Start Late" (day and date)
 - "Schools Will Dismiss Early" (day and date)
- Keep Phones Accessible**
Phones will be used for emergencies; therefore, parents are asked not to call the schools or the District.
- Closures Posted on the Web and Social Media**
School closure information will be posted by 6 a.m. on Riverside Community School District website at riversideschools.org, District Facebook Page, District Twitter account, Superintendent Facebook Page and Superintendent Twitter account.
- Phone, E-mail and Text Notification**
Parents will also receive a text, e-mail, phone call from our automated Student Information System (JMC). It is important that parent contact information is updated on a regular basis to make sure you receive this notification.
- Authorized Statements**
The media will only announce school closures when authorized by the Superintendent or his designee after he has consulted with the Transportation Coordinator the National Weather Service, other area schools and other state, county and city agencies.
- Closures for One Day Only**
All announcements are for one day only.
- Normal Operation**
No announcement means normal operation.
- Parents Need an Emergency Plan**
Parents are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, start late or are dismissed early. Parents should instruct their children where to go or what to do if a parent is not at home.

THE RIVERSIDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

POPS CONCERT

Tuesday, March 6th @7:00pm

Performed by the Riverside High School Band, the POPS Concert features visually stunning clips and memorable scores from favorite Pixar films including Toy Story, Ratatouille, Cars, The Incredibles, and more!

This concert also includes performances from the Riverside jazz and vocal ensembles.

Admission is FREE!



Thank you to our Riverside Community, businesses and families who have made this trip possible!

The Riverside High School Music Department is traveling to Chicago March 28-31st. The band and choir will perform at the Museum of Science and Industry. Other activities include: Skydeck, Lincoln Park Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, and the Blue Man Group.

Gute News (David Gute, 7-12 Principal)

Winter activities/sports have ended, and spring practices and competitions will soon be starting. Spring is one of the busiest seasons given the number of activities going on, and we encourage as many students as possible to be actively participating.

During the week March 19th – 23rd, Riverside will be conducting Iowa Assessment Testing. This is the former Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED). It is a standardized test that is given annually to get a snapshot of the individual students' and district's progress toward meeting goals that we set at the beginning of the school year. It is important for your student to try his/her best on the test so we can try and get an idea of their progress over the last school year. Please make sure students are getting to bed on time and eating a good breakfast as this week approaches. Our rating on the Iowa School Report card is directly influenced for our students Iowa Assessment Scores. We understand that these tests may not tell the whole story of student achievement, but they do provide a baseline for our building and district goals.

We will soon be finishing the third quarter of the school year and will be having our second set and Parent/Teacher conferences. I encourage all parents in every building to come in and visit with your child's teachers. I know we struggle to get parent participation at the high school level. I feel it is very important to understand what the curriculum is that students are learning and how your individual child is progressing toward content mastery. Teachers enjoy discussing individual student progress with parents, and there are many other great conversations that can also take place during this time. I think you should probably only believe half of the story your child comes home with from something that happened at school. You should try and get the school side also. This is an opportunity to get the school's side of the story. Please attend Parent Teacher Conferences in you are able on Monday, March 12th, or Thursday, March 15th, from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. Remember that there is no school on Friday, March 16th.



Riverside Community Schools

www.riversideschools.org

2018 to 2019

Riverside Community Schools
330 Pleasant Street
Carson, IA 51525

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Symbol Key	O – Open House
R – Registration	N – No School
S – Staff Professional Development 2:30 Dismissal	D – Vacation 2:30 Dismissal
FS – First Day of the Semester and/or 2:30 Dismissal	QE/SE – End of Quarter/Semester
SN – Staff Professional Development No School	NT – New Teacher Professional Development
PT – Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30 Dismissal	

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This DRAFT 2018-2019 School Calendar was presented at a Board Hearing on January 15th. It will be brought to the Board for final approval at the next school board meeting for final approval. At press time, the board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26. Stay tuned.

Right: Mr. Crum



Left: Mrs. Dobernecker



TLC

The Teacher Leadership Compensation Initiative at Riverside and Tri-Center has been a very successful venture. Seventy percent of teachers have utilized support from Teacher Leaders so far this year. Coaching cycles have consistently been full, with 25 teachers participating in a student-centered coaching cycle so far this school year. Ninety-one percent of the teachers who participated in a cycle said it was beneficial to work with a teacher leader.

