

Riverton Raccoon Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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Cold Weather Procedure

Brrr, it's cold out there! I wanted to take this opportunity to review Riverton's weather procedures for inside days. The first step, preventative care, is that students wear appropriate clothing like coats, gloves, scarf, long pants, etc. I see many students who are coming to school appropriately dressed for the cold weather, but there are also students who are underdressed for the cold temperatures. Please make sure that your student is dressed to keep warm when he/she leaves your house.

The second step is that the school will monitor the temperature and weather conditions. When the temperature is 20 degrees or lower, students are welcome to come inside the building. A red flag by the main entrance will indicate an inside day and signs at the grade level doors will state that it is an inside day. We also take wetness and wind into consideration and make decisions and adjustments as needed.

Air quality is also checked before school and before lunch to determine if students need to stay indoors. If the air quality is red, all students have to stay inside. When the air quality is orange, students with asthma or other breathing concerns are to stay inside. This information is compiled from the health information survey that parents completed during registration. If air quality is a yellow or green, all students can go outside.

Traffic Safety

Thank you for following the drop off and pick up procedure. I know our parking lot is not situated in the best way possible, but we can't fix that now. What we can do is help make the parking areas as safe as possible for our students and others who work at and visit our school. That is the part we can individually control. Please remember that the pick-up area is one-way, and you need to stay to the right and go around the parking lot. There are 2 crosswalks: one at the west end of the building and one by the main entrance. Please make sure to use them when crossing through traffic. Red zones are not for parking. Stay in the yellow zone to pick up or drop off, or you can park and pick up your students. Let's make **SAFETY** be the champion over convenience and ease at Riverton Elementary.

Attendance

Attendance in elementary school is the beginning of development of habits for a lifetime. Students learn much in academic areas as well as appropriate behaviors, socializing, working together, problem solving, and many more life skills. The habits that are created and reinforced in elementary school are habits that continue to develop into adult life. Attendance is so important to do correctly now when they are young and easier to support.

Calendar

- Monday, January 14-
No School: Grade
Transmittal Day
- Monday, January 21-
No School: Martin
Luther King Day
- Wed, January 23:
Birthday Bunch

Kindness

“One kind word
can change
someone's day”

Growth Mindset

“Strive for
Progress, Not
Perfection”