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April

A Message From the Principal:

I hope that each of you enjoyed a well-deserved spring break with time for family and friends and some special time just for you.

This week, I will be working on balancing a budget, which has been cut by \$278,731. This will be especially challenging since we absorbed a cut of \$459,209 for this 2009-2010 school year. The decisions made will be difficult, but rest assured that they will be made thoughtfully and with childrens' needs uppermost in our minds.

On a positive note, we look forward to our Academic Extravaganza and to our carnival, which always provides a fun time for families. This spring we begin a new activity called, "Muffins for Mom and Donuts for Dads." Parents are invited to school on April 16th at 7:30 a.m. for a snack and then to read to or with your children. What a great way to promote literacy while inviting families to be a part of the learning process!

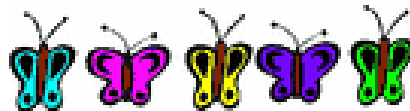
Kindergarten roundup will be held on April 22, at 8:30 a.m. which is also designated as "Take Your Child to Work" Day. Please encourage any prospective kindergarten parents that you know to register as soon as possible, so that we may make accurate staffing decisions.

As always, we appreciate your support and participation in the learning process. We'd like to extend a special thank you to all of our business partners for the countless ways they support education at Riverside!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

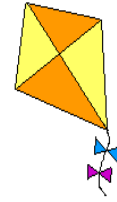
- 4/6-16 5th Grade Pasta Sale
- 4/8-15 Feed the Hungry Food Drive
- 4/13 Report Cards go home
McDonald's Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 4/14 Papa John's night
- 4/16 Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads
Reading 7:15 a.m.
- 4/20-21 Spring Pictures
- 4/21 PNC Banking 8:00 a.m.
PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.
SAC/SAF meeting 10:00 a.m.
- 4/22 Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30 a.m.
Early Release 12:00
Academic Extravaganza 6:00-8:00
p.m.
Take your Child to Work Day
- 4/24 PTO Carnival
- 4/28-30 Field Days
- 5/3-7 Book Fair
- 5/4 Book Fair Family Night
- 5/5 Interim Reports
- 5/6 VAST Pin Appreciation Breakfast
- 5/12 Papa John's night



Kindergarten News

Here we are already beginning the last quarter of the school year. There's lots of excitement in the air as we busily prepare for the Academic Extravaganza on

Thursday, April 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
We look forward to seeing our Riverside families enjoy an evening of celebration of all the excellent work samples and projects the students have completed.



Please mark your calendars with the following dates: (details will follow)

Tuesday, April 20th - Spring Pictures
Thursday, April 22nd - 8:30am Kindergarten Round Up for new incoming K-Students and parents
Wednesday, April 28th - Kindergarten Field Day
Monday, May 3rd - Field trip to Imax Theatre Ft. Lauderdale
Wednesday, May 26th - Getting ready for 1st Grade Parent Night
Tuesday, June 8th - End of year celebrations

We have so much to look forward to and want to make everyday is special. Thanks to all our supportive parents who came to Safety Town and volunteered their time. BRAVO!



First Grade News

The month of April the children will be getting ready for the Academic Extravaganza on Thursday, April 22nd. Samples of the children's work will be displayed outside in the first grade pod that evening. Our students are working on Literature projects in class such as book reports, class books, creative writing, poetry, and more. The children look forward to sharing their work with you on the night of the Academic Fair.

Remember to continue reinforcing daily reading, writing, and math skills with your child.

Important Dates to Remember

April 13th - Report Cards Issued
April 22th - Early Release
April 28th - Field Day
April 29th - Field Trip - Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Second Grade News

We hope everyone had a relaxing spring break. In this 4th and final quarter, students are ready to go into full gear with reading, writing, math and science in preparation for 3rd grade. Second grade will also study the life cycles of animals and plants in science. They will be planting seeds over the next few weeks and observing their growth. The following month, the students will be observing aphids and ladybugs. In addition, students will prepare to display many of the wonderful things they have done through out the year at the Academic Extravaganza.

The students are very excited about our field trip to the West Palm Beach Zoo on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Please make sure your child wears his/her Red Riverside T-shirt. Hats are optional and sunscreen should be applied at home. Students must have a bagged lunch from home or they may purchase one from the cafeteria. The lunch should be placed in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it.

