



District Mission Statement:

INSPIRE - UNIFY - ACHIEVE

Riverside Community Schools

Vision Statement:

To INSPIRE so that we motivate others to bring out the best in themselves

To UNIFY so that we bring others together for a common purpose or action

To ACHIEVE so that others may find ways to attain a successful result

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20-21 School Calendar DRAFT

Board Summary

* Dr. Tim Mitchell, Superintendent

712-484-2212 Central Office

*Mr. Jamie Meek, Pre-K-5 Principal

712-484-2212 Carson Elementary School

712-482-6296 Oakland Elementary School

* Mr. Nicholas Kroon 6-12 Principal

712-482-6465 Middle School/ High School

*Mr. Nick Bates Transportation Supervisor

712-482-6215 Bus Garage

Regular School Board Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month

@ 6:30 PM

Intermediate School

Media Center



Postal Patron

Riverside Newsletter

Riverside website is www.riversideschools.org

April 2020

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submitted by Gracie Bluml



Pro Photo

Please know that we have tried to make any information in this publication as accurate as possible.

Information changes daily, if not, hourly. Please don't hesitate to check out the school's social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the school's website.

Schools are closed through April 30.

Keep our kids safe

**DO NOT PASS A
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS**



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.

DID YOU KNOW:

The Macedonia United Methodist Church houses a clothing pantry as well as a food pantry. Gently used clothing is available for adults and children. As the weather turns colder, there may be a need in the Riverside community for warmer clothing. If you or someone you know could benefit from some of the items, please call the church at [712-486-2266](tel:712-486-2266) and leave a message or contact Pastor Mike Stevens at [402-669-3536](tel:402-669-3536).

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Captain Jack's Care Closet

If you know of anyone who is in need of any of the following items, PLEASE contact the personnel listed below.

- 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

Riverside Class of 2024

BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

Parents, did you know that Riverside Community School serves breakfast daily? Every day of the school week, except for weather-related late starts, can find our cooks in the kitchen busily preparing breakfast for the students. Breakfasts include: a cheese omelet with a hash brown potato, pancakes, French toast sticks, yogurt, a sausage/egg sandwich, breakfast pizza, and sausage gravy/biscuit. Cereal and long johns are available daily. Every breakfast includes choice of chocolate, white, or strawberry milk and juice.

The best part about breakfast is the cost--\$1.50--which includes the breakfast entrée, milk and juice. If you qualify for reduced prices, breakfast is only \$.30. Kids receiving free lunch also qualify for free breakfast.

A good breakfast gives students the energy to start the day off right. They learn better, behave better, and perform better than kids who don't eat breakfast. At the elementary school, we average 60+ students eating breakfast every day. Breakfast is an important start to everyone's day. Give breakfast at school some food for thought. (Submitted by Lori Nisely)

Riverside Allergy Awareness (Mr. Meek)



There have been some discussions about the expectations of food allergies at Riverside Schools. Here is what we consider when it comes to peanut/tree nut allergies.

1. **All Riverside kitchens are peanut/tree nut free.**
2. **Any snacks sent to classrooms for birthdays, celebrations, or other classroom parties should be peanut/tree nut free. Any purchased or homemade snack should include the ingredient list. A recipe is OK to send if made at home.**
3. **We do allow peanut butter to be brought in a lunch. We ask that students not share/trade lunch items.**

If there are any changes to a specific classroom regarding food allergies, parents will be notified in writing.



Riverside Wellness Goals 2019-2020

Nutrition Education and Promotion:
 Schools will educate, encourage and support healthy eating by all students of all ages

Physical Activity:
 Schools will provide opportunities for students to maintain physical fitness
 Schools will adopt or exceed the state standard for Physical Education

Other School Based Activities:
 Schools will create a total school environment that is conducive to being physically active

Standards and Nutrition Guidelines (Foods and Beverages Sold):
 Food served or purchased by students during the school day is approved by the superintendent

Standards and Nutrition Guidelines (Foods and Beverages Not Sold):
 Food provided during the school day outside the school lunch program should meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools Standards

Policies for Food and Beverage Marketing:
 Develop a District policy in the area of food and beverage marketing in the district



CLASS OF 2021
PRESENTS

Footloose

themed prom

June 27, 2020

More Details To Follow



At press time, the Riverside Prom is postponed until June 27, 2020, and the plans remain unchanged.

Grand March - 5:30 pm (doors open at 5:15.) - RHS Auditorium. Admission \$1.00/person

Professional Photos immediately after. Auditorium will be closed to the public during this time. Guests are welcome to stay in commons for family photos.

Dinner & Dance 7:00 - 10:15 Carson Community Center

After Prom: Amazing Pizza Machine in Omaha

RIVERSIDE'S 5TH ANNUAL

STEM



FESTIVAL

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23, 2020



Updated 4-2-2020

Riverside Community School District will remain closed through Thursday April 30, 2020 out of concern for COVID-19.

All activities will be cancelled or postponed during the time of the closure. Return date set as Friday May 1, 2020.





BULLDOG VALUES

TRUSTWORTHINESS RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY FAIRNESS CARING CITIZENSHIP

PRIDE

- BE HONEST.
- PLAY BY THE RULES.
- BE LOYAL.
- TAKE TURNS & SHARE.
- LISTEN TO OTHERS.
- DO THE RIGHT THING.

OWNERSHIP

- DO YOUR SHARE.
- COOPERATE.
- FOLLOW THE RULES.
- BE A GOOD FRIEND.
- USE SELF CONTROL.

WE TAKE ACTION

- BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR CHOICES.
- DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.
- THINK BEFORE YOU ACT.
- PERSEVERE: KEEP ON TRYING.
- ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST.

EMPATHY

- BE KIND.
- HELP OTHERS IN NEED.
- FORGIVE OTHERS.
- SHOW COMPASSION.
- EXPRESS GRATITUDE.

RESPECT

- USE GOOD MANNERS.
- BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS' FEELINGS.
- APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES.
- HANDLE CONFLICT PEACEFULLY.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

5-2-1-0 FEATURE:

April



How to practice healthy habits at home

Here's how you can put 5-2-1-0 into action this month:

Responding to COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, schools in Iowa have closed, activities have been canceled, and many parents are spending more extended time at home with their children.

During this unprecedented time, it is more important than ever to prioritize our physical and mental health by practicing healthy habits.

FREE RESOURCE: Get the whole family involved in healthy habits with the [5-2-1-0 Goal Tracker](#). Print the template to craft your own. Post in a prominent place in your home as a reminder to keep track your daily habits.

FREE AT-HOME RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

5

Make healthy eating a family affair

More time at home means more time to prioritize [family meals](#) and more opportunity to involve kids in the kitchen. (Check out these [age-by-age cooking guidelines](#)!) Also, remember to choose [healthy snacks](#) while at home.

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Keep learning – don't overdo screen time

Scholastic is offering free, online [learn-at-home lessons](#) for parents. When not learning, It's important during this time to set [screen-time limits](#). Try these [tips and alternate activities](#). Now is the perfect time for Family Game Night!

1

Get creative with daily physical activity

Move for [1 hour each day](#)! It will benefit your physical and mental health during this time. Make family walks or bike rides outside a new daily habit. We also compiled our 10 favorite ways to keep kids active – check it out [here](#).

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Water boosts your immune system

Water is a natural immunity booster – so drink up! Educate kids on how much water they should drink with this [activity sheet](#).