The Riverside Strategists are working on Student-Centered Learning Labs, in which teachers observe a Strategist for a specific learning purpose and then have a chance to debrief following the observation. The Classroom Strategists have done one Learning Lab within their group and are planning another one at the end of the month. All teachers will then be invited to participate in Learning Labs, which is beneficial to both Classroom Strategists and teachers. Everyone can learn from each other.

The Mentor Teachers have been supporting teachers who are new to the profession and new to the district. They meet on a regular basis and have participated in Instructional Rounds, in which the new teachers are able to observe and meet with more experienced teachers in the two districts as well as other districts. The new teachers report these experiences to be very valuable as they learn alongside other teachers.

Lisa Putnam, Instructional Coach

The 8th grade exploratory class made their own beef jerky. The Intro to Ag. Class are shown testing soil permeability. Thanks for sharing.



RHS DANCE TEAM SHOW THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

03.10.18

@ 7 PM

\$5 FOR ADULTS

\$3 FOR STUDENT

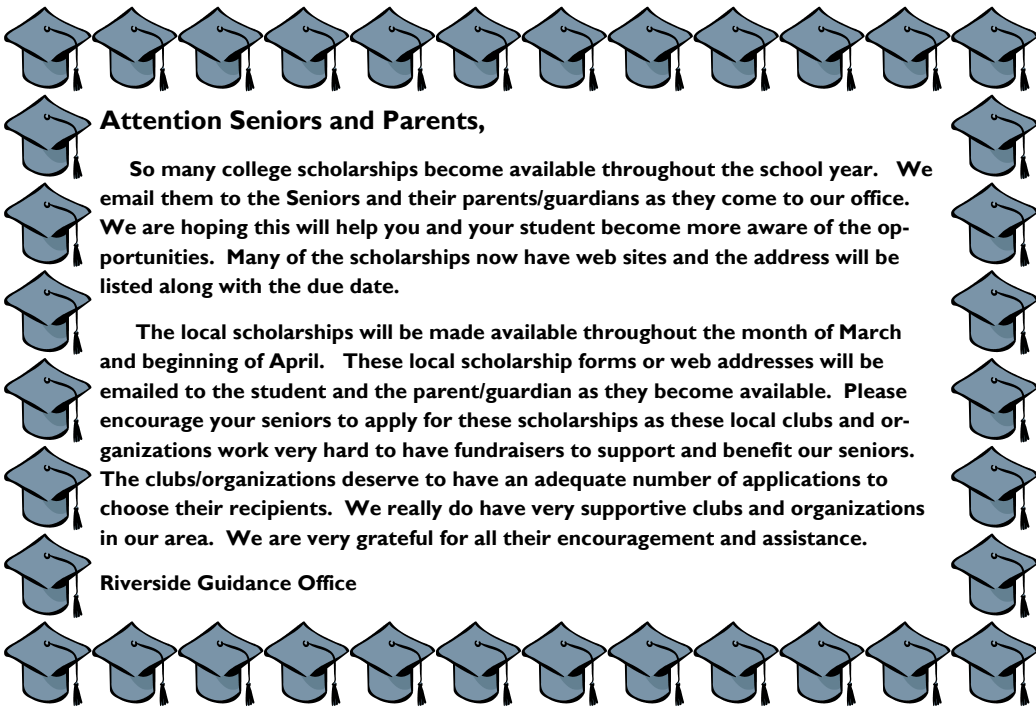
CAMP ATTENDEES ARE FREE

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3.10.18 8AM-11PM
GRADES PREK-8TH

Jaycee Mansfield creation





Attention Seniors and Parents,

So many college scholarships become available throughout the school year. We email them to the Seniors and their parents/guardians as they come to our office. We are hoping this will help you and your student become more aware of the opportunities. Many of the scholarships now have web sites and the address will be listed along with the due date.

The local scholarships will be made available throughout the month of March and beginning of April. These local scholarship forms or web addresses will be emailed to the student and the parent/guardian as they become available. Please encourage your seniors to apply for these scholarships as these local clubs and organizations work very hard to have fundraisers to support and benefit our seniors. The clubs/organizations deserve to have an adequate number of applications to choose their recipients. We really do have very supportive clubs and organizations in our area. We are very grateful for all their encouragement and assistance.