As we approach the end of the year, teachers will be scheduling conferences. Please look for conference requests in student planners or Thursday folders. We appreciate your prompt response to a conference request.

Dates to Remember:

April 15 ~ Field Trip to Palm Beach Zoo
April 22 ~ Early Release and The Academic Extravaganza
April 29 ~ Field Day

A Few Reminders:

- Please check Thursday Folders each week. Important information is in there.
- Please check and sign planner daily.
- Students should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day. Students are also required to take and pass at least two AR quizzes per month.
- Water bottles- bring daily, the water may be chilled but not frozen.
- Classroom supplies are dwindling

especially tissues, crayons, and pencils. We appreciate anything you can send in with your child.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Third Grade News

Third grade is keeping learning encounters spiced up in the classroom as we continue our journey into the final marking period for the school year. At this point, your child is being encouraged to make every attempt at all classroom tasks and work closely with his/ her teacher to complete third grade curriculum successfully. Performance in this regard should help facilitate an easy transition to the next grade level.

During this month, at the Academic Extravaganza, your child will have the opportunity to showcase different end products which demonstrate a variety of methods by which skills in different subject areas were learned and practiced. Indeed, this will be like a "Grand Finale" and we invite you to come and celebrate with your child. In an effort to help your child get ready for the event, please ensure that you continue to use the checklist to guide him/ her toward completion of the science project and turn it in on time.

Through the Science Eye field trip, third graders will once again become enchanted with scientific exploration, in a hands-on fashion, as they explore selected science concepts.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continued unwavering support to us in the third grade. Your time supervising homework, volunteering in the classroom, helping with classroom supplies, and giving us words of encouragement is deeply appreciated.



Fourth Grade News

Happy spring! We hope everyone had a relaxing spring break.

The 4th grade team is excited about the upcoming Academic Extravaganza on April

22. This is a great opportunity for 4th grade students to showcase their outstanding work!

Science Eye is scheduled for April 26 and 27 for all 4th grade classes. We also have a Young At Art assembly scheduled for April 9 titled "Passport to Africa." In addition, the students will participate in an internet safety presentation and an assembly conducted by the Broward County Humane Society.

Students are gearing up for the 4th quarter. As we approach the end of the year, teachers will be scheduling conferences. Please look for conference requests in your child's Thursday folder. We are asking that all parents check Thursday folders each week, planners nightly, and that students are reading for at least 20 minutes nightly.

Classroom supplies are dwindling especially pencils, tissues and colored pencils. Any assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



Fifth Grade News

Welcome Spring! The 5th Grade recently visited Ramblewood Middle School. The students were able to get a preview of opportunities they will be offered in the 6th grade. Thank you to the Ramblewood staff, students, and Mrs. Magill for allowing us share in all your amazing clubs.

For the 4th quarter students will be working on their Science Fair Projects which will be on display during our Academic Extravaganza on April 22. On April 21 we will be traveling to Taravella High School to share in the magic of JPT's Drama Production.

The 5th Grade team would like to remind our wonderful Riverside parents to encourage their children to take advantage of the FCAT Explorer Program on the Internet. This is a great tool which can be accessed through the schools website.

Please remember that we are in the last quarter of the school year and supplies are running low. Check with your child to see if they are in need of replenishment.



P.E. News

Welcome back! First of all, we hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing spring break. We all needed some rest and rejuvenation to help us finish out the year with a bang! Once again, thank you for all your support with Jump Rope for Heart. Our updated donation amount is \$5,075. Wow! Truly amazing! Students that raised \$50 or more will get to slime one of their teachers very soon. I know the kids cannot wait! Next up...Field Day! Be on the lookout for field day information. The dates are:
 K AND 1ST GRADE – APRIL 28
 2ND AND 3RD GRADE – APRIL 29
 4TH AND 5TH GRADE – APRIL 30
 We will need volunteers for each day. Please let P.T.O know if you are available during those days. We would love to have you!

Remember Riverside: Summer is just around the corner, and we are already feeling the heat! On P.E. days please send a water bottle with your child and make sure your child is wearing sunscreen and appropriate clothing. We want to keep our kids safe from the sun!