The 5-2-1-0 Feature is brought to you by:



Healthiest State
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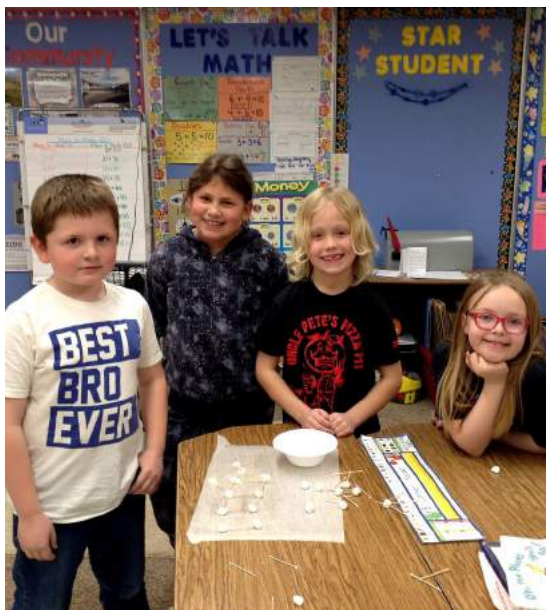
Share your 5-2-1-0 fun on social media:

#HealthyChoicesCount



FIND MORE 5-2-1-0 RESOURCES: www.iowahealthieststate.com/5210

More "Marshmallow Houses" below:



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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2020 to 2021

Riverside Community Schools
330 Pleasant Street PO Box 218
Carson, IA 51525

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Symbol Key

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

Riverside Community School District | 330 Pleasant Street Carson, IA 51525

Grade 6-12 Middle/High School

Phone: 712-482-6464

Fax: 712-482-3074

Grade 3-5 Elementary School-Carson

Phone: 712-484-2212

712-484-3957

Grade PK-2 Elementary School-Oakland

Phone: 712-482-6296

712-482-6646

Early Dismissal Times: Grade PK-2 & Grade 3-5 Elementary Schools: 2:25 PM

Grade 6-12 Middle/High School: 2:20 PM

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August:

- 10: Registration
- 17, 18: New Teacher Work Days
- 19, 20, 21: Professional Development Days
- 20: Open House
- 24: First day for students. Early dismissal
- 25, 26: Early Dismissal – Staff Development

September:

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Early Dismissal-Staff Development
- 7: Labor Day, No School

October:

- 7, 14, 21: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 16: End of 1st Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 26: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 28: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 30: No School – Teacher Comp Day

November:

- 4, 11, 18: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 25, 26, 27: No School – Thanksgiving Break

December:

- 2, 9, 16: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 22: End of 1st Semester-Regular Dismissal
- 23: No School-Teacher Work Day-Option #1
- 23-31: No School – Christmas Break

January:

- 1: No School – Christmas Break
- 4: No School: Teacher Work Day-Option #2
- 5: School Resumes
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 18: No School – WIC Professional Development Day

February:

- 3, 10, 24, 31: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 17, 18, 19: No School-Spring Break

March:

- 3, 10, 17, 31: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 12: End of 3rd Quarter-Regular Dismissal
- 22: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 24: Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 pm)
- 26: No School – Teacher Comp Day

April:

- 2-5: No School – Easter Break
- 7, 14, 21, 28: Early Dismissal – Staff Development
- 12-16: Iowa Assessment Week

May:

- 5, 12, 19: Early dismissal – Staff Development
- 19: Last Day for Seniors
- 23: Graduation
- 24: Last Day of School - Early dismissal
- 25: Teacher Work Day

175 Student Contact Days

2-Parent/Teacher Conferences Days

(October 20 & March 26)

4-Professional Learning/Workdays

(August 19 & 21, December 23 or January 4, May 25)

5-Individual Career Development Days (ICDP)

3-Early Release-Contract Days

1-Holiday

190-Contract Days

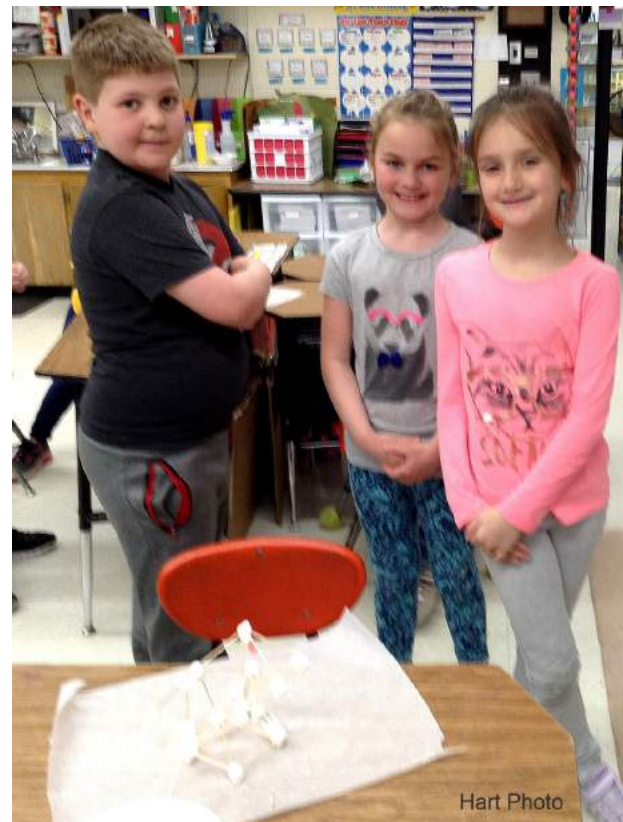
1-Professional Development Supplement -Per Diem

(August 20)

2-New Teacher Days

(August 17 & 18)

Second graders learned about events on earth occurring quickly and slowly. One event studied was earthquakes. One day we simulated earthquakes in the classroom by shaking a desk, recording the strength of the "earthquake", and then discussing the data that was collected from the shaking. Then, students had to create a one-story and a two-story house out of toothpicks and marshmallows that would withstand an "earthquake". Our thanks to Barb Hart for the pictures featured on these two pages.



Riverside Schools have been closed since March 17, 2020 due to the Corona Virus or CoVid19. Teachers have used technology to stay connected with their students. We have included some photos of these activities.



During my time away from my students, I have kept in contact with them through Google Classroom, Remind messages to their parents and through email. I have shared card games that incorporate math, Solve Me puzzles, Logic Puzzles, Khan-academy, as well as their link to their online textbook so they can continue to do practice problems over the lessons we have already learned.



Students in Mrs. Kallsen's classes do a GoNoodle every day during class. She sends out a GoNoodle to Google Classroom every day for the students to do while they are home. Emma and Livia Gordon doing the GoNoodle while at home..



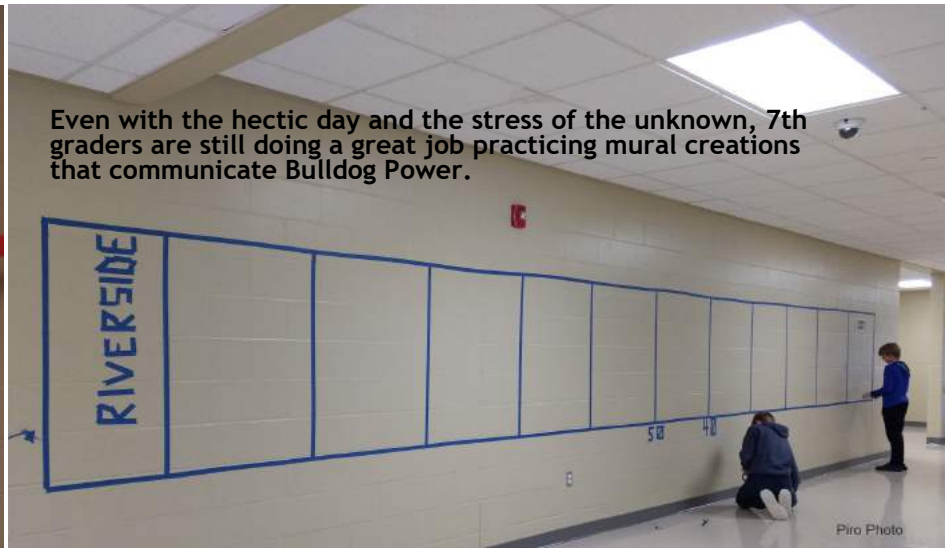
Mrs. Henry's first graders have been connecting on Zoom. We love to chat and share some things from our homes!



Left: Basically my kitchen table has been my work station during this time. It has also served as a place for puzzles and playing cards :). I have been in contact with my students via email and google classroom. I am posting learning activities for them at the beginning of every week. I am missing my students!!! I would rather be in school!!!!



Piro Photo



Piro Photo

Even with the hectic day and the stress of the unknown, 7th graders are still doing a great job practicing mural creations that communicate Bulldog Power.

Back to the Capital city! Mr Oliver will again be leading an educational tour to Washington DC. Also, this year he will be taking students and community members to Philadelphia, PA. Some highlights of the trip will be the White House, war memorials, Arlington Cemetery, JFK Performing Arts Center, the Liberty Bell and many more. If you are interested, please contact Mr Oliver for more details and pricing. The tentative dates are March 1-5, 2021. The best way to contact him is via his school email- aoliver@riverside.k12.ia.us.