Riverside Guidance Office



Right: Freshman Mick Schroder and Senior Mick Clevenger qualified for the district wrestling meet.



On Friday, February 2, students, faculty, and staff of the Riverside School District were encouraged to wear in honor National Wear Red Day. National Wear Red Day is a way to increase awareness about cardiovascular disease. Riverside used this opportunity to honor the daughter of a Riverside High School alum as well others who have suffered from this disease. #heartofhazel. (photo by Callie Kallsen)



CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

MARCH 5-9

Breakfast = School Success

Why School Breakfast?

1 Breakfast Improves School Performance

- With a school breakfast program:^{1,2,3}
- Students' math and reading scores improved
 - Students were less likely to miss class or be tardy
 - Discipline problems decreased
 - Visits to the school nurse decreased



2 Breakfast Supplies Important Nutrients

Breakfast contributes less than 20% of daily calories, while providing many key vitamins and minerals including:^{4,5}

- Calcium
- B vitamins
- Iron
- Vitamin D

Nutrients missed at breakfast are typically not made up during the day.⁶

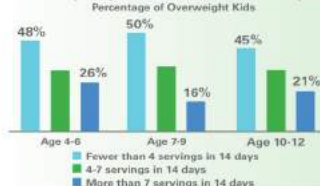


3 Breakfast Eaters Have Healthier Body Weights

Eating breakfast is a healthy habit that can help kids and adults on the path toward a healthy weight.

- Breakfast eaters are less likely to be overweight.^{7,8,9}
- Frequent cereal eaters weigh less than those who consume cereal less often.¹⁰

Kids Who Frequently Eat Cereal Have Healthier Body Weights



Opportunities to Grow School Breakfast

Solutions to overcome barriers to school breakfast (such as busy schedules, lack of resources, and bus schedules) are not one-size-fits-all. Many schools have achieved success by changing to a new venue or offering a combination of breakfast options, such as:

- Breakfast in the classroom
- Non-traditional breakfast times (second chance breakfast)
- Breakfast kiosks
- Grab-and-go breakfast
- Breakfast on the bus

Breakfast = School Success

A School Breakfast Program Benefits Everyone

With a school breakfast program:

Schools:

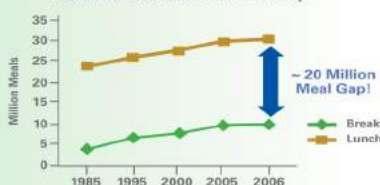
- Can generate additional revenue each year.
- Have students who are better prepared to learn.

Students:

- Are given an opportunity to start the day with a healthful meal.
- Can achieve higher test scores.
- Are less likely to miss class, be tardy, have disciplinary problems, and/or visit the school nurse.



Reimbursable Breakfast to Lunch Gap¹¹



You can meet the needs of students and capture a growing market:

- About 20 million more kids are eating school lunches than school breakfasts each day.
- More than 25% of 11-18 year-olds skip breakfast.¹²

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Superintendent Tim Mitchell

WE **R**

Riverside

"Small Towns, BIG Dreams"



2017-2018 School Calendar March-April

March:

- 7: 2:30 dismissal – Staff Development
- 9: End of 3rd Quarter
- 12: 2:30 dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 15: 2:30 dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 16: No School – Teacher Comp. Day
- March 19 – 23 – Iowa Assessments Week
- 28: 2:30 dismissal
- 29, 30: No School

April:

- 2, 3: No School
- 11, 18, 25: 2:30 dismissal – Staff Development

You will find the complete 2017-2018 School Calendar at: <http://bit.ly/2t8XsXU>

WE **R** Riverside

2017-2018 Calendar Adjustment

No School was held on Monday February 19, 2018 due to weather and the day will be made-up by scheduling **Tuesday April 3, 2018** as a day of school and if any additional days are cancelled we will add additional days to the end of the calendar.

2018-2019 School Calendar

The Board approved the calendar at the Regular Meeting on February 22, 2018. Please find a copy in this newsletter.

