



Riverdale C.U.S.D. #100 District Newsletter

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School Year 2010-2011

Important Dates:

- August 4 - Registration
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- August 5 - Registration
8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- August 11 - Make Up Registration
8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- August 16 - Teachers Institute -
No School for students
Elementary Open House -
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
MS/HS Open House -
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- August 17 - First Student Day
(K-12)
Early Student Dismissal -
Elementary -10:00 a.m.
Middle School - 10:10 a.m.
High School - 10:15 a.m.
- August 18 - Half - Day Inservice
Early Student Dismissal
Elementary - 11:15 a.m.
Middle School - 11:25 a.m.
High School - 11:30 a.m.
- August 19 - First Student Day
(PreK)
AM PreK Dismissal - 10:45 a.m.
PM PreK Dismissal - 3:00 p.m.
- September 6 - Labor Day
No school
- September 22 - School
Improvement Day
Early Student Dismissal
Elementary - 11:15 a.m.
Middle School - 11:25 a.m.
High School - 11:30 a.m.

From the Superintendent:

“Cool as a cucumber – When it rains, it pours.” Those of us who can remember those old sayings have probably used them one time or another, only to have our kids ask us “What does that mean?” The past couple of months have brought certain meaning to both of those. The heating and air conditioning system in half of the Elementary School had reached its life expectancy, and eventually failed beyond repair. After a warm spring in that part of the school, work began on replacing those old worn-out units, with a new, high-efficiency system. That work has been completed, and students should find a much more comfortable school when they return in August. Furthermore, we hope to see a much improved electric bill because of the efficiency of the new system. That will make everyone “Cool as a cucum-

ber.” One of the many storms that came through our area in June tore a portion of the rubber roofing off of the High School Gym roof. A roofing company was called in to temporarily repair the damage. Unfortunately because of all the damage caused throughout the area by these storms, final repairs may not be done until after school starts. Again, “When it rains, it pours.” Perhaps more frustrating than a leaking roof, is the lack of information we are receiving from Springfield regarding funding for several programs. Our Pre-K families were notified this spring that our exceptional program was being partially reduced, and/or suspended until we learned at what level the State would fund that program. Less than one month away from the start of a new school year, our families remain in limbo about

whether or not we will have a Pre-K program for all of the eligible families. We have been told that we should expect to hear soon about that funding. We promise to notify families the moment we know for sure what that will mean for our program.

On a much different note, I want to inform all of our Riverdale families that we will be using a new student management software program this year. This new program allows us to combine many of our record keeping functions, and give parents more access to information regarding your children. You should plan to receive more information about Lumen at registration. This is a significant change for our District, so we ask that you please be patient as we get used to this new program.

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A Note from Julia Evans Elementary School Principal

What a great school year! We want to thank you all for the opportunity to share and work with your children. We all have a great deal to be proud of. Before you know it we will be back to school so please enjoy your summer time activities and time with your families. It is a time to treasure.

Registration will be held on Wednesday, August 4th from 12-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, August 5th from 8-12 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Make up registration will be held on August 11 from 8-12 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.. Make sure to sign up for our very important PTA at

registration. Our PTA is a tremendous support group for our building.

Open House will be held on August 16th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This is a time to bring your child to meet their teacher and to unload school supplies. We find this helps with fears and first day "jitters." Especially for the little ones.

Students in grades K-5 will start classes on August 17th. We will dismiss at 10:00 Grades K-5 will dismiss at 11:15 on the 18th. The Elementary Book Fair will be held the week of August 16-20.

Please note that the office will open on August 2nd. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call. The number is 523-3186.



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Finally, you may notice a small white bus with "Riverdale" on the side of it. The State is encouraging districts to utilize this type of bus, instead of the traditional vans, to transport smaller groups of students to various activities. It cannot be used on a bus route. The State reimburses the District for a significant portion of operating this type of bus. We believe it will be a safe and affordable means to get our students to and from extracurricular activities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at registration real soon. As the other old saying goes, "It will be here before you know it." Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,
Ronald Jacobs

Second Grade Scoop

Hello to all incoming second graders and their families! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We are looking forward to meeting everyone when we come back in August. Hopefully we will see everyone at open house on the 16th.

We have a new addition to our teaching team with Mrs. Martin moving to our grade level. We are so happy to have her join us.

Summer is a great time to get to the local libraries and READ! READ! READ! Second grade is a year when students grow a lot in the area of reading. The more they practice, the more fluent they will be-

come.

We are excited to begin our online art gallery called Artsonia also. Students will be creating their own masterpieces in class reflecting the work of various famous artists. Their artwork will then be displayed online in a secure gallery for all family members to view! It is a great enrichment activity and the students love the "real art" they get to create.

Don't forget to come to registration August 4th and 5th. You can access the supply list online or get it at registration. It won't be long now! We will see you SOON!

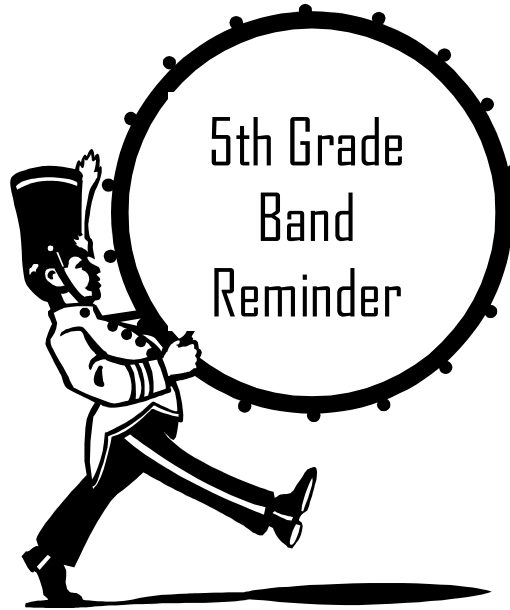
Summer Scoop from 3rd Grade

We can't believe August is almost here and it's about time for school to start again!