Korean War Memorial



Far left: Arlington Cemetery
Left: FDR Memorial





Regular School Board Meeting Monday March 16, 2020

6:30 PM

Agenda

Open Forum

Public Hearing-6:30 PM-FY 21 Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday March 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Carson Elementary School Media Center--Please see attached to Agenda-FY21 Notice of Public Hearing

Initial Proposal from Riverside Teachers' Association for the 2020-2021 Contract-More information can be found attached to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Minutes from the Prior Meetings, Bills, Claims, and Financial Reports and Personnel Actions were approved.

This information can be found attached to the agenda.

- ✓ Approved Melanie McQueen – Grade 7-12 Spanish and English Language Learning Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year
- ✓ Approved Ben Dorr – Grade 6-12 Industrial Technology Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year-Conditional on BOEE Certification
- ✓ Approved Darrell Frain – Head Boys Middle School Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Approved Tyler Johannsen – Assistant Boys Middle Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- ✓ Approved Aaron Gordon – Volunteer Coach Middle School Track for the 2019-2020 school year

Presentations

- ✓ **Student Representatives Reports**- Student representatives were unavailable for a report.
- ✓ **Building Administration Reports**-Nick Kroon, Grade 6-12 Principal and Jamie Meek, Grade PK-5 Principal were present to give reports.
- ✓ **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda
 - **"I Love U Guys" Standard Response Protocol-Crisis Plan**-Jamie Meek-More information is attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Student Achievement Presentation-Board Goal #1**
 - Rachel Gunderson-Kindergarten Teacher-utilizing the report protocol gave an update for the Board on Goal #1-Student Achievement-Topic-Independent Daily Reading (IDR) Conferring-More information is attached to the agenda →

- ✓ **Fiscal Report-Board Goal #2**- Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent and Dan Rold presented updated the Board on Board Goal #2-Fiscal Responsibility. The topics were: FY19 Audit, FY20 Budget Progress, FY21 Budget Explanation & New Money Estimates for FY21-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Facility Report-Board Goal #3** -Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented and updated the Board on Goal #3-Facilities-Topic: Update on Current/Proposed Projects-More information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Engagement Strategies/Parent/Community**-Jamie Kadel presented information on teacher engagement and asked the Board to form an Engagement Committee-Jamie Kadel, Murray Fenn and Matt Bowen will serve on the committee-more information can be found attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Legislative Update**-More information is attached to the agenda

Discussion Items

- ✓ **Coronavirus Update**-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **HVAC Project-Next Steps**-Dr. Mitchell met with engineers and architects this last week and Design and Development Drawings will be completed by March 31, 2020
- ✓ **Comprehensive Facility Study Next Steps**-Dr. Mitchell will reach out to the architect and try to come up with some type of solution to hold zoom meetings and collect information on a google survey to help keep this process moving through the closure.
- ✓ **Communication Protocol Update** - More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Fall 2019 District needs Assessment**-More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Staffing Update for the 2020-2021 School Year**-More information is attached to the agenda.
- ✓ **Entry Fees for activities for the 2020-2021 School Year**. The Board discussed the options of allowing students to have no costs passes to activities for the 2020-2021 school year. They reviewed the fiscal implications and will reach out to the Booster for possible support- More information is attached to the agenda.

Action Items

- ✓ Acknowledge the Initial Proposal from the Riverside Teachers' Association for the 2020-2021 school year-more information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ Approved Special Meeting for Monday March 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- ✓ Set Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Riverside Community School District Budget for Monday March 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- ✓ Accepted the FY19 Riverside Community School District Audit
- ✓ Approved the 2020-2021 Riverside Community School District School Calendar
- ✓ Cancelled-Approve Out of State Travel Request for Boys & Girls Track-Concordia University, Seward, NE-March 20, 2020
- ✓ Cancelled-Approve Out of State Travel Request for Girls Track-Northwest Missouri State-March 24, 2020
- ✓ Cancelled-Approve Out of State Travel Request for High School Jazz Choir-USD Jazz Competition-Vermillion, SD-March 17, 2020
- ✓ Approved Facility Security Improvement Proposals:
 - Oakland Elementary Security Update (Door)-\$2,746.00
 - Carson Elementary Security Update (Door)-\$2,988.00
 - Carson Elementary Security Update (Re-Key)-\$2,479.99
 - Carson Elementary Playground Fence-\$3,875.71

Policy Review and Approval

- ✓ Introduction or Review
 - School Board Policies: 302.2, 303.3, 405.4, 405.8, 410.3 & 603.2 -Please see attached
- ✓ Second Reading-Board Hearing
 - School Board Policies: 105, 604.7, 606.5, 705.1, 705.1R1, 705.2R1, & 711.1-Please see attached
- ✓ Third-Final Reading-Approval
 - School Board Policies: 401.12, 401.13, 401.13R1, 401.16704.5, 705.8, 705.8R1, 707.5, 707.5R1 & 905.1-Please see attached. →

Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- Matt Bowen-Filling of two hard to fill positions
- Todd Pendgraft- FY20 Budget Progress
- Murray Fenn-Coronavirus Update
- Mark Jeppesen-"I Love U Guys"-Crisis Plan
- Jamie Kadel- Independent Daily Reading (IDR)-Conferring
- Charlene Dalby- Independent Daily Reading (IDR)-Conferring
- Tim Petersen-Coronavirus Update

Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

1. Coronavirus Update
2. FY20 Budget Progress and FY21 Budget-tax rate increase
3. Independent Daily Reading (IDR)-Conferring

Update Quick Links

Superintendent Calendar	Activities Calendar
School Calendar	School Lunch Menu
School Board Meeting Agendas/Minutes	School Board Policies
District Contact Information	JMC
Policy Review Link	Inclement Weather Information

Upcoming Events and Community Updates

Riverside-Update on Event Cancellations/Postponements

Riverside Community School District will close Tuesday March 17, 2020 through Friday April 10, 2020 out of concern for COVID-19. All activities will be cancelled during the time of the closure. Return date set as Monday April 13, 2020.

March 16 - Indoor Track Meet @ ISU - Cancelled
 March 17 - Coyote Jazz Festival @ USD Vermillion South Dakota - Cancelled
 March 18 - WIC Quiz Bowl @ AHSTW- Cancelled
 March 19 - JH Jazz Band, HS Jazz Band/Choir JAZZ Concert - Postponed
 March 19 - NHS Induction Ceremony - Postponed
 March 20 - Indoor Track Meet @ Concordia, Seward NE - Cancelled
 March 21 - Underwood Ultimate Jazz Cancelled
 March 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences-Postponed
 March 23 - WIC Jr/Sr High Honor Band - Cancelled
 March 24 - Indoor Track Meet @ Northwest Missouri State, Maryville MO - Cancelled
 March 24 - Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships - Cancelled
 March 25 - WIC Student Advisory Meeting - Cancelled
 March 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences-Postponed
 March 27 - WIC Weightlifting Competition - Cancelled
 March 28 - Lenox MS Honor Band - Cancelled
 March 30 - Soccer Scrimmage @ Logan - Cancelled
 March 31 - Boys Track @ Audubon - Cancelled
 April 2 - Girls Track @ Audubon - Cancelled
 April 3 - Boys Soccer Clarinda Academy - Cancelled
 April 3 - Preschool Screening - Postponed
 April 4 - Boys Golf @ CAM - Cancelled
 April 6 - Golf Tri Center - Cancelled
 April 6 - Boys Track @ Treynor - Cancelled
 April 7 - Golf @ Logan Magnolia - Cancelled
 April 7 - Riverside Girls Track Meet - Cancelled
 April 9 - CO-Ed Track @ AHSTW - Cancelled

April 13 - START PRACTICE (Potential)

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings

Special Board of Education Meeting-Monday March 30, 2020
 Location-330 Pleasant Street
 Carson Grade 3-5 Elementary School
 Media Center
 6:30 PM

(Please contact tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us or call at 712-484-2212 if you would like a link to attend virtually)

Mr. Johnson shared some photos of the gymnastics unit for the Riverside Elementary Schools. Be sure to look for other photos in this issue.





Board Brief

Regular School Board Meeting Monday March 30, 2020

6:30 PM

Agenda

Open Forum

Public Hearing-6:30 PM-FY 21 Budget Public Hearing was held. The Board received no input from the public.