National School Breakfast Week-March 5-9, 2018

To encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available for school breakfast, Riverside Community School District will celebrate National School Breakfast Week during March 5-9, 2018. Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for many families to find time for a healthy breakfast. However, US Department of Agriculture data show that more and more students are starting their day with a nutritious breakfast in their school cafeterias. Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration, memory and alertness
- Have improved attendance, behavior, and academic performance
- Maintain a healthy weight

The National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) campaign theme, "I Heart School Breakfast", reminds the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day for students. Students will be encouraged to show their enthusiasm for "I Heart School Breakfast" on March 5-9, 2018 (see infographic included in this newsletter).

The Iowa State Assessment will take place on March 19-March 23, 2018. What can Parents Do:

- ✓ Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before a test
- ✓ Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when testing will take place and plan your preparations
- ✓ The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make a student unfocused
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- ✓ If your child is sick please contact the school immediately so make-up testing can be schedule.

Riverside Community School District Hall of Fame

The Board has appointed a committee to determine criteria, develop a nomination process and plan for our first induction ceremony in May of 2018. Please watch for more information soon and please take advantage of nominating worthy candidates once the nomination forms become available.

Transition Planning for the 2018-2019 School year

We have been working on the initial parts of the Transition Plan for the 2018-2019 school year. This includes moving 6th Grade to the new Safe Room Addition at the JHSH and moving 3rd Grade to the Intermediate School in Carson. We are in the process of collecting issues and concerns from the staff and the public. Watch for the scheduling of a Public Meeting this spring.

25th Anniversary of the Riverside Community School District 2018-2019

We are forming a committee and discussing our theme for the 2018-2019 school year being aligned with this celebration.

School Improvement Advisory Council-February 20, 2018

Our agenda included the topics listed below and a meeting packet can be found on our website:

- Purpose of SIAC-Review conversation from 1st meeting
- New Information
 - 2018-2019 School Calendar
 - Gallup Survey Data-Fall 2017
 - Western Iowa Conference Report Card Comparison
 - 2017-2018 Professional Learning Plan
 - 2017-2018 Instructional Game Plan
 - Preparing for Iowa Assessment-March 19-23, 2018
 - Transition Planning for 2018-2019
 - 25th Anniversary of Riverside-2018-2019
 - Riverside Community School District Hall of Fame
 - Wellness Assessment-Expanding Wellness Programming
 - Legislative Update
- Mission Statement Development Activity
- Next Steps

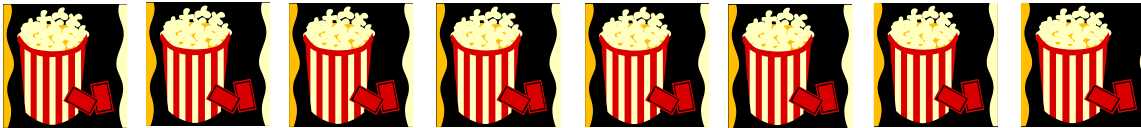
Student, Parent, Employee and Activities Handbooks

We have added a link to our website: <http://bit.ly/2wSvnoV>. Hard copies have been distributed to parents.



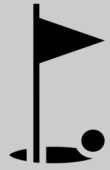


Let's Go To The Movies

Dreamland Theater Carson, Iowa

Mar. 2, 3, 4	Peter Rabbit	PG	1 hr. 34 mins.
Mar.9, 10, 11	15:17 to Paris	PG-13	1 hr. 34 mins.
Mar. 16, 17, 18	Marvel's Black Panther	PG-13	2 hrs. 14mins.
Mar. 23. 24. 25	Early Man	PG	1 hr. 29 mins.
Mar. 30, 31, Apr 1	Disney's A Wrinkle in Time	PG	2 hrs. 5 mins.



