

Riverside Report

June 3, 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.

Dates To Remember:

Wednesday, June 8	Last Day of School 1:10 pm Grades 3-5 Awards Ceremony 2:15 pm Parent Volunteer Tea
June 13-July 8	Summer School

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 10, 2011	Elementary Offices Open
August 30	Open House, 4:30-6:00 pm
September 1	1st Day of School, 2011-12 School Year
September 5	Labor Day, No School
September 26	No School, Staff Development
October 27 & 28	No School, Teacher's Convention
November 10	Early Release, 12:00 Noon Dismissal
November 23	No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 24 & 25	No School, Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23 – January 1	No School, Winter Recess
January 23, 2012	No School, Staff Development
February 10	No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 2	No School, Staff Development Day
March 26 – March 30	No School, Spring Recess
April 6	No School, Good Friday
April 17	Early Release, 12:00 Noon Dismissal
May 7	Snow Make-Up Day
May 28	Memorial Day, No School
June 6	Last Day of School

Last Day of School!

As you may know, the inflatable play equipment was not available for the Ice Cream Social this year due to rain. The Ice Cream Social committee, along with the PTO, has decided to make the last day of school a memorable one for the students.

We ask that \$5 be sent with students for this event. The \$5 will include one hour of fun on the inflatables and an ice cream bar from the Ice Cream Truck! We will have grades 3-5 go in the morning so that they can attend the afternoon awards assembly. Students in grades K-2 will attend in the afternoon.

Because this event takes place during school hours, only students who are enrolled at Riverside will be able to attend.

There will be **no** pool party this year. The PTO is providing the inflatable play equipment on the last day instead. This will be a fun time for students!



AWARDS ASSEMBLY— Grades 3, 4, & 5

Please note that our Awards Assembly this year will be held for students in **Grades 3, 4, and 5**. It will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 1:10 pm in the gym. Following the assembly, a tea will be held for all our parent volunteers who helped make this school year so successful.

School Supplies Available through Fill A Backpack Program

The Workplace Volunteer Council has collected school supplies to help more than 4,000 qualified children in Marathon County.

Marathon County students in K - 8th grade during the 2011 - 2012 school year that qualify for **free** (not reduced) lunches are eligible to receive a backpack and school supplies. Distribution will be Saturday, August 20 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Army National Guard Armory (corner of 17th Avenue and Sherman Street) in Wausau, WI.

The D. C. Everest Area School District will be sending tickets to qualified students in early June. If you have not received your tickets by June 6, please contact D.C. E. food service at 715-241-9700, ext. 2408, by **June 8**. No one is available after this date to process tickets/letters. Tickets should be maintained in a safe place as they are issued only once. For those not having a ticket, additional proof of eligibility would be: a letter from your school district stating the child's name and that he/she qualifies for the state program and valid ID.

HOME ALONE GUIDELINES—When are children old enough to stay home alone?

With summer on the horizon bringing changes in your child's daily schedule (in addition to busy lives!), some of you may be wondering whether or not your child is old enough to leave alone at home for a period of time, or old enough to watch a

younger sibling while you are gone at work or even while you run an errand.

The Marathon County Department of Social Services has guidelines for parents to consider when deciding whether or not to leave a child home alone. If a report is made to Social Services concerning the welfare of a child home alone or caring for another child, Social Services uses these guidelines in determining whether or not it will investigate a report of a child home alone or caring for other children.

The age guidelines are listed below (taken from brochure [Home Alone: Guidelines for Parents](#), Marathon Co Dept. of Social Services, WI):

9 Years of Age and Younger: The agency does not recommend this age group be left home alone or provide care for younger siblings or other children.

10 to 11 Years of Age: These children may be able to handle being home alone. This assumes parents have prepared children and the household ahead of time. The agency does not recommend this age group provide care to siblings or other children without appropriate supervision. Parent should carefully consider the time of day and amount of time involved as well as the responsibilities the child will have.

12 Years of Age or Older: These children usually can handle a broader range of home alone time and can provide care for other children. This assumes parents have prepared children and the household ahead of time. Parents should carefully consider the time of day and amount of time involved as well as the responsibilities the child will have.

Other things that parents should consider before allowing a child to stay home alone or babysitting another child:

- the social and emotional maturity of the child
- the ability to tell time
- the knowledge of what to do in an emergency
- when and how to dial 911 in an emergency
- successful completion of a "Babysitting Preparation" class.

