

Riverside Review

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www.constps.org

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Riverside Rocks!!!

Visitors & Volunteers

Do you have some spare time? If so, you are in luck... we have time to spare! Ask your child'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 2nd Trimester - ½ day of school
March 6
- ◆ Report Cards
March 12
- ◆ Spring Break Week
No School
April 6-10
- ◆ Parent Teacher Conferences
April 20-23
- ◆ Memorial Day
No School
May 25
- ◆ End of 3rd Trimester - ½ day of school
June 2

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.



Constantine Public School Faculty

vs.

Constantine Police/Fire Departments

BASKETBALL GAME

Fund raiser for The Constantine Community Fitness Center
SPONSORED BY: C.C.F.C. & Friends of Fitness Center a.k.a. (F.O.F.)
Sunday, March 29, 2009 at the Constantine Middle School Gymnasium
GAME 2:00 P.M.

Doors Open at 1:00 P.M.

BAKE SALE & CONCESSIONS

ADMISSION—FREE OR \$ DONATION

All proceeds will go towards the matching grant funds from the Constantine Area Community Foundation an affiliate of the Sturgis Community Area Foundation, for the Constantine Community Fitness Center to purchase Free Weight equipment.

The Fitness Center will be open for tours

March Reading Month



Starting Monday, March 2 we will begin **March Reading**. Just so everyone is on board with the same information as to how it works, here are the details:

- Each student must read in **their reading level**
 - When a student gets 100% on an AR test the classroom teacher will give them a die cut book and they will write their name on it and bring it to the library (it will then be put up in the hallway). The books are color coded – 3rd-yellow, 4th-orange, 5th-red
 - The top point class, per grade level, will win an ice cream party (3 parties in all)
 - Top reader in each grade will receive a set of books
 - Students earn prizes by grade level
 - 3rd grade
 - 1-5 points - bookmark
 - 6-10 points - fireball
 - 11 points & up - pencil
 - Top reader per grade level – book set
 - 4th grade
 - 1-10 points - bookmark
 - 11-20 points - fireball
 - 20 points & up - pencil
 - Top reader per grade level – book set
 - 5th grade
 - 1-15 points - bookmark
 - 16-25 points - fireball
 - 25 points & up - pencil
 - Top reader per grade level – book set
 - The temperature will rise on the thermometers outside the library, every day or every other day (whatever) so students can see how they are doing.
- Get ready to heat up with reading!!!**



Food Bank with Sue
Outman

Open Every Thursday
(except holidays)

Time: 9am to 11am

Messiah Lutheran Church
5th and Canaris Street

435-9785

**always accepting food donations*

Respectfully your Riverside Meteorologists,
Anne Sailor
Linda Pettit
Donna Mahony



FREE CLOTHING for adults and children.

Coats - Clothes - Shoes

Call 435-7570

**also accepting donations of clothes and blankets*

CONSTANTINE COMMUNITY



Constantine, MI 49042

435-9016 (during business hours)
(old wrestling room) entrance at the south
end of the MS gym, by the baseball field.

For membership information visit:

www.constantinefitness.org

Or call 435-8940 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MI Child Registration

The Parent Coalition presents: MI Child Registration and Assistance

The SJC Human Service Commission and the Human Services Network is holding a MIChild Registration Drive at a different location in the county each day of the week.

Cities:	Locations:	Dates:	Times:
Three Rivers:	Three Rivers Public Library	March 23	10-1 and 3-5:30
Burr Oak:	Burr Oak Public Library	March 24	10-1 and 3-6
White Pigeon:	White Pigeon High School Library	March 25	10-1 and 3-6
Sturgis:	Sturgis Commons	March 26	10-1 and 3-6
Centreville:	Nottawa Township Library	March 27	10-12 and 2:30-4:30

Please bring the following with you:

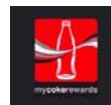
- Photo ID for anyone 16 or older
- Birth certificate of all children in the household, or proof of citizenship (an I-551 or I-94 card).
- Social security numbers for all children or pregnant women in your household.

Proof of insurance card, if you currently hold insurance



Cover the Uninsured Week March 23-27

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 Beth Wright at bwright@constps.org, or ask your child's classroom teacher.



Principal's Page

Principal: Mr. Craig Badman

Riverside Elementary School

Is Your Child Ready To Learn?

Many of us question ourselves why certain students seem to excel and do well in school, while others struggle with assignments and expectations and do poorly. Unfortunately, we do not have a crystal ball for predicting outcomes. One of the best practices is for parents to set up a daily routine for their child. Kids welcome routine. They know what to expect and feel safe and comfortable in knowing what is happening. Please note the routines below to help your child make the best of their day.

Relaxation: To avoid the morning rush for your child, play soothing music while your child gets dressed. Challenge them to be dressed and ready by the time the tape is over. Youngsters will begin to develop a schedule for being dressed on time with this type of routine.

Energy: A good breakfast helps your child increase their concentration. Offer your child healthy choices such as a whole wheat bagel with peanut butter, fruit or orange juice. Instant oatmeal is another good choice. Most kids are able to make this type of breakfast themselves.

Talking with your child: Talk with your child on a daily basis about what happened at school that day. By asking him or her specific questions about school that day, your child knows you place importance in their education.

Being Prepared: Having your child study a little every day even if they have no homework, is an important way for students to learn new material. Help your child choose a time for homework and studying when they are most alert. It doesn't have to be a lot, but setting a set time each day consistently, helps them to get into a routine for doing this.

Rest: Setting a bedtime for your child helps them fall asleep more quickly. If your child likes to talk or relax with a book, have them go to bed early by 15 minutes or so to give them time to unwind prior to going to sleep.

We all feel much better when we are in a routine. We know what to expect and can be prepared for upcoming events. When things are not in routine or are not running well, we become frustrated. One of the best gifts you can offer your child is a consistent routine. They will be happier and more productive!

Mr. Craig Badman

Comments and Suggestions Welcome!!

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