Riverside High School - March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 7:00 PM Pops Concert	7 Staff Professional Development 2:30 Dismissal	8	9 End of 3rd Quarter	10 9:00 AM Dance Team Camp 7:00 PM Dance Team Show
11	12 2:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM Boys Soccer and Boys and Girls Golf Practice Begins	13 6:30 PM Winter Sports Banquet	14 1:00 PM WIC High School Quiz Bowl	15 2:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM	16 No School	17 
18	19 Iowa Assessments Girls Soccer Practice Begins 12:30 PM WIC HS Instrumental Festival/JH Honor Band	20 Iowa Assessments	21 Iowa Assessments	22 Iowa Assessments	23 Iowa Assessments	24
25	26	27 4:30 PM B V TR @ Boys' Early Bird	28 2:30 Dismissal	29 No School 4:30 PM G V TR @ Girls' Early Bird	30 No School	31

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Varsity Track (Boys) 2017-2018

Sports Schedules are subject to change

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday	Mar. 27	@ Boys' Early Bird	Audubon High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 05	@ AHSTW COED	AHST High School	4:30PM
Monday	Apr. 09	@ Tri-Center Relays	Tri-Center High School	4:30PM
Friday	Apr. 13	@ Underwood Boys' Track Meet	Underwood High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 17	@ Boys Invitational	Red Oak High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 19	@ Griswold Boys' Track Meet	Griswold High School	4:30PM
Monday	Apr. 23	@ Woodbine Relays	Woodbine High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	May. 01	@ WIC HS Track Meet	Missouri Valley High School	4:00PM
Monday	May. 07	@ Boyer Valley Track Invitational	Boyer Valley High School	4:00PM
Thursday	May. 10	@ State Qualifying Meet	State Qualifying Meet	4:00PM

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Thursday	Mar. 29	@ Girls' Early Bird	Audubon High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 03	Lady Dawgs Invitational	Riverside Athletic Complex	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 05	@ AHSTW COED	AHST High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 10	@ Griswold Girls' Track Meet	Griswold High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 12	@ Fillies Relays	Shenandoah High School	4:30PM
Monday	Apr. 16	@ Treynor Girls' Invitational	Treynor High School	4:30PM
Friday	Apr. 20	@ Underwood Girls' Track	Underwood High School	5:00PM
Tuesday	Apr. 24	@ Lady Red Relays	Missouri Valley High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 26	@ Woodbine Girls Track	Woodbine High School	5:00PM
Tuesday	May. 01	@ WIC	Missouri Valley High School	4:00PM
Thursday	May. 10	@ State Qualifying Meet	State Qualifying Meet	4:00PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 BLOOD DRIVE @ JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 END OF THE 3RD QUARTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 DANCE TEAM SHOW @ 7PM

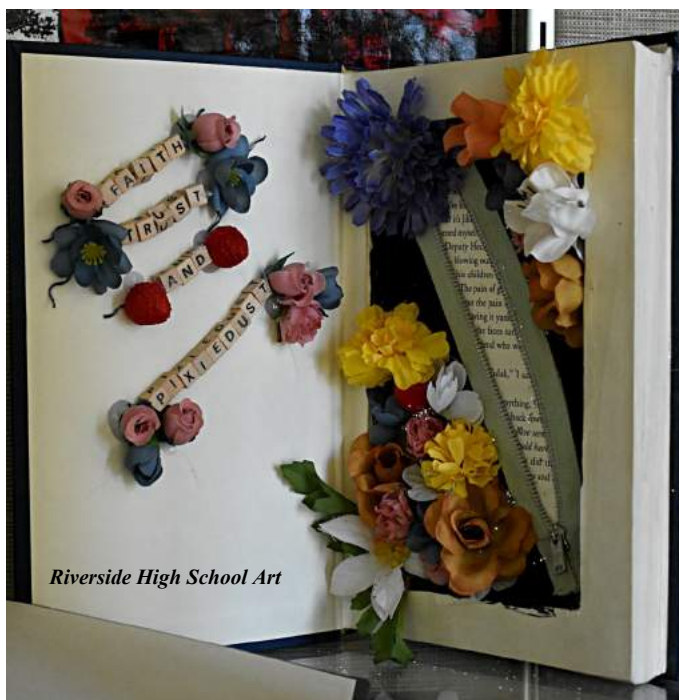
MONDAY, MARCH 12 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 15 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-8 PM EACH DAY

THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2018 IOWA ASSESSMENT TESTING

MARCH 29, MARCH 30, APRIL 2 NO SCHOOL

News from the FCS Department (Sara Fenske)

Seventh grade students created a foldable to help memorize the six essential nutrients in their Family and Consumer Science Exploratory class. Students enjoy using foldable because they involve a hands-on activity, as opposed to worksheets. Visual learners are intrigued because it helps them organize the content and recall information easier. Students can review, study, and take the foldable with them in their backpack rather than textbooks.