As always, thank you for all your support and remember being healthy makes you happy!



Curriculum Corner

Riverside Elementary is proud and thrilled to sponsor our annual “Academic Extravaganza” on Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Science Fair projects from grades 3-5 will be located in the café. Our Social Studies Fair will be located in the music room. All other projects will be either in the classrooms or outside of the classrooms in the pod areas. Please stroll by the art room to view our students’ creative talents as well. PTO will be selling carnival shirts and yearbooks, so please stop by.

Come and enjoy the celebration of your child’s academic achievements in all curriculum areas (reading, writing, math, science, and social studies). We are looking forward to seeing you April 22, for an evening filled with fun and excitement!



Sixteenth Annual Parent Surveys

The Sixteenth Annual Parent surveys will be sent home to a randomly selected group of parents after April 12, 2010. If you receive a survey, please complete it and send it back. If you choose not to complete the survey, please send it back with a note. We need 100% of the surveys sent home returned!

If you do not receive a survey you may complete one on line at www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor

For survey results you may go to: http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/research_evaluation/ResearchServices.htm

Click on Releases. At the Web site, scroll down to 2010 and look for the Sixteenth Annual Customer Survey. Results will be released on or before 07/30/10. The Adobe document will open with bookmarks to every school in the district.



Whale Done!

You’ve Been Caught Being Good

At Riverside we are always looking for ways to praise good behaviors. Each week, one class is recognized as “Caught Being Good” on the morning announcements. Last month’s winners were Mrs. Bove, Mr. Dexter and Mrs. Mongone.

Each class was complimented for their good behaviors and given a “Caught Being Good” pencil. Let’s see who is CAUGHT this month! Whale Done Riverside!



News From the Clinic!

There is a contagious skin disease, common in children, called Molluscum Contagiosum.

It is caused by poxviruses. It produces harmless, non cancerous growths in the skin's top layers. The disease is spread by direct contact with the skin of an infected person or sharing towels with someone who has the disease.

Molluscum contagiosum causes a small number, usually between 2 and 20, of raised, dome-shaped bumps or nodules on the skin. They tend to be very small and flesh-colored or pinkish, with a shiny appearance and an indentation or dimple in their center. They are found most often on the face, trunk, and extremities, but may develop anywhere on the body except the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. The incubation period varies between 2 and 7 weeks. If you notice bumps or nodules on your child that fit this description, contact your pediatrician.

Any child with a suspected or confirmed case of Molluscum, needs to be evaluated by a medical provider. Once the child has been on the treatment for 48 hours, the child may return to school with a doctor's note. Any child that is noted to have a rash, hives, or lesions in the skin, and does not have a doctor's note that they're being treated, will be sent home.

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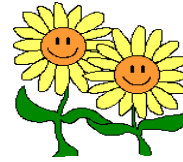


Volunteers Appreciated

Riverside Elementary is proud to announce that we have applied for the Golden School Award. Thanks to your time working at Riverside, we have over 5000 hours recorded to date on our STARS system! Way to go Riverside Volunteers!

We are now asking for each of you that have recorded at least 200 hours of volunteer service to apply for a VAST Lapel pin. It is our honor to recognize each of you and thank you for a job well done! PLEASE fill out an application from Mrs. Berger in the front office. If you have recorded hours at home, please bring a copy. Save the date, our Appreciation Breakfast will be on May 6th

at 8:15 a.m. It will be our pleasure to have you attend!



SAC News

The next SAC/SAF meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in room 801. During this time we will discuss the School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011. All Riverside stakeholders are invited to attend the meeting.



Parking Lot Reminder

For the safety and security of our children, parking lot gates close promptly at 8:00 a.m., when the second bell rings. No students are to be dropped off in lots 2,3 and 4 after the bell. Teachers are on post until 8:00. Therefore, if no teachers are present to welcome your child, please drive them to Lot 1, the front office.



Riverside Partners in Education

Our Partners in Education are greatly appreciated at Riverside Elementary for their continuous generosity.

A special thank you to everyone that has donated treats or supplies to our children for their spring celebrations.

We want to invite all of our partners to set up a table at our Academic Extravaganza on April 22 from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Please notify Mrs. Rosen if you are interested in attending and would like a table reserved for you.

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