

Riverside PTA NEWS



November 2016

connecting parents,
students, and teachers



November:

- 1 - Zupas Night 5:00 - 9:00pm
- 2 - Birthday Mom
- 3 - Early dismissal
9:30 General Board Meeting
(Thursday in teachers lounge)
- 4 - Items due for newsletter
- 4 - No school
- 9 - APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) night
- 10 - Early dismissal
- 11 - No school
- 14 - Reflection Entries Due to Council
- 17 - Night at the Museum 6:30 - 7:30pm
- 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Recess
- 30 - Books and Breakfast 7:30 - 9:15am

December:

- 2 - 9:30 General Board Mtg
- 2 - Eagle Nest Store
- 2 - Items due for newsletter
- 7 - Birthday Mom
- 22 - Jan 2 - Winter Recess



Principal's Message:

Dear Wonderful Parents,

Wow! Our first term is over already! Thank you for your amazing support so far this year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to "get on the same page" with a few things that a parent or two have asked for clarification on. If one parent has a question, chances are there are others who do as well. Our goal is to be transparent and to communicate with you openly. Please feel free to call, e-mail, or come in person to get any questions you may have answered by the school so the same message gets out to everyone.

What are the start and end times for Riverside Elementary this year? School begins at 8:00 for Early Birds and at 9:15 for Later Gators. The first bells ring at 7:55 and 9:10. Students begin lining up 5 minutes prior to the first bell. We begin bringing students into the school at 7:55 or 9:10 so they're in their seats, ready for school to begin, right at 8:00 a.m. or 9:15 a.m.

School end times: Monday-Thursday: 2:20 p.m. Early Birds, 3:35 p.m. Later Gators

Fridays/Short Days: 12:45 p.m. Early Birds, 2:00 p.m. Later Gators

With the exception of Tuesday, November 22, we will always have a short day on the last day students will be in school for the week.

Breakfast: Early Birds 7:25-7:55 a.m.

Later Gators: 8:40-9:10 a.m.

There are 3 different dates for APTT. Do I choose one of those dates to attend or do I plan to attend all 3? Please plan to attend all three evenings for APTT Meetings. As you will see, each session will provide more and different opportunities for your child's academic growth. We will be asking for your feedback so we can make each session better than the previous one. At the end of the year, we will ask for feedback to determine our course for future years.

Why do you send so many Skylerts? Why didn't you send a Skylert about _____?

We are trying to communicate regularly with our wonderful parents so everyone feels "in the loop" with what is going on at Riverside. Our amazing Shannel sends out a weekly email message, usually on Thursdays with upcoming events and other important information. You can control how you receive Skylert messages by logging into your Skyward account. In Skyward Family Access you can choose to receive e-mails, text messages, phone messages, or a combination of them.

We will periodically send out other Skylerts about important things we want you to be aware of. One of those will be our reunification plan. If there is a situation that requires us to use our reunification plan, we would like you to be aware of what to expect before it happens. We practice emergency drills regularly so we can be prepared in the event of an actual emergency. We realize part of that plan may include reunifying our students with their parents, so we want you to be aware of what that would look like.

Join us on Facebook and Twitter as well!!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 801.565.7484, ronna.hoffman@jordandistrict.org, or stop by in person.

Parent and Pre-school

Children turning 4 years old by September 1, and who will be enrolled in Kindergarten at Riverside for the 2017-18 school year are invited to attend.

- An adult must accompany the child to class two days a week.
- Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:20-2:20 in the Family Center located in Room #1.
- Our Pre-school teacher is bilingual in English and Spanish!
- If interested in participating, please contact Adriana Oliver at 801-565-7484 ext. 15412 or adriana.oliver@jordandistrict.org

Family Center

Riverside's Family Center is now open in Room #1! (See attached calendar for scheduled events.) Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:45, parents are invited to check out resources to use at home. These include Family Literacy Bags, Frog Family Fun Packs for reading and math, and DVDs teaching letters and sounds. Any questions, please contact Danielle Sosa via E-mail or phone: danielle.sosa@jordandistrict.org / 801-565-7484 ext. 15412

English Classes!

Basic English Classes are being offered in our Family Center for any parents interested in learning English. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 A.M. beginning October 11th. For more details, please contact Danielle Sosa via E-mail or phone: danielle.sosa@jordandistrict.org / 801-565-7484 ext. 15412



Riverside is so lucky to have Ms. Celena Ottley on the first grade team! Ms. Ottley loves music – she used to be a DJ and a competitive ballroom dancer. As a teacher she writes songs for the units she teaches and has students clean up to Pokemon music. Outside of school, Ms. Ottley loves crafts. She likes to say that “glitter is life” and she makes her own jewelry. Ms. Ottley has two kitties, Crystal and Oliver. The kitties make great roommates because they catch any flies that wander in.





Riverside Family Learning Center


Room #1 801-565-7484 ext. 15412

Climate Culture: Stephanie Adams / stephanie.adams@jordandistrict.org

Pre-School: Adriana Oliver / adriana.oliver@jordandistrict.org

Family Center: Danielle Sosa / danielle.sosa@jordandistrict.org

NOVEMBER 2016

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31	1 Basic English Class: 9:30 - 11:30 PRE-SCHOOL 12:20 - 2:20	2 Basic English Class: 9:30 - 11:30 Pre-School: 12:20-2:20 Family Center: 2:00 - 3:45	3 PTA Meeting: 9:30 Early Dismissal NO PRE-SCHOOL	4 No School
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