The Riverside Community School District participated in a National School Lunch Program Administrative Review in January of 2018. The district received technical assistance to comply with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Please see the information below to guide Smart Snacks implementation in our schools.



HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACKS

Snacks play a major role in a child's diet and provide a valuable opportunity for nutrition education. Healthy snacks are important to providing good nutrition and supporting lifelong healthy eating habits.

Fruits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh fruit-whole or sliced Assorted fruit salads Dried Fruits Applesauce Individual fruit cups (packaged in juice) 100% Fruit Juice 100% Frozen Fruit Bars 	Low Fat Dairy/Protein: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> String Cheese or Cheese Cubes Yogurt Cottage Cheese Deli Meat Sunflower Seeds Pepita/Pumpkin seeds 
Vegetables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raw Vegetables Simple kid-friendly examples: Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Snap Peas, Sliced Peppers, Celery Dehydrated Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetable Chips, Chickpeas Edamame (Soybeans) 	Whole Grains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crackers Low Sodium Pretzels Pita Chips Popcorn Low Fat Granola Bars Baked Corn Tortilla Chips Animal Crackers Graham Crackers 
Snack tips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack on fruit and vegetables whenever possible. Select appropriate portion sizes. For food safety select sealed and prepackaged snack items. Combine protein and fiber for a satisfying snack. 	Drinks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Low Fat or Fat Free Milk 100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice 
Dip Ideas: Hummus, Salsa, Bean dip, Honey Mustard, Yogurt based dips	

Remember Local Scholarships Will Be Released March 1, 2018

National School Breakfast Week is March 5-9

Riverside Blood Drive Thursday, March 8 @ Jr.-Sr. High School



The Riverside Jazz Band performed at SWIBA Jazz contest on February 19th and earned a 3rd place finish! The band will be considered for a wild card invitation to the Iowa Jazz Championships in April. **AWESOME JOB BAND!** (photo by Mrs. Brandon)

Friday, February 2 was Parents Night at the basketball game. The girls basketball team had 4 seniors: Alyssa Brink, Jamie Hackett, Devyn Moore, and Sydney Murphy. The cheerleaders had one senior: Briteny Gordon. There were no seniors on the boys team. We have shared the pictures with you on this page.



Left: Briteny Gordon and parents



Far left: Alyssa Brink
Left: Jamie Hackett



Far left: Devyn Moore
Left: Sydney Murphy

GO DAWGS!

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Here are some pictures of Mrs. Weathers' kindergartners painting 712 Rocks at our Valentine's Day party. Our class also had the most Boxtops in January, so we have had Bruiser this month! (Jill Weathers)



Elementary & Intermediate News (Jamie Meek, PK-6 Principal)

Parent Teacher conferences are coming up on Monday, March 12 and Thursday, March 15. Heading into the parent-teacher conference make a plan on what you are going to discuss with your child's teachers. Think about things that your child has come home talking to you about from school. Are there concerns that they have expressed to you? Are you not getting information from your children about school and need to set up a plan to have more communication with their teacher? What do you want to see your child complete and move forward with by the end of the year? If you make a plan ahead of time, you have a better chance of asking those things at the conference.

With the end of the year approaching quickly, Iowa Assessments (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) are upon us. We are planning on giving the statewide assessment March 19-23, with make-up tests March 26-30, at the elementary and intermediate schools. During this week, we ask that you do your best to have normal routines at home, get to bed on time, get up on time, have good breakfasts before coming to school and encourage your children to do their best.

We are starting to think about the possibilities of summer school for 2018. A group of teachers have been analyzing data and talking to each other about which students might need that little bit of extra reading support to continue the growth from this year of instruction. We have talked about potential dates and times, who are interested in teaching, what grade levels might be attending, and many other things, but nothing is set. You may have heard from your child's teacher that your child is struggling in reading and they may be eligible for summer school so you might want to start thinking about how that might affect your summer. We may be asking for input from you about length of day and time of the summer to help make decisions in a timelier manner so everyone can start planning.

