

Riverton Raccoon Newsletter

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Principal Message

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I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the great work that is happening inside the walls of Riverton Elementary. First, let's look at it from the perspective of the students. Students are receiving grade level content in math, literacy, science, and social studies. These subjects are being integrated with in one another to provide multiple approaches to help students retain information. When students are struggling to understand a concept, teachers see students 1-on-1 or in small groups to reteach information.

Students rotate weekly through music, computers, PE, and social skills to maintain the "extras" of education. Social Skills is a class that has been created to give instruction on how to be friends and create healthy relationships, how to treat each other, and learning how to work through disagreements. Each year, a group of teachers and I look at the needs of the students and create new programs and/or tweak current programs to create the best fit for students at Riverton Elementary.

Students are focused and engaged in learning and give the appearance of being happy at school. Students have been learning about kindness. They work on what kindness looks like, sounds like, and feels like. They are aware of people around them that perform random acts of kindness. They are also learning to have grit, stick-with-it-ness, and to view mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow.

Next, teachers at Riverton love all the students and want the absolute best for them. I see teachers staying late and coming in early to prepare activities and read through assignments to provide feedback that help learners become more successful. Teachers are going to conferences, trainings, professional development, and in-service to sharpen teaching skills and broaden their understanding of various types of learners and disabilities.

Committees are a necessary part of being an educator. These committees focus on school-wide management, community involvement, reviewing current practices and their effectiveness, technology organization and maintenance, student council, and many more. All of these committees are directly related to providing resources and tools to support students at Riverton Elementary. I have seen no better example of dedication and commitment to the overall success of students than the faculty and staff within these walls.

The support for students does not stop with teachers. We have two parent organizations, the PTA and the SCC, that promote student success by volunteering time to raise funds that go directly to students at Riverton. These funds have put devices in more student hands and have provided reading incentives to motivate readers, instruments to provide musical experiences, field trips to expand and connect student-learning to real life, and so much more.

Within these walls, great things happen every day. We encourage ALL students to "Achieve with all their might, Learn with all their mind, Lead with all their heart." We are so fortunate to be a part of the great work inside these walls.



Calendar

- 5/17-5/24:
Kindergarten
Assessment
- 5/22: Birthday Bunch
- 5/27: No School-
Memorial Day
- 5/31: Last Day of
School

"Wherever there
is a human being,
there is an
opportunity for
kindness"

Growth Mindset

"The best way to treat obstacles
is to use them as stepping-
stones. Laugh at them, tread
on them, and let them lead you
to something better."