School Board Response to the Initial Proposal from Riverside Teachers' Association for the 2020-2021 Contract-More information can be found attached to the agenda.

Presentations

- ✓ **COVID-19 Update**-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Riverside COVID-19 Response Plan**-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Mitchell provided a report to the Board-More information can be found attached to the agenda

Discussion Items

- ✓ **Employment Information Topics Connected to District Closure**-Board advise Dr. Mitchell to change document to reflect that all coaches/sponsors salaries would be paid in full as contracted-More information can be found attached to the agenda
- ✓ **HVAC Project-Next Steps**-Design and Development Drawings will be completed by March 31, 2020. Public Hearing will be set for the April 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM for Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project
- ✓ **Comprehensive Facility Study Next Steps**-Dr. Mitchell is in discussion with architect to schedule zoom meetings and collect information on a google survey for staff input. Public meetings have been delayed at this point.
- ✓ **Facility Project Funding Update** -Dr. Mitchell has reached out and is waiting for a communication from the district financial advisor as to getting an update on the municipal bond market and status of the extension and refinance of the SAVE Bonds at this time.

Action Items

- ✓ **Approved School Board Response to Initial Proposal from the Riverside Teachers' Association for the 2020-2021 Contract Negotiations**
- ✓ **Approved the Riverside Community School District 2020-2021 Proposed Budget**
- ✓ **Amended 2019-2020 School Calendar-Adding Two Make-up Days**
- ✓ **Approve Resolution for Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy**
- ✓ **Approved 2020-2021 AEA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**
- ✓ **Approved a Waiver of School Board Policy 505.6-Graduation Requirements and Give the Superintendent Authority to Implement Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education**
- ✓ **Set Public Hearing for Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project for Monday April 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM** →

- ✓ **Approved Facility Projects**-Carson Elementary Playground and Pigneri Athletic Complex
- ✓ **Approved Payment #7** - Scott Enterprises - Middle/High School Roof Insurance Project
- ✓ **Approved Payment #7** - Engie - Construction Management-Insurance Projects
- ✓ **Approved Payment #2** - Studio Melee - Comprehensive Facility Study
- ✓ **Approved Payment #2** - Ardent - Sports Lighting Insurance Project
- ✓ **Approved Payment #1** - Baker Hostelter - Cyber Attack Remediation

Share a Key Takeaway from the Meeting

- **Matt Bowen**-COVID-19 Free Meal Distribution
- **Todd Pendgraft**-Facility Projects-Concrete work at Carson & Athletic Complex
- **Murray Fenn**-Contact Patrons with no Internet-Provide Free Internet
- **Mark Jeppesen**-Absent w/Notice
- **Jamie Kadel**-The hard work of the teaching staff to provide for students during the closure
- **Charlene Dalby**- COVID-19 Free Meal Distribution & Contact Patrons with no Internet-Provide Free Internet
- **Tim Petersen**-Waiving of Policy 505.6 Graduation Requirement-providing flexibility for seniors and graduation

Determine 3 Common Messages to Share with Public

1. **Riverside School District COVID-19 Response Plan**
2. **COVID-19 Free Meal Distribution**
3. **District is working hard to meet needs of students, parents, staff and community during the school closure**

Update Quick Links

Superintendent Calendar	Activities Calendar
School Calendar	School Lunch Menu
School Board Meeting Agendas/Minutes	School Board Policies
District Contact Information	JMC
Policy Review Link	Inclement Weather Information

COVID-19 School Closure Information

Riverside COVID-19 Information Page

Pott County Emergency Management COVID-19 Information	Center for Disease Control
Iowa Department of Public Health	School Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Association of School Board-COVID-19 Information	Navigating Uncertain Times: How Schools Can Cope With Coronavirus
GHAEA Resources	Iowa DOE You Tube Playlist
COVID-19 in Iowa	

Upcoming Events and Community Updates

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Event Cancellations and Postponements 3-30-2020

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Good day to you Bulldog Nation. (Nicholas Kroon, 6-12 Principal)

It is kind of surreal to write this update to you now as we have not had students since March 16. First of all, I want to say thank you to all of you for attempting to help your students. Having been confined to our home with 3 school-aged children, I know first-hand how difficult it is to keep children focused on their studies. So thank you and continued blessings on your educational endeavors! :)

Right now, our teachers have been instructed to provide review materials only as we are not certified as an eLearning school. eLearning is not an approved source of instruction in Iowa, and this method is saved for only a few institutions. I do believe these things could be changing, especially if we are required to shut down schools for longer. We will keep you updated on these happenings, and on guidance we receive from the Department of Education and Governor Reynolds. Also important to note, that Governor Reynolds has essentially forgiven all missed days from March 17-April 10, 2020. We are not expected to make that time up. So, tell your students to stay sharp using the review and online resources that their teachers have given them. Also, this is a great time for your student to make up any assignments that they have not completed. Some students could definitely raise their grade during this time with previously incomplete work.

We meet right now as an admin team once per week, and we have weekly staff meetings via zoom. Our teachers also meet separately once per week via zoom in the RCT (Riverside Collaborative Teams) team. Their RCT discussions are centered on their Power Standards and how to implement them via remote/eLearning if we need to go that route. Our teachers are also providing up-to-date resource materials for review. I have been very proud of the efforts that our teachers have made to provide material and continue to stay in contact with your sons/daughters. They are a great bunch of people and very dedicated and passionate about your kids mental health, physical health, and education.

In a time such as this, I am very thankful for our hard working parents who work in healthcare, transportation, industry, agriculture, business, banking, and sanitation. We survive in this time because of you. If any of you parents work in these areas, thank you so much. I appreciate your sacrifice to perform your duties in the face of many obstacles. If you are home based right now because of this virus, I am thankful you are healthy and able to assist your student with their education. If there is anything we can do for you as a school, please reach out.

I am also very thankful in these times for technology that allows us to educate our students, attend church on Sunday, converse with friends, etc. It has been a unique time, but in some parts has been a nice respite from normal everyday life. Stay safe everybody, and hopefully see you and your kids soon!

#weRiverside



Riverside Football held its 2nd Annual 8th Grade Signing Day in March. Below are photos from this event.





We are proud to announce that Oakland Elementary raised \$3,683.99 and Carson Elementary raised \$3,075.88 for the American Heart Association! Thanks for helping to make a difference! Every gift will support such life-saving efforts such as research, education and reaching populations at risk.

If you want to learn more about the American Heart Association and how you can save lives and be involved visit heart.org.

Thank you, Mr. Johnson

NAME	GRADE	TOTAL COLLECTED	NAME	GRADE	TOTAL COLLECTED
Ravlin	2nd	\$1641.50	Crum	3rd	\$816.76
Hummel	2nd	\$725.85	Plagman	3rd	\$524.42
Henry	1st	\$463.26	Jansen	5th	\$498.37
Smith	Kindergarten	\$360.52	Houser	5th	\$379.42
Vorthmann	1st	\$142.08	Gordon	3rd	\$335.91
Byers	1st	\$95.00	Griffen	4th	\$75.00
Weathers	Kindergarten	\$75.78			



Pre-K through 6th grade teachers and students have been using this semester to focus on Individualized Daily Reading (IDR) and conferring. Students are taught how to choose a "just right book" anywhere they go (library, book store, or their own personal bookshelf)! After students have made their selection of books, they spend time each school day reading the books they have chosen for themselves. During this IDR time, teachers are also actively engaged in two-way conversations with their students. Teachers are visiting with students about their books and checking for understanding. Perhaps most importantly, teachers are building a love of reading and personal connections in a one-on-one setting with each student. These powerful conversations have made even the most reluctant reader excited to share his/ her book with both adults and peers.

With the closure of school, IDR has become challenging for teachers to do consistently with their students. Luckily, conferring with your child is easy! Please use these questions as a 'jumping off point' to start a conversation about books with your student.

Fiction:

1. What was your favorite part of the book (or the part you just read)? Why?
2. What challenges did the character face? Have you faced a similar challenge?
3. How did the character's feelings change throughout the story?
4. Does this book remind you of another book you have read?
5. Why did you choose this book?
6. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Who? Why or why not?

Nonfiction:

1. What facts surprised you the most?
2. Did you have any preconceived ideas that changed after reading this book?
3. Would you like to read more books about this topic?
4. Is this book similar to another book you have read? How? Which one did you like better? Why?
5. What more would you like to know about this topic?
6. Where could you look to find more information on this topic? Does the author use references you could look at?