We hope many of our new third graders were able to participate in the summer reading program at the local libraries. Please help your child prepare for an exciting school year by practicing their math facts and continuing to read with them.

We hope you are enjoying your summer! We look forward to meeting you at Open House on Monday, August 16th!

Sign-up for 5th grade Band is coming soon.



Band instruments will be demonstrated to the students during music classes the week of August 23.

Parent meetings and signup will be by appointment on *Monday, August 30* and *Tuesday, August 31*.

More details will come home on a note when school begins.

News From the Middle School By: Principal Jim Jennings

Summer is flying by and we are eager to begin another year at Riverdale Middle School.

We are planning to have a 6th grade parent orientation meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. here at the middle school. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about a typical day at the middle school and to ask questions that they may have about the middle school. We expect the meeting to last approximately one hour. More information about the meeting will be available to parents at registration.

The middle school open house will be on August 16, 2010 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students will receive their schedules and locker assignments that eve-

ning. Students and parents will then have the opportunity to visit their classrooms, talk with teachers, and practice their locker combinations. Students may also bring some of their school supplies to place in their lockers. We look forward to seeing everyone at open house. (Reminders: Only items with a magnetic back may be affixed to the inside of the locker. Absolutely no adhesives should be used anywhere on or in the lockers and the expandable shelves are not allowed.)

We have one new addition to the middle school staff for next year. We are pleased to have Mrs. Nicole Willard join our staff. Mrs. Willard is the new middle school and high school

librarian. She will be splitting her library duties between the middle school and the high school. We are very excited to have her working with our students and staff.

Finally, we look forward to seeing everyone and meeting many new faces during registration on August 4-5th. Please give us a call or stop in if you have any questions about an event or program here at the middle school. We would be pleased to offer any assistance we can to make the middle years the best years yet. We may be reached at (309) 523-3131 during the normal school hours starting August 2, 2010. We are looking forward to another terrific school year.

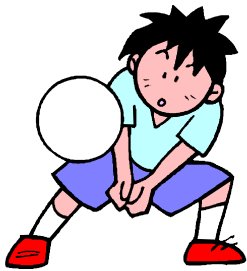
From the Desk of Jim Boyd

We are very anxious for the start of the 2010-2011 school year to start. We would like to extend a special welcome to our incoming freshmen and all of our new students to Riverdale High School.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning and activities. Get involved in an activity or sport. Check out the starting dates of the fall sports.

I would like to remind students of appropriate dress for school. Students must be covered from their shoulders to mid-thigh with no midriff skin showing. Tank tops, half shirts, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter tops and low cut tops are not allowed. Students who do not meet the dress code will be asked to change or be sent home. Please keep this in mind when buying school clothes.

Middle School Volleyball



Pre-season volleyball practice will start August 11th. 8th Grade will practice from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 7th grade will practice from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Beginning Monday, August 16th both 7th and 8th grade practice will be from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, August 19th following practice at 5:00 p.m. in the middle school gym.

Girls should bring gym clothes, gym shoes, and water to practice. Kneepads are a recommended option. If you choose to use kneepads, **black** is required. All girls **MUST** have a current physical turned into the office **before** being eligible to practice. See you in August!!!

Sports physicals! Wednesday, August 4th Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Sport physicals are brought to you by the Riverdale Education Foundation (REF). Services are again being donated by Dr. James Bull and Dr. James Lindley of the Genesis Health Group. All proceeds from the physicals will go to the REF to help support educational opportunities for the students and faculty of the Riverdale school district.

Doors open at 5:15 for the physicals. Please have the physical form (can be printed off the Riverdale Website, www.riverdaleschools.org, or picked up at the high school office) filled out and signed by parent or guardian. Cash or checks (made out to REF) are accepted; the cost for a physical is \$10.

From the Nurse's Office

The 2010-2011 school year will bring changes in the medication administration done at school. Any child requiring medication at school **MUST** have a physician's order and medication in the original container. Please read and become familiar with the policy. This policy is being implemented to comply with the standards and regulations set by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Under no circumstance will ANY medication be given without the proper documentation. This does include TUMS, Epi pens, inhalers, Benadryl, Tylenol, ibuprofen, etc. We will continue to dispense cough drops and antibiotic ointments. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call. For your convenience, you may drop off the form at your doctor's office (this shouldn't require a visit) and have them fax the completed sheet to the school.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation,

Melissa Olson RN BSN
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**Home of the
Rams!**

Breakfast and Lunch menus are sent home with elementary students and are also available in school offices or online at the Riverdale District website www.riverdaleschools.org

Other News...

Riverdale Unified Boosters invites you to the first annual

FALL SPORTS KICKOFF!

Saturday, August 21st - come meet the fall players, eat dinner at the concession stand, watch scrimmage games, and get your 2010 yearbook!

Admission is free, but please support your team by bringing juice/
Gatorade/soap for their season!

Watch for more details soon on the
Riverdale Unit School District Website: www.riverdaleschools.org.