Did you know that we served free breakfast and lunch for all children under the age of 18 last summer at the elementary school? We are planning on continuing this for this summer again. Any child who is under the age of 18 is eligible to come and have a free breakfast and lunch as long as they can find a way to the elementary school. Dates and times have not been set but will be coming out soon!

We are making a push toward the end of the school year and there are so many things left to do in many classrooms. We continue to work on helping students understand the basics of reading and math, while pushing those who excel at it to achieve even tougher standards. We are exposing them to exciting science concepts and exploring history to learn about our world. Take some time each day and ask your child not, "What did you do in school today?" but "What did you learn new today it math, reading, science, or social studies?" "Are you doing any fun projects in Art?" "What are you learning about in computer class?" "What are you learning about in PE or Health classes?" These questions, and others that you might think of or already use, will help get away from the same old answer of "nothing".

Very soon we will be in the middle of Parent-Teacher Conferences and there will be many great conversations happening between the classroom teachers and families. Please don't allow these conversations to be the only one that happen this year for your child(ren). For 4th-6th grade students you can see grades as they are entered into our system via the JMC Parent Access portal at, <https://riversideschools.onlinejmc.com/>, click on the Parent icon, enter your child's last name and password and you can see grades. If you are unsure about how to access this feature available to you, please contact Mrs. Skank at the intermediate school at 712-484-2291 or tskank@riverside.k12.ia.us. The more staff and families that are on the same page, the more successful a student will be.



Elementary Pick of the Litter

Front row (seated):

Elayna Shannon, Lorraine Rice, Madeline Shanker, Meadow Dalby, Marlie Sick

Back row (standing):

Mattie Haines, Lilli Reed, Isabelle Cody, Ayden McDowell, Austin Zimmerman, Kim Rasmussen, Jozlyn Schafer, Kaylee Jasper

Congratulations, kids!!

(photo by Jen Perkins)



Mrs. Hummel's Second Graders Deliver Mail (Lisa Hummel)

We had a Valentine Post Office in our classroom. The students each took turns being workers and mail carriers. They had to "sell" and "buy" stamps for their Valentines, address them correctly like they would a real letter and "mail" it. The postal workers would check the "letters" over carefully. If something was incorrect, they would stamp a return to sender stamp on the envelope and deliver back to the sender to be corrected. If it was correct, they stamped it and put it in the proper mailbox. The students even delivered "mail" out of our classroom around the school, as we had a lot of "out of town" Valentine mail to deliver. By counting out money to "buy" stamps for their Valentines, the students were more motivated to learn this important skill. They had a lot of fun!

The second graders also visited the Oakland Post Office and Great Western Bank. They learned a lot about what happens behind the scenes. They were comparing our classroom Valentine's Post Office to the actual Oakland Post Office.



Pictures at the left are students of Mrs. Hummel



Pictures at the left are from the Coaches vs. Cancer Game.

Far left: Garrett Hough gets ready for the half-court shot.

Left: Jacey Kallsen, Elayna Eggers, and Allie Reicks speak to the crown prior to the games. (photos: yearbook)

Test Taking Tips for Parents & Students

Preparing a student for a Testing Session – For Parents

1. Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test
2. Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations.
3. The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.
4. Set aside time each night prior to the test for several weeks to review the concepts that will be covered
5. Work with teachers and administrators at your child's school to find materials to work on at home in preparation for the test
6. Make sure the student is on time (if not early) on the day of testing
7. Set a backup alarm to avoid the possibility of oversleeping
8. If your child is sick please contact the school immediately to inform them.

Working with Students who are anxious about testing – For Parents

1. Try not to put too much pressure on the student. Reinforce that as long as they worked hard in preparation and did their absolute best you will be proud of them.
2. Have the child visualize success. Encourage them to rehearse what it will feel like to get a good score on the test.
3. Work with them to focus on breathing. Stress is often caused by insufficient oxygen to the brain. Work with the student to take time before the test begins to take a number of deep, cleansing breaths, exhaling slowly. Focusing on breathing by taking some time when stress levels rise helps to focus the mind during testing.
4. Encourage your child to review the night before the test, but avoid cramming. Cramming is rarely if ever effective. A longer, more systematic schedule of short reviews will prepare the student better.
5. Try to use positive language when talking about expectations of the test. Do not overinflate the student's expectations but also try to avoid negative wording (e.g. replace "you are going to fail this test if you don't study" with "if you don't study you aren't going to pass this test.")
6. Plan for a fun outing or treat for your child after the test has been completed.
7. Keep a positive attitude about testing in general around your child and emphasize their ability to demonstrate what they have learned rather than the consequences of not passing