Choosing a "Just-Right" Book



1. Look at the cover/pictures.



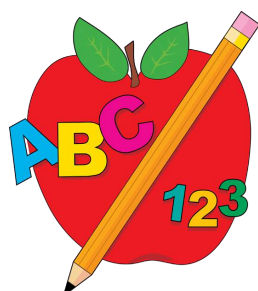
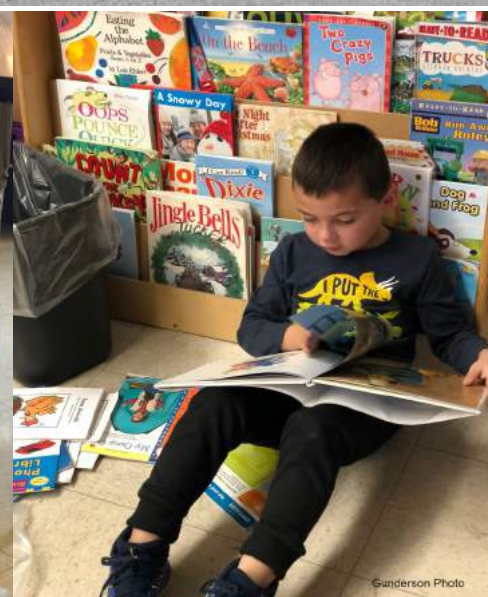
2. Read a few pages.



3. Count words you do not know.



4. Check to see if you understand.





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Riverside COVID-19 Information Page

Links to all of these website with more information on COVID-19 can be found at www.riversideschools.org and then click on "Riverside Covid-19 Information Page"

- ✓ Riverside COVID-19 Response Plan
- ✓ Riverside Instructional Support Resources March 30-April 3
- ✓ Pott County Emergency Management COVID-19 Information
- ✓ Center for Disease Control
- ✓ Iowa Department of Public Health
- ✓ School Guidance from the Iowa Department of Education
- ✓ GHAEA Resources
- ✓ New-Free Resource-audible from Amazon
- ✓ NEW-Resources to Support Learning-Iowa Department of Education
- ✓ Events Cancellations and Postponements- 3-30-2020-You can also find a list attached in this newsletter

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Remote Technical Support

If you ever have computer issues and can't figure it out, but can still get to the internet... I can possibly provide support. [Remotedesktop.google.com](https://remotedesktop.google.com). Once you set up your computer you can select remote support. Generate a code. And then I can take it over when you send me the code. Please contact Chris Hamilton at chamilton@riverside.k12.ia.us or 402-960-8279.

Approved 2020-2021 School Calendar

You can find a link on the www.riversideschools.org website or review the copy included this newsletter

Riverside-Instructional Support During Closure

The educational enrichment approach to continuous learning that Riverside is providing to students and families while the district is closed is called Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities. This may include packets, teleconferencing, online instruction, or other outreach activities. Student participation is voluntary, and no grading or credit is given. There is no prior approval needed from the state for a district to provide continuous learning through educational enrichment opportunities. Riverside has been reviewing a number of factors including technology access, staff skills, and student access.

Internet Access

During a school closure and implementing the Guidelines for Social Distancing the Internet has become a lifeline to the world of learning and socializing. Access is a requirement. Those who do not have it must get access. Use of Zoom, Facebook and other online tools has now become a required skill in the workplace and educational environment. Please contact the district at 712-484-2212 if you or your student does not have internet access. We have several ways that we might be able to help get you free access to the Internet during this pandemic and school closure.

Schools Meals Update

School Meal Distribution--All children Birth to 18 years of age will receive enough food to have 5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches for the week.

Meals are available at four distribution points each school day from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. If someone wants a meal delivered, please call 712-249-7312 and meals can be delivered to the home. This is a "Grab and Go Service". Menus will consist of a fully reimbursable meal.

The four distribution centers are:

- Oakland Elementary School-Door F-East Door on North Side of Building
- Riverside Middle/High School-Front Doors
- Carson Elementary School-Door C on West side of building
- Post Office in Macedonia on Main Street-School Vehicle will be park on Ma

Next Distribution Dates for Meals APRIL 13, APRIL 20, APRIL 27

Facility Update

Short-term-HVAC Retrofit-Next Step

- School Board set Public Hearing for Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Oakland Elementary HVAC Retrofit Project for Monday April 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- School Board will also set a Public Hearing for Monday April 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM to refinance and extend SAVE Bonds

Long-term-Comprehensive Facility Plan-Next Steps

- Meeting 1: Meeting with administration and staff to further discuss various options being discussed and further develop the pros and cons of each. Will move forward by setting up Zoom meetings with staff with input collected with a Goggle Form Survey
- Meeting 2, 3 & 4: Community town-hall informational meetings to engage the district, allowing residents to voice concerns, ideas and thoughts regarding the potential projects. On Hold
- Further develop of a preliminary conceptual plan options based on input from administration, staff and community. They will develop a format for voting or ranking of the potential projects an establish a list of priorities. On Hold
- Meeting 5: Final community presentation and ranking.
- Finalized conceptual design including concept plans, scope description and phasing. Preliminary budget estimate. On Hold

Staff-Parents-Students-Mental Health Support

If you are ever feeling overwhelmed during this tough time, there is help available. Healthy Homes is the counseling service that we partner with here at Riverside. Their counselors are available to help not only students, but adults as well. If you need someone to talk to, please feel free to contact a professional counselor. Besides Healthy Homes, there are many other fantastic professional counselors out there that we have personally worked with in one way or another. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any members of the Riverside Mental Health Team. Stay Safe and Thank You!

6-12 School Counselor-Chris Conover cconover@riverside.k12.ia.us

PK-5 School Counselor-Ryanne McIntosh rmcintosh@riverside.k12.ia.us

Riverside At-Risk Coordinator-Jana Hensley jhensley@riverside.k12.ia.us

Meghan Wilson--AEA School Psychologist mwilson@ghaea.org

Bulldog POWER Lives ON!!

Just because we are not in school does not mean we can not promote and continue to build our culture. That might be just what our community needs right now!! These Bulldog POWER Simple Rules can still be utilized by you as you work from home:

- Go out of your way to make the first and last interaction with your students and/or family members each day positive
- Start each day writing down three things you are grateful for
- Greet students regular through digital communication
- Praise students each day-send at least one positive message each day-to students or parents-maybe other staff members who are isolated!!
- Actively work to develop a relationship with each student/parent (utilize online tools)
 - Tell them about non-school related topics
 - Teach about their interests
 - Engage in activities with them
 - Tell hilarious stories - share inspirational stories - Do crazy things
- Breathe-take two minutes each day to stop and breathe
- Get at least 20 minutes of cardio each day
- For two minutes each day-think/reflect on a positive experience from the last 24 hour
- Call/Email Parents

Student, Parents, Employee and Activities Handbooks

We have a link on our website for easy access to our Handbooks. Handbooks are not distributed in hard copy unless they are requested. The following handbooks are available: Activities Handbook, Employee Handbook, Grade 6-12 Handbook, Grade PK-5 Handbook, Riverside Child Care Parent Handbook, and Riverside Credit Recovery Handbook.

Please feel free to follow me on social media at Tim Mitchell or Dr. Tim Mitchell on Facebook, @tmitchell212 on Twitter or tmitchell6885 on Instagram. I would also love to come and talk to any group about things happening in our district. If you need to contact me about school issues, please call at 712-484-2212 or e-mail at tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us.

Mrs. Griffen asked the 4th graders to send in a picture of themselves to share with the class to promote social togetherness while we are apart .



Far Left:
Emma Kroon

Center:
Graden Keiser

Left:
Isabelle Cody



Far Left:
Nolan Becker

Center:
Daizy Allen

Left:
Lexi Myers

In Kindergarten, students are given the opportunity to write in many different genres. For the past few weeks, students have been writing nonfiction pieces. Students generated a list of questions they wanted to ask Nurse Nikki and then conducted an interview with her. Students were able to take the information they had learned from her and write a nonfiction piece. Thank you Nurse Nikki for sharing your expertise with us! (Pictures and article thanks to Jill Weathers)



Weathers Photo

We thank Mrs. Schwartzkopf for the photos.



