

# Riverside Report

January 14, 2011



**School Mascot:**  
Bruno

**School colors:**  
Blue & White

**School Motto**  
"Put Your Best  
Foot Forward"

The Riverside Report is published and distributed to inform interested individuals about the education of our youth.

**Riverside Phone Extensions:**

**Main #: 359-2417**

- 5322 Mrs. LesStrang, Principal
- 5321, Joan Erdman, Secretary
- 5323, Gloria Degner, Student Health Assist.
- 5308, Patrick Fergus, Psychologist
- 5326, Dianna Reinardy, Guidance Counselor
- 355-4118, School Cancellation Hotline

Staff phone extension numbers and email addresses are available on the D.C. Everest District website ([www.dce.k12.wi.us](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us)).

## Dates To Remember

Friday, January 14	Last Day for Gifted/Talented Nominations
Monday, January 17	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 18	Popcorn Day Teddy Bear Clinic (Kluz)
Thursday, January 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
<b>Monday, January 24</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b> , Staff Development
Wednesday, January 26	Riverside Spelling Bee, 1:30 pm
Thursday, January 27	Opera for the Young
Friday, January 28	Progress Reports go home with students
January 31-February 4	Kindergarten Registration Week, 2011-12 School Year
Tuesday, February 1	Popcorn Day
Thursday, February 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:20-8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:20-8:00 pm
Friday, February 11	<b>No school for students</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:00-12:40 pm
Tuesday, February 15	Popcorn Day
Monday, February 21	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 24	Literacy Night, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK

All children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2011, are eligible for next year's kindergarten class. Parents are asked to register their child during the week of January 31-February 4 at Riverside. Registration forms can be obtained from the D.C. Everest website—[www.dce.k12.wi.us](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us) or at the Riverside office. It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete the forms. You will also need to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. You do not need to bring your kindergarten eligible child. If you know of a neighbor or friend that may not receive this information, please have them call Riverside School at 715-359-2417.



## Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduling

This semester, Riverside will begin using a new, online Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduling Program for scheduling conferences. Parents should have received a mailing with their password and instructions for using the program. Online scheduling will take place from January 7 through January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This new program will give parents direct access for scheduling conferences at their convenience. With this program, you will know your conference times immediately and be able to change appointments if necessary. **THIS IS A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE** process and conference times will fill up fast. If you don't have computer access, a computer will be available in the Riverside IMC for your use; or, you can schedule a conference by calling **Joan Erdman in the school office (715-359-2417, ext. 5321)**. **All parents will have a time and date for conferences. Those parents who have not scheduled a conference by January 23 will be given a date and time in one of the remaining time slots. Conference dates are February 3 and February 8, 4:20-7:55 pm and Friday, February 11, from 8:00 am-12:35 pm.**



**NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, January 24  
Staff Development Day

## News from Planet Pals . . .

**Cell Phones for Soldiers.** Did you received a new cell phone during this past Holiday Season and were wondering what you could do with the old one? Well, the Planet Pals have a great solution for you! The Planet Pals at Riverside Elementary School are collecting used or old cell phones for an organization called "Cell Phones for Soldiers." These phones will be recycled and the money used is given to soldiers as phone cards so that they can call their families. This collection begins Jan. 10 and ends Jan. 21. Phones can be dropped off in the boxes near the lobby doors. Thank you all for your cooperation in this planet saving event!

Thanks to all those who answered Planet Pals call for new or gently used, previously loved stuffed animals. Over 500 stuffed animals were collected through the generosity of the families of Riverside Elementary students. The Aspirus Hospital will use the donations as gifts for children and some of the animals for the Teddy Bear Clinic.



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## Annual Orchestra Tour of Schools

All orchestra students are encouraged and welcome to participate in the annual orchestra tour of schools. Information has been sent home with all of the string students with a permission form that will need to be returned. The tour will be held during the school day Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Rehearsals are on the following dates: Saturday, Dec. 4 & 11, January 8, 15, and 22. All students in grades 5-12 will practice from 9:00a.m - 9:45. At that time, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dismissed. All remaining students will rehearse until 10:30a.m. All rehearsals are held at the Senior High School in the Band room. Please check with your orchestra

member for the handout with further details or e-mail Ms. Johnson: [ajohnson@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:ajohnson@dce.k12.wi.us).

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## **RIVERSIDE SPIRITWEAR**

Looking for Riverside Spiritwear? Check out the D.C. E-Store located at [www.dce.k12.wi.us](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us). They have **many different** items available—anything from Aprons to Woven shirts. Just choose the item you'd like and select the Bruno logo.

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## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The total box tops collected for the month of December was 2,769. That's \$276.90 for our school! The class that collected the most box tops was Mrs. Strehlow's with a huge total of 1,457. Congratulations! Her students each received a small prize. Please continue to collect box tops each month.



On Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Riverside Elementary was honored at the United Way 2010 Annual Recognition Luncheon! Back in November, Riverside staff was challenged to help community members in need by donating part of their paycheck to the United Way of Marathon County. Riverside rose to the challenge and was one of the nine organizations in Marathon County to be recognized in the **Most Improved Campaigns category (40% or more increase in donations)**. Riverside was also a new qualifier in the category of **Community Challenge Awards (50% or more employee participation)**. This is great news for us, and we should be proud of our staff for remembering how important it is to make a difference! Thanks, Riverside!

## 2011 Riverside “Giants in Science” Science Fair

**Date: March 10, 2011**

**Time: 9:00 (Grades K-4) & 1:00 (Grade 5)**

That’s right! It’s time to start thinking about this year’s science fair. Riverside’s “Giants in Science” science fair has become quite a tradition that amazes visitors every year.

Why have a Science Fair?

First of all, it’s a blast! Secondly, it offers students many benefits. It:

- Stimulates imagination and independent thinking
- Increases knowledge in many scientific areas
- Teaches the use of the processes of science
- Trains in the organization and completion of major tasks
- Provides the opportunity to enjoy science

The science fair will be similar to last year in many ways. For example, all 5<sup>th</sup> graders will still be required to have a project. Students in grades K-4 have the option to participate, and are encouraged to do so.

Students have a choice of three different themes to choose from:

1. Scientific Inquiry- Focusing on a question about science and then using the scientific method to help answer the question.
2. Original Invention- Create an invention that will solve a special problem or need that we have.
3. Research a Scientist- Choose a scientist that has changed the way we live. Students will learn about a scientist’s life and what he or she contributed to science.

\*Once again, all exhibits must include a hands-on project to enhance the display.

\*\*Riverside Planet Pals will have a separate award for environmentally themed projects.

If the science fair sounds fun to you and you think you’d like to participate in it, fill out the entry form below and return it to your homeroom teacher. Students that register will receive an informational packet to help with the process of putting together an awesome project. You can preview the packet online at [www.dce.k12.wi.us/riverside](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/riverside) and click on the Riverside Science Fair link. This site also offers many useful internet links to help you get started. Additionally, several projects from previous science fairs are displayed in the IMC for you to check out. Good luck and have FUN!

\*Registration form due by February 4.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Group members (optional-up to 2 partners) ***Each group member needs to fill out an entry form.***

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Type of Project (circle one)

Scientific Inquiry

Original Invention

Research a Scientist

Description of Project (If Scientific Inquiry, this should be in the form of a question):  
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**(\*\*Display boards (\$4.00) and T-shirts (\$6.00) are available for purchase in the office.**

**\*See other side for planning guide.**

## SCIENCE FAIR PLANNING GUIDE

Checklist for Success: Use this checklist to stay on track! (\*Note-these descriptions are for inquiry projects, but can be modified for inventions and research a scientist projects.)

Weeks #1-6 (Dec. 20-Jan)

- Choose your topic (Due February 4)
- Ask Questions
- Discuss project with parents
- Research your topic

- Begin collecting materials for your display

Week #7 (January 31)\*Registration form due

- Finish research
- Define your problem
- Develop your hypothesis
- Design your experiment

Week #10 (February 21)

- Continue your experiment
- Sketch some designs for your display board

Week #8 (February 7)

- Gather all needed materials for your experiment
- Start your experiment

Week #11 (Feb 28)

- Finish your experiment
- Revise list of materials needed for the experiment and the steps of the procedure, if necessary
- Analyze your data, and draw your conclusions

Week #9 (February 14)

- Continue your experiment

Week #12 (March 7)

- Complete your display board
- Prepare for the fair

***Science fair date: March 10***

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## MOVING???

If you are planning to move out of the district and would like your child to continue attending school in the D.C. Everest District, you are required to complete the *Tuition Waiver* form and apply for *Open Enrollment* during the next Open Enrollment period.



## TUITION WAIVER

The intent of the tuition waiver is to solve the problem that occurs when students move out of a district after the open enrollment deadline. If your child meets the requirements and is granted the tuition waiver, he/she is allowed to remain in the district until the following February when you are eligible to apply for open enrollment. You **must** apply for open enrollment during the next February application period in order for your child to continue attending D.C. Everest.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT Application period for the 2011-2012 school year is February 7-25, 2011

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Parents must complete an online application no earlier than February 7, 2011, and no later than February 25, 2011 by 4:00 p.m. **Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.** The DPI website to complete an online application is:  
<https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnroll>.

At this time, once a student is accepted to attend D.C. Everest under open enrollment, the student may continue to attend the district without having to reapply every year. Annually parents will receive a mailing requesting that you confirm your child will continue to attend under the open enrollment program, verify your demographic information and return it to us. For more information, contact Rhonda Haas at 715-359-4221, extension 1245