

Riverside Review

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Visitors & Volunteers

Do you have some spare time? If so, you are in luck... we have time to spare! Ask your student's teacher if they could use your help in the classroom, or contact a Riverside PTO member for volunteer information regarding upcoming events. We welcome all volunteers to our school, and ask that you please stop by the office to obtain the proper papers to do so.

Don't forget to sign in and out in the office.

Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ End of First Trimester
November 26
- ◆ No School - Thanksgiving Recess
November 27 - 28
- ◆ Report Cards
December 7
- ◆ No School Christmas/Winter Break
December 22 - January 2
- ◆ 5th Grade - Kids in Motion
December 10
- ◆ No School MLK Day
January 19
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences
January 20 - 23
- ◆ Mid Winter Break
February 13 - 16
- ◆ End of Second Trimester; Half Day dismiss 11:15-11:30AM
March 6

Picking Up Your Child

When picking up your child, make sure that you pull your car into the parking lot. Do not block the crosswalk. We need your help to provide safety to students walking home.

From the Parent Teacher Organization



Sale

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Did you miss the Holiday Shop? Are you looking for a good buy this holiday season? No need to worry.

Just stop by Riverside's Holiday White Elephant Sale, where you are sure to find something new or gently used for everyone on your list.

Where: Riverside Elementary
When: December 3rd - December 14th
During school hours

Items are priced from \$.05 to \$8.00. Please contact Mrs. Wright with any questions at Ext.4100 or bwright@constps.org

POP into Mondays with the PTO Popcorn Sale!

Just have your child bring in 50 cents, and we will provide them with popcorn.



All proceeds go directly to benefit the Art program here at Riverside.

Thanks for your support,
Riverside PTO

PTO News



Food Bank with Sue
Outman
Open Every Thursday
(except holidays)
Time 9am to 11am
Messiah Lutheran
Church
5th and Canaris
Street
[435-9785](tel:435-9785)

Dear Families,

We are attempting to raise money without any true "selling". It's Market Day! This is a fundraising opportunity that **does not** involve your child going out to sell. Market Day is much like Schwann's Foods, but 10% of all proceeds go directly to the school. It is currently in its second year at Eastside, and last year their school earned over \$900, which paid for a new set of swings for their playground.

We would like to offer you and the kids of Riverside the same opportunity. Here is how it works:

1. You look over the flyer, choose what you'd like, and fill out the order form.
2. You can send in the form WITH cash or a check made out to Market Day with your child and return it to his/her teacher.
3. You can go online and pay for it by credit card/debit card.
4. You can fill out the order form and pay with your **bridge card**, too.
5. All orders are then placed and packaged for you. You just pick up your order each month at Eastside Elementary between 5-6pm. A reminder call will be made earlier that week. All orders from Riverside will be totaled separately, and we will earn the 10% profit from our sales.

Eastside has had much success. It's a great way for our building to earn money for your children, and your child isn't out selling! The food is tasty and each month Market Day offers different specials: desserts, cookie dough, etc... How much and when you order is completely up to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Stacey at 506-3001 or Sandy Dobosiewicz at 574-274-5819.

We will be sending home a flyer at the end of November for the December sale.

If you would like to assist in the assembling of the orders please let us know!

Thanks so much!
Riverside PTO

President - Chris Stacey
Secretary - Rachel Bacheller

Vice-President - Sandra Dobosiewicz
Treasurer - Michele Coleman

Clothing Give Away ***Clothing Give Away*** ***Clothing Give Away***

FREE FOR EVERYONE

Where: Riverside Elementary

When: December 6, 2008

Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

We invite and encourage the entire community to take part in this clothing give away. Please contact the school (269) 435-8950 with any questions you may have.

Riverside Students Honor the Flag on Veteran's Day

On November 11, 2008 CHS's Trent Bullock played Taps as military Veterans Kim Hubbard (Army) and Corporal Robert Studabaker (Air force) raised the flag. Student's past and present paused for a few moments before saluting the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance, and listened as Mrs. Bullock spoke about honoring our veterans.



CONGRATULATIONS:



cast and crew of ARISTOCATS. Your hard work paid off!!

Staff and teachers at Riverside Elementary coordinate many programs that earn free merchandise and money for our school. Listed below are the programs in which we currently participate. We need your help in collecting participating labels, caps, and codes. Every penny helps your child's education. If you need more information please contact Ursula Bernhardt at ubernhardt@constps.org, or ask your child's classroom teacher.



Mrs. Bullock's Fifth Grade Class took a walk to the local food bank to help sort out food collected at school.



September Stupendous Students of the Month

"No man or woman, even of the humblest sort, can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it; without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness."

-Phillips Brooks



Front Row: Noah DeWitt, Santanna Mosher, Roopa Singh

Middle Row: Megan Connelly, Katlyn Sequin, Sydney Pederson, Bailey Rodewald, Donavan Eberhard, Gunnar Maesch and Jeffrey Elder

Back Row: Will Gaby, Michael Reese, Devin Knight, Vanessa Drust, Cassidy Hicks, and Nate Silveus (Not pictured: Gabe Binonimi)

October Stupendous Students of the Month



"In the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can."

-William Barclay

Front Row: Donald Munro, Roy Solis, Mikki Wise, Amanda Wright, and Tyraa White

Middle Row: Dillon Begley, Mackenzi Dobosiewicz, Mia Hart, Corey Anthony, Matt Morey, and Desiree Cormican

Back Row: Daniel Waterman, Ralph Waterman, Joe Goldsmith, Makalla Locker, Megan Schwartzentruber, Jeri Lynn Wooster, and Heather Coleman (Not Pictured: Jasmine Nieves)

Notes from the Principal- "So Many Activities, So Little Time"

It's good to keep children involved in different activities, but how can parents know how much is too much? To make sure you are not over scheduling your child's life, please refer to the following tips.

Allow children to follow their passions. Give them the opportunity to learn more about something they love. To make sure they keep their passion, keep their involvement in the activity to just a day or two a week. Be sure to monitor their interest to make sure they are still eager to attend as they used to be. If not, scale back on the activity.

Always get your child's input. Parents are always eager to provide opportunities for their child that they sometimes forget the fun of just being a child. It isn't necessary to do expensive activities, sometimes the simplest activity is enjoyable to your child. Be sure to ask your child what three things they enjoy most after school is out or during the summer.

Attempt to broaden your child's horizon. It is always good to introduce your child to something totally new, whether it be engaging in a new sport, or playing a musical instrument. Perhaps they could join a new group, or club such as the Boy or Girl Scouts. The key to keeping your child's enthusiasm high is to start slowly and gauge their interest before committing beyond the first few sessions.

Always be supportive of your child in whatever they choose to do. The point of the activity is to expand your child's interest and abilities. It is not to make them a superstar.

"Down time" is very important to children. Remember, creativity can't happen if every minute of a child's time is scheduled. Children need time to explore things and play. Allow them time to be a kid. Too often, adults get caught up in the rush of things and forget the importance of the little things.

Make sure your children have access to a variety of activities. The rule of thumb is to involve a child in no more than three activities a week. Perhaps one activity in social areas such as church or clubs, one activity involving physical ability such as gymnastics or sports, and one activity involving Art or Music lessons.

Watch for stress in your child. Sometimes children become too busy and show stress by having a stomachache or headache. They might have trouble paying attention or become quiet and stay by themselves. Should you notice these signs, it probably would be a good idea to cut back on some of the activities.

Most important is to let your child know they are special and loved.

Comments and Suggestions Welcome!!

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Four horizontal lines for writing comments and suggestions, enclosed in a dashed border.

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