Riverside Enterprises members ran the concession stand for the Student Appreciation week activities. Pictured (l to r) Scotty McGlade, Tyray Sutton, Joe Agosto, Josh Agosto



Recently, fourteen Riverside students competed in Districts Individual Speech competition at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs. Five of those students were selected to go on to state! Dustin Hering for Prose, Jacob Erickson for Radio News, Hannah Lund for Solo Musical Theatre, Stormy Noble for After Dinner, and Kim Smith for After Dinner. Unfortunately, the state competition was cancelled due to concerns about the Corona Virus. The speech coach is Ronda Long-Birdsall. We thank the coach for this information and the picture above.

Meal Distribution Dates:

Monday, April 13

Monday, April 20

Monday, April 27

Riverside Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who came and donated blood on March 3rd. We were very excited that we were able to collect 44 units of blood. This was the same amount that we collected in the fall with 18 first-time donors. 44 of the 52 people that attempted to donate were successful. That means that we were able to save 132 lives! Once again, thank you for all of you who donated. Every year two seniors receive a scholarship from the Red Cross and the amount of the scholarship depends on how many pints we collect. This year Delaney Murphy and Abi Petersen will both receive \$750! They would not have been able to reach this goal if we did not have the support from the time to donate. We will be having another blood drive August 6th. Please watch the newsletter for the location since it is not set yet. Our thanks to the yearbook and Mrs. Schwartzkopf for the photos.



Above: Ben Schroder, Kenna Ford, Delaney Murphy, Abi Petersen, Abigail Brink, and Samantha Beireis

Mick Schroder



Dustin Hering



Mrs. Graves





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YOURSELF

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY

- Eat regular, healthy meals.
- Keep your body hydrated.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Move, play, & sweat daily.
- Practice good hygiene.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR MIND

- Learn something new.
- Practice relaxation skills.
- Name & share your feelings.
- Find healthy distractions.
- Build a daily routine.




















































TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART

- Spend quality family time.
- Stay in touch with friends.
- Find new adventures.
- Play, dance, be silly.
- Be proud of yourself.

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The Riverside Dance Team held is annual Dance Team Show on March 7. We thank the yearbook staff for the pictures.





At Press Time


Riverside Graduation
Is Still
Scheduled for
Sunday, May 17, 2020
@
2pm
MSHS Gymnasium

Stay tuned to
Riverside social media for the
latest updates
School website, Twitter,
Riverside Facebook page

Riverside Community School District

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Riverside School District

Playground Equipment is Closed

This was effective on March 17, 2020 with the closure of school property, but we wanted to specifically address playground equipment as being part of the school closure. We have noticed people using the equipment and would like people to stop. The playground equipment is extremely difficult to keep sanitized.

The closure is for public safety to help limit the spread of COVID-19

Thank you for your cooperation!!



TAKE CARE OF
EACH OTHER

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TAKE CARE BY STAYING HOME

- Staying at home can help save lives.
- When possible, avoid large gatherings.
- Remind each other to get some fresh air!

TAKE CARE BY STAYING SAFE

- Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid high-risk play that could lead to getting injury.
- Taking care of yourself means being able to care for others.

TAKE CARE BY BEING PRESENT

- Practice being a good listener for your family.
- Don't let distractions let you grow distant from each other.
- Remember to practice gratitude for all of the little things.



Kindergarten students have been learning about forces and motion during science. Students were given the task of using a wrecking ball to knock down a wall of cups without knocking the cups into the houses behind them. Students had to work together to determine if they needed to use more or less force to achieve this task. They enjoyed working collaboratively with their classmates and performing a hands on science experiment! We thank Ms. Weathers for the pictures.



The Riverside Chapter of the FFA held its second annual awards banquet on March 13, 2020 at Riverside Middle School-High School. The evening featured a silent auction and a meal provided by The Pancake Man. The awards were presented in the auditorium. We have included photos from this event.



Chapter Leadership Award:
Joel Henningsen



McKenna Sick, Rhett Bentley Chapter FFA Degrees



Taten Williams
Member of the Year



Dustin Hering, Abi Petersen: FFA Choir
Katie Messerschmidt: FFA Band



DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award:
Caiden Goodman

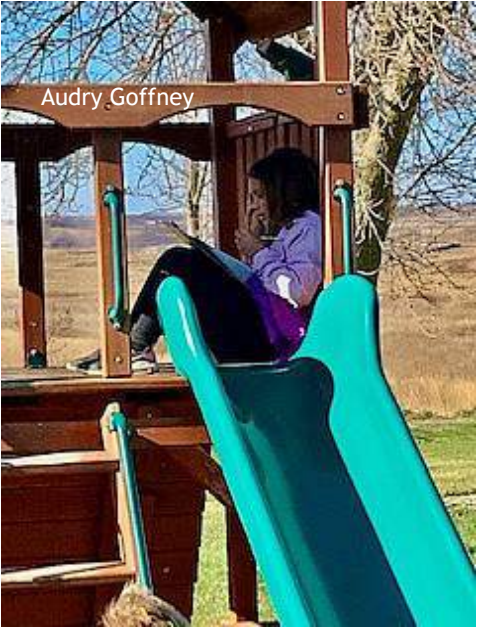


Top Junior Member:
Conner Stevens

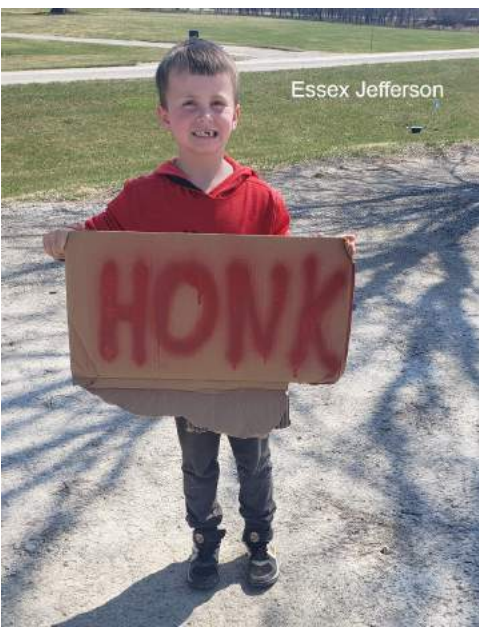


Greenhand FFA Degree
Aiden Bell, Nathan Messerschmidt, Austyn Fisher, Tyler Reed

Ms. Ravlin's Second Grade Class has been busy working on their distance learning. We have been meeting as a class twice a week via zoom to keep in touch with each other and to get in some extra face to face learning. Other ways students are learning while away from school are learning packets that were sent home and the use of many educational websites that they had been introduced to during the school year. Students are even being resourceful and learning in new ways on their own. For example, one student is collecting data on how many honks he can get from cars passing by so he can turn that data into a graph. Most students have made a remarkable transition from the school classroom into the home classroom. We hope to see them all back in school soon!



Audry Goffney



Essex Jefferson



Livia Gordon



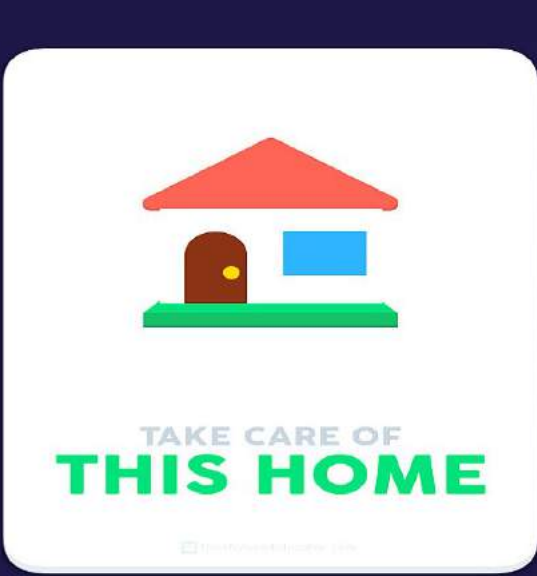
Kaylee Turner



Peyton Scott



Miles Doyle



KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN

- Spend time doing chores every day.
- Let some fresh air and light in.
- Wipe down counters, doorknobs, and other high-contact areas.

KEEP YOUR HOME STRUCTURED

- Build family routines.
- Do your best to follow a family schedule.
- Make sure everyone feels involved and appreciated!

