

# Riverton Elementary Newsletter



## May & June

May 17-20 BOOK FAIR

May 31 Memorial Day

No School

June 3<sup>rd</sup> FIELD DAY

June 4<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY

8:30-12:30

### Summer Reading Program

Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing our new Summer Reading Program. This is for all students, including incoming Kindergarteners. Before the end of the school year, we will send home a reading tracker where students can record ten books they read over the summer. Each student who returns the bookmark when we start school in the fall will receive some tiles with their name written on the back which will be added to a new fence decoration, so the more students read, the faster we can build the design on the fence! We will also have weekly challenges posted to our social media accounts throughout the summer, and will have some fun drawing prizes for those who participate.

We will have a Book Fair this month the week of May 17-20 to support this effort and help you stock up on fun books for your kids' summer reading! Follow us on Facebook

@rivertonelementaryraccoons and Instagram @riverton.elementary.pta to participate in the weekly challenges and get the latest updates!

### Nominations and Elections for 2021-2022 PTA Board Positions

In this month's PTA Board meeting, the following individuals were presented as nominees for PTA Board positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Nominees:

President: Katie Fuller

President Elect: OPEN

Secretary: Amanda Snow

Legislative VP: OPEN

Fundraising VP: OPEN

Teacher Representatives: Marcia Newbold, Ashlee Urry

Board Members finishing terms:

Treasurer: Shauna Farnsworth

Membership VP: Kellie Witkamp

The election for these nominees will be held the last week of school via e-mail for all PTA Members. The vote will be conducted electronically.

You may have noticed there are several open seats. If an individual is interested in running for any of these positions, they should contact the PTA Secretary- Alyssa Jacobs, at [rivertonelempa@gmail.com](mailto:rivertonelempa@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Candidates for PTA Board positions must have been a PTA member for 30 days.

To join PTA to be eligible to vote or run for election, you can purchase a \$6 membership at <https://riverton.memberhub.store/store>

If the open positions are NOT filled, we will hold another election in the fall.

Thank you for your support this year. We are looking forward to being able to have more PTA events and volunteer opportunities next year!

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**PTA Utah Congress Riverton Elementary PTA**

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Dear Parents,

We first want to say a huge THANK YOU for your support during Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers and staff were thrilled with the kind gestures, notes and gifts they received. As we wrap up the school year, it is always great to be able to give our teachers a much-needed boost! This year has been unusual, but we have been consistently impressed by the ability of our school administrators, teachers, and staff to make the best of difficult situations.

At the Utah PTA convention this week, the keynote speaker was Jennie Taylor, mother of 7 and wife of fallen soldier Brent Taylor. She spoke about her experiences with PTA. I hope her address will be made available for everyone to watch. It so perfectly captured the WHY of PTA. If you have ever wondered about why we need a PTA, here are three things she said that answer that question. First, she said that her experience with PTA started when she was in elementary school. She loved having her mom be in the classroom volunteering, but due to family circumstances, that wasn't always possible. She said, "When my mom couldn't be there, someone's mom was." That was PTA. Second, she spoke about her experiences as a PTA volunteer, and how at first she volunteered as a way to be involved in her own children's schooling, but as she volunteered, she realized that she was there not just for her own children, but for EVERY child, reading with them, cheering them on, listening to their stories, bringing a little extra joy into their day. When her husband was killed in action, she couldn't be involved in PTA the way she had been in the past, but she knew that someone else was there. Lastly, she spoke about the purpose of PTA. PTA is an association of parents and teachers who are bound together by the common interest of unlocking the full potential of each and every child in our school community. She highlighted exactly what I have loved about my own experiences with PTA. The association with parents and teachers who want to make a difference, and the association with hundreds of amazing kids who each have SO MUCH potential!

As a PTA, we are dedicated to serving our students by providing fun learning opportunities like funding for field trips, assemblies, and resources within the school like our outdoor classroom. We work to support our teachers and staff and cheer them on as they give so much of themselves to our students. We try to make learning fun and engaging for students and their families with events like math nights, moms and muffins, dads and donuts. We are constantly thinking about what we can bring to our school to make it an even better place for our kids. This year has been challenging, but we have still worked hard to provide great things for our students and their teachers!

A great way to support these efforts is to become a PTA member. A \$6 membership means that YOU have a voice and a vote in the PTA. It means you are part of the conversation. It does NOT mean that you are required to give volunteer time. We will, of course, always invite you to volunteer, but we also understand that sometimes you need someone else to be there. If you CAN be there, we would LOVE to chat with you about how you can share your knowledge, passion, and talents with our school community.

We hope that as we wrap up this crazy year, we have been able to provide some fun experiences for your students. We are excited for what next year will bring, and looking forward to being able to do more of our favorite things!

Katie Fuller, PTA President

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## Principal's Message

May 6, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are anxiously approaching the end to a unique school year at Riverton Elementary. I wish to thank all parents and students who have met this year "head on" and adapted to the unusual, yet essential, adjustments necessitated by a global pandemic. We hope to get back to a new normal next year.

### **Summer School**

We are aware that COVID and quarantines have disrupted learning for many students. To respond to these unprecedented learning needs we are offering two sessions of summer school to students who demonstrate academic need in literacy. End of year Acadience (formerly DIBELS) testing for grades K-3 and Reading Inventory testing for grades 4-5 will be the measurement tools we will use to determine if a student is eligible for Summer School.

We have a limited number of teachers participating and this further limits the number of students we can serve. If we are unable to fill each session with students based on literacy needs, we will open the opportunity to other students throughout the school.

Sixth grade students will be able to attend summer school at the Middle School. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Two sessions of summer school will be provided. Eligible students will attend one of the sessions.

### **Session I**

June 7-June 17 (M-Th) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### **Session II**

June 21—July 1 (M-Th) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Each session will be taught by certified teachers or aides (under the supervision of a certified teacher). The curriculum will be centered on Literacy supported with math, science, and social studies experiences. We want this opportunity to be fun and engaging!

Please note that crossing guards will not be available during the sessions of summer school. Lunch will not be provided.

### **Thank you!**

We wish to thank Janet Duhaine for her many years of service to the students of Riverton Elementary. Many students benefited from her dedicated service. We wish her well as she retires and begins a new chapter with her family. We will miss you!

Respectfully,

Mr. Pullan, Principal