

Riverton Raccoon Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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Cold and ice have arrived. I was grateful to see so many students come to school in a combination of the following: coat, snow pants, scarf, mittens, boots, etc. Please take inventory of what your student is wearing before leaving the house for school. We want students to have the opportunity to be outside as much as possible, and so whenever possible, winter attire is put on and students go outside to enjoy some free time. During these winter days, 20 degrees would be our guideline to determine if an inside day would be announced. Air quality is carefully watched also. Attached is a link to the Recess Guidance for Schools. <http://health.utah.gov/asthma/pdfs/airquality/recessguidance.pdf>

Along with the cold and ice, more families drive students to school, which increases the number of cars dropping off and picking up students. A couple of tips to help with traffic flow: 1) car pool as much as possible, 2) observe the rules for dropping off and picking up students, and 3) slow down and give yourself a little more time. Most cars are in and out of the parking area within 10 minutes.

The bus lane is identified with a green curb, and we also set up orange cones. This area is for buses to drop off and pick up students. Do not park and wait in this area until the orange cones have been removed. Please also note that buses need more room to turn, which is why it is necessary to maneuver vehicles close to the curb to minimize how much they protrude into the drive-through lane. Do not park on red curbing. The red curbing is to provide necessary room for the buses and cars to drive in and out of the parking lot. Faculty members are on duty to assist drivers with the traffic flow. Be patient with each other and remember that safety is a priority over convenience.

Riverton staff does their absolute best to keep school grounds as safe as possible. Shoveling and salting is done throughout the winter season as it is needed. The weather in Utah isn't very kind some days, which makes it difficult to keep school grounds completely free of ice or snow. Communication about the weather conditions is continuous as we work together to keep everyone safe.

"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness"

Growth Mindset

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you"

Calendar

- Dec-13:
Orchestra Concert 6:30
- Dec 19:
Birthday Bunch
- Dec. 22- Jan. 1:
Winter Break
- School begins:
January 2nd at 8:30 am