KEEP YOUR HOME HAPPY

- As much as possible, remember to laugh!
- Get creative with safe, fun activities around the house.
- Listen to music, dance, sing... whatever it takes to make some happy memories!

On Sunday, April 5, Riverside staff members paraded through the communities of Carson, Macedonia, and Oakland to “connect” with their students who they have not seen since March 16. We thank those staff who shared these photos which includes Joni Houser, Tiffany Byers, Tammie Shellberg, Joni Gordon, Annie Vorthmann, Brittany Brockman, Karla Keener, Stephanie Brandes, Hillary Shugart. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apology.







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Riverside will continue to communicate on a regular basis with updates, and we will do our best to support our students, staff and community through this unprecedented time. We will continue to address any questions as they come up and share our plans with you as they develop.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during this difficult time.

Riverside Guiding Principles During School Closure

As Riverside continues to navigate our current situation and work with the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, there are five guiding principles that remain at the forefront of every decision and action.

1. Health and safety is the first consideration.

2. Children with disabilities are entitled to an equal opportunity for participation in any service provided by a district, including modifications and supplementary aids and supports as necessary.
3. To the extent practicable, strive to maintain a sense of normalcy for children with disabilities during this public health emergency.
4. To the extent that health and safety come into tension with an administrative or procedural requirement, default in favor of health and safety and consider responding to the administrative or procedural requirements once this public health emergency has resolved.
5. Parents must be involved in any decision about an individual child's placement or services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Early ACCESS, or Section 504.

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Communication During the Closure

- I will continue to send written updates daily-email
- I will up-date social media and website daily
- I will update weekly Instructional Review Plan or Instructional Review Resources for your students and parents on Friday of each week
- I will start doing weekly audio/video messages posted for Community-starting March 30 utilizing Facebook Live
- Administration will meet each Monday at 10:00 am
- Building Principals will meet weekly with staff utilizing [Zoom](#)
- You have been asked to meet as an RCT at least once per week [Zoom](#), YouTube Live, Google Hangout, Facebook live or by sharing a Google Doc between members.
- You can (not required) meet with students and parents at least weekly or even daily. If you can set up a time to meet with students with audio, video, or both, that would be great, but it is not required. Try and set up at least one interactive video, [Zoom](#), [YouTube Live](#), [Google Hangout](#), [Facebook Live](#) with them, emails to the class. Make it at the same time each week or day.



Text-Based

District Tools-JMC Messaging, Email, Website, District and Superintendent Facebook Pages, Riverside Dawgs and Superintendent Twitter Accounts

Teacher Tools-Email, Remind, Class Dojo, Teacher Websites, Teacher [Google Classroom](#) Pages, and Teacher Facebook Pages

Audio/Video Sharing-Small or Large Groups-Note links have now been provided to offer professional learning on how to use these tools

[Zoom](#)

[You Tube Live](#)

[Facebook Live - How To](#)

[Google Hangout/Meet](#)

Online Learning Management Tool

[Google Classroom](#)-can monitor student activity, other resources and links can be shared; weekly instructional review plans can be shared.

Board Meetings

While still being mindful of social distancing. Board meetings should continue to be held to ensure continuity of district operation and fulfillment of requirements under Iowa Code chapter 279. Based on Governor Reynolds's March 20 disaster proclamation, certain open meetings laws are temporarily suspended "to the extent that the statutes could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from holding the meeting by electronic means, provided that the governmental body properly notices the meeting or hearing and includes a telephone conference number or website address that permits the public to participate in the meeting or hearing." The same proclamation temporarily suspended open meetings laws "to the extent they could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present at an in-person location of the meeting, provided that the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically."

Coordinating with Partners

The Iowa Department of Education is having daily conference calls with all superintendents. I am in contact with other Area superintendents to coordinate services between districts and operate consistently. All Local, State and National Public Health and Educational organizations are supplying information on a regular basis. We continue to review and get the latest and best information to you as possible.

Schools Meals Update

School Meal Distribution--All children Birth to 18 years of age will receive enough food to have 5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches for the week.

Meals are available at four distribution points each school day from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. If someone wants a meal delivered, please call 712-249-7312 and meals can be delivered to the home. This is a "Grab and Go Service". Menus will consist of a fully reimbursable meal.

The four distribution centers are:

- Oakland Elementary School-Door F-East Door on North Side of Building
- Riverside Middle/High School-Front Doors
- Carson Elementary School-Door C on West side of building
- Post Office in Macedonia on Main Street-School Vehicle will be park on Main Street

Next Distribution Date for Meals will be April 13, April 20, April 27

Remote Technical Support

If you ever have computer issues and can't figure it out, but can still get to the internet... I can possibly provide support. [Remotedesktop.google.com](#). Once you set up your computer you can select remote support. Generate a code. And then I can take it over when you send me the code. Please contact Chris Hamilton at chamilton@riverside.k12.ia.us or 402-960-8279.

Social Distancing-15 Days to Slow Spread

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick. Guidance has been updated to avoid social gathering with groups of 10 or more people.

The best ways for you to achieve social distancing are pretty simple:

1. You and your kids should stay home. This includes not going to church, not going to the gym, not going anywhere.
2. Do not travel for enjoyment until this is done. Do not travel for work unless your work truly requires it.



3. Avoid groups of people. Not just crowds, groups. Just be around your immediate family. I think kids should just play with siblings at this point – no play dates, etc.
4. When you must leave your home (to get groceries, to go to work), maintain a distance of six feet from people. REALLY stay away from people with a cough or who look sick.
5. When you do get groceries, etc., buy twice as much as you normally do so that you can go to the store half as often. Use hand sanitizer immediately after your transaction, and immediately after you unload the groceries.

Mass Gatherings Recommendation

Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 because those who attend these events can introduce the virus to new people. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. All events unbuild April 30, 2020 in the Riverside School District that could potentially have 10 or more people has been cancelled or postponed

Instructional Time

At this time, the Legislature has waived the requirement for instructional hours and days through April 12 by passing SF2408. This legislation also gives Governor Reynolds the authority to waive requirements for instructional time past April 12 if necessary. If the emergency proclamation expires, the rules suspension in SF2408 will also expire.

School Calendar

We have amended the 2019-2020 school calendar to have a return date of April 30, 2020. More information about the school calendar and rescheduling of events will be available when we are able to transition back to school. We do not plan on extending the school year.

Graduation

If districts and nonpublic schools have graduating seniors who are unable to complete their classes for the year due to school closure, illness, family illness, or related COVID-19 issues, the Department suggests the district use local discretion to determine whether the students have completed sufficient course content to consider the units complete. We recommend that districts provide as much latitude for students to graduate on time as possible.

Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities

What we are doing now

The educational enrichment approach to continuous learning includes those activities that are provided to students and families while the district is closed. This may include packets, teleconferencing, online instruction, or other outreach activities. Student participation is voluntary and no grading or credit is given.

If this approach to continuous learning is used, any educational enrichment activity should be offered as equitably as possible, taking into consideration the needs of students living in poverty, students with disabilities, and students who do not speak English as their first language. Ensuring that all students have access to educational enrichment activities does not mean that each individual engages in an identical manner or even in identical activities. First priority, of course, is to identify those individuals who could participate if they had the technology. Some districts are finding creative ways to get equipment and access to those who don't have them. Once the issue of access to technology is addressed as much as reasonably possible, districts can consider other options such as paper packets with educational enrichment activities which are adjusted to the needs of the individual (e.g., large print, at individual's reading level, in the native language).

There is no prior approval needed for a district to provide continuous learning through educational enrichment opportunities. Districts will need to consider a number of factors including technology access, staff skills, and student access.

Required Educational Services

What we Could Transition to in Future

Continuous learning through the provision of approved educational services ensures that academic work is equivalent in effort and rigor to typical classroom work. All students are required to participate, attendance is taken, work is graded, and credit granted. Typically, instruction is provided through some type of online learning. Hybrid models of learning, involving some online learning and other methodologies like packets, are also available. These services must be approved by the Iowa Department of Education.

The provision of approved educational services typically requires detailed planning and preparation to successfully implement. Districts will need to consider whether they have adequate infrastructure in at least three areas: technology, instruction, and student engagement.