Test Taking Tips for Students

General

1. Be aware of the test time limits. Keep track of how much time you have remaining and try not to spend too much time on items that you are unsure of, as you can always come back to them once you have completed the items you do know.
2. Answer the easy questions first and then move on to more difficult items.
3. Answer all questions, even if you do not know the answer (**Exception:** Do not utilize this strategy on the SAT which penalizes for incorrect responses).
4. If you are allowed to mark in the test booklet circle key words in the question to keep you focused.
5. Use all of the time allotted to you. If you have extra time cover your answers and try reworking the questions.
6. If the test is bubbled into an answer document make sure the bubble is filled in completely. If the test involves writing make sure you write as neatly as possible.

Math

7. On math problems try estimating the problem before calculating (ex. make 32×21 into 30×20), as this will help you notice if your calculations are far off your estimate.
8. Perform opposite operations. For example if your problem involves multiplication check your work by dividing in reverse.

Multiple Choice

9. Anticipate the answer before looking at your answer options. Physically cover the answer with your hand to see if you can answer it first.
10. Eliminate highly implausible answers (most multiple choice tests will have at least two "distracter" items that are unrelated to the questions).
11. Be aware of words like "always," "never," "only," "must," and "completely." Response options containing these words may be correct, but are usually distracters as their will usually be exceptions to extreme words such as these.
12. Be cautious about changing your answer to a multiple choice question without a good reason. Usually, your first "guess" or intuition is more likely to be correct than later ones.
13. Although not always true, as a general rule of thumb the items that contain the most information tend to be correct.
14. If one of the items is an "All of the Above" option and you know that at least one of the other options is incorrect/false then you can eliminate the "All of the Above" option as well.



RIVERSIDE AFTER PROM
WILL BE SERVING A PULLED PORK DINNER
@WINTER SPORTS BANQUET
FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 PM
MARCH 13, 2018



Egg My Yard

Your child will love waking up to a yard full of candy filled eggs
AND bunny tracks left by the Easter Bunny!

30 eggs for \$20

Every additional 10 eggs added \$7

This makes a great gift for kids, grandkids, great
grandkids, nieces & nephews, neighbors...

- Choose after 8pm Friday or Saturday night delivery.
- Place your order by completing the form you can pick up at
any of the 3 schools, The RAP Spring Craft Fair in Carson
Sat. Mar 24th or request a form from
RiversideAfterProm@aol.com
- Drop off form and payment to any school by March 24th.

Karla Weis 712-484-3699
or mail form/payment to 306 So. Cayleen Circle, Carson 51525



Egg My Yard

Registration Form

Please Print Clearly & Completely.

Please Include directions on the back if your home is hard to find and any special instructions.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

[] Oakland [] Carson [] Macedonia

Where? [] Front Yard Only [] Back Yard Only [] _____

Ages of Children _____ (We will try to hide accordingly)

X Check One

[] Friday Night after 8pm [] Saturday Night after 8pm

• 30 eggs..... \$20.00 []

• 40 eggs..... \$27.00 []

• 50 eggs..... \$34.00 []

Return to any Riverside School no later than March 24th
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Make checks payable to Riverside After Prom

??Questions??
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No peeking outside after 8pm (wink)

Riverside After Prom hosts the 2018

Spring Craft Fair

Carson Community Center

Carson, IA

Saturday, March 24th

10:00 to 2:00

\$2 Admission

Contact Karla Weis at 402-616-0165 or
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MARCH 2018

Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Cookie
HS Spicy Chicken Wrap

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Gravy
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Fruit
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Salsa
Corn
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HS Soft Shell Taco

15
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Hot Dog /Bun
Baked Beans
Chips
Fruit / Cookie
HS BBQ Beef on Bun

16
NO SCHOOL

19
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Fruit
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HS Cook's Choice
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Milk is available
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For Breakfast:
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