Some Iowa districts have been working years to build their capacity to deliver educational services through continuous learning and are ready to use this approach to provide educational services during district closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Recognizing this, the Department, in partnership with the Continuous Learning Task Force, is currently developing an expedited process for districts to be approved. The expedited process is anticipated to be ready in the next several days.

Before requiring continuous learning, the Department urges districts and schools to consider the extent to which distance or virtual learning is suitable to all students or the circumstances of all parents. Particularly during the COVID-19 crisis, districts and schools should strongly consider the imposition of any mandate that may frustrate the response to COVID-19.

Access to Instructional Support Resources During Closure

You can access the Instructional Support materials at www.riversideschools.org and then clicking on the Riverside COVID-19 Information page. Teachers have posted Weekly Instructional Review Plans or Instructional Review Resources for your students. They will provide websites, different social media feeds and technology tools they will be utilizing. They will direct you and your students where you can go to find the resources. They will provide all links so they can be accessed. They will also share with you sites that can provide you general instructions, technical assistance, or tutorials on how to use the site. Please feel free to contact the teacher directly. Teacher email addresses can be found on our website.

Access for All Students

We continue to try and access who in our community does not have Internet. OmniTel has volunteered to help us get Internet to those who may not have it. If you have students and parents that have not engaged, if you could reach out by phone and see if lack of Internet is the issue. Several people have reached out already. National statistics would say at least 14% would not have access and up to an additional 17% only have access by phone which may not be home with the student during the day. If you come across any parents and/or students who need access to the Internet please let me know.

Concurrent Enrollment Coursework

A concurrent enrollment course is a community college course, and concurrent enrollment instructors are community college faculty. All concurrent enrollment coursework should adhere to the policies and practices set by the community college. Courses should also continue to adhere to state, institutional, and programmatic accreditation requirements unless specific exemptions are issued. Ultimately, courses delivered through concurrent enrollment must satisfy all criteria for the course as specified by the community college, and students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course must satisfactorily complete the course. Colleges, in consultation with school district partners, are to determine locally how to ensure students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course complete the course. This may involve transitioning students to another course section, continuing to have the high school teacher instruct the course online, or other locally developed arrangements.

Each institution should ensure that concurrent enrollment instructors are informed of changes to academic programming and should be provided with the same support and resources as regular college faculty. Similarly, students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses should be provided with similar support and resources as on-campus students. At a minimum, concurrent enrollment student should understand what services will be accessible through the community college - either on-campus or online.

Assessment and Accountability

The state of Iowa submitted a waiver to the U.S. Department of Education and received approval on April 1, 2020. This allows Iowa to waive the requirements to assess students in mathematics, reading/language arts and science for the 2019-2020 year. This includes assessments for all students, including students with significant cognitive disabilities and English learners. The state will also not be required to designate schools in need of Targeted Support and Improvement. The reporting requirement for specific measures of the ESSA Accountability Index that are provided to the public via the Iowa School Performance Profile including: Iowa state assessment in mathematics or reading/language arts, percent of students assessed/not assessed, English learner proficiency, Conditions for Learning Survey, Postsecondary Readiness Index, and any progress toward long-term goals/interim progress will not be calculated or reported in the 2020-2021 school year.

Therefore, the following assessments will not be implemented in the 2019-2020 year, and results will not be reported in the 2020-2021 year:

- Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)
- English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21)
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)
- Conditions for Learning Survey (CfL) – student version or optional parent/teacher version.

Professional Development

Governor Reynolds has issued an emergency proclamation ordering the closure of many businesses and limiting certain gatherings to less than 10 people. Her proclamation does not restrict the professional development activities of school districts. But to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Riverside School District will encourage and implement the practice social distancing in any interaction with staff members.

Therapeutic Options over Closure

Staff-Parents-Students-If you are ever feeling overwhelmed during this tough time, there is help available. Healthy Homes is the counseling service that we partner with here at Riverside. Their counselors are available to help not only students, but adults as well. If you need someone to talk to, please feel free to contact a professional counselor. Besides Healthy Homes, there are many other fantastic professional counselors out there that we have personally worked with in one way or another. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any members of the Riverside Mental Health Team. Stay Safe and Thank You!

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 Meghan Wilson--AEA School Psychologist mwilson@ghaea.org



At Press Time, this is a list of activities that have been cancelled. This list is fluid and may change. Stay tuned to the school's social media

Cancellations and Postponements

- March 16 - Indoor Track Meet @ ISU - **Cancelled**
- March 17 - Coyote Jazz Festival @ USD Vermillion South Dakota - **Cancelled**
- March 18 - WIC Quiz Bowl @ AHSTW- **Cancelled**
- March 19 - JH Jazz Band, HS Jazz Band/Choir JAZZ Concert - **Postponed**
- March 19 - NHS Induction Ceremony - **Postponed**
- March 20 - Indoor Track Meet @ Concordia, Seward NE - **Cancelled**
- March 21 Underwood Ultimate Jazz **Cancelled**
- March 23 - WIC Jr/Sr High Honor Band - **Cancelled**
- March 24 - Indoor Track Meet @ Northwest Missouri State, Maryville MO - **Cancelled**
- March 24 - Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships - **Cancelled**
- March 27 - WIC Weightlifting Competition - **Cancelled**
- March 28 - Lenox MS Honor Band - **Cancelled**
- March 30 - Soccer Scrimmage @ Logan - **Cancelled**
- March 31 - Boys Track @ Audubon - **Cancelled**
- April 2 - Girls Track @ Audubon - **Cancelled**
- April 3 - Boys Soccer Clarinda Academy - **Cancelled**
- April 4 - Boys Golf @ CAM - **Cancelled**
- April 6 - Golf Tri Center - **Cancelled**
- April 6 - Boys Track @ Treynor - **Cancelled**
- April 7 - Golf @ Logan Magnolia - **Cancelled**
- April 7 - Riverside Girls Track Meet - **Cancelled**
- April 9 - CO-Ed Track @ AHSTW - **Cancelled**
- April 14 - Girls Track @ Treynor - **Cancelled**
- April 14 - Boys Track @ Tri-Center - **Cancelled**
- April 16 - Boys & Girls Soccer AHSTW- **Cancelled**
- April 16 - JH Track @ Griswold - **Cancelled**
- April 16 - Girls Track @ Shenandoah - **Cancelled**
- April 17 - Boys Track @ Underwood - **Cancelled**
- April 17 - Boys Soccer @ Atlantic - **Cancelled**
- April 17 - Girls Soccer Harlan - **Cancelled**
- April 18 - PROM -**POSTPONED** Until June 27
- April 18 - Solo & Ensemble @ Woodbine - **Cancelled**
- April 20 - Golf @ Treynor - **Cancelled**
- April 20 - JH Track @ Treynor - **Cancelled**
- April 20 - CO-Ed Track @ Lenox - **Cancelled**
- April 20 - Boys & Girls Soccer @ LoMa- **Cancelled**
- April 21 - Boys Soccer @ Creston - **Cancelled**
- April 21 - Girls Soccer @ Carroll - **Cancelled**
- April 23 - Boys Soccer @ CBAL - **Cancelled**
- April 23 - Boys Track @ Griswold - **Cancelled**
- April 23 - JH Track @ Audubon - **Cancelled**
- April 24 - Golf AHSTW - **Cancelled**
- April 24 - Girls Track @ Underwood - **Cancelled**
- April 24 - Boys Soccer West Central Valley - **Cancelled**
- April 25 - Bruce Norris Festival @West Harrison - **Cancelled**
- April 27 - Golf Missouri Valley - **Cancelled**
- April 27 - Boys Track @ Woodbine - **Cancelled**
- April 28 - High School Band/Choir Spring Concert & Awards **POSTPONED**
- April 28 - Golf @ CAM - **Cancelled**
- April 28 - Girls Track @ Missouri Valley - **Cancelled**
- April 30 - JH Track @ Tri-Center - **Cancelled**
- April 30 - Girls Track @ Woodbine - **Cancelled**
- April 30 - Boys & Girls Soccer Tri-Center- **Cancelled**
- May 1 - Golf Audubon - **Cancelled**
- May 1 - Boys Track @ Red Oak - **Cancelled**
- May 1 - Girls Soccer @ Creston - **Cancelled**
- May 2 - JH Band Large Group Contest @ Denison - **Cancelled**
- May 2 - Boys Soccer @ Treynor - **Cancelled**
- May 2 - Girls Soccer @ Denison - **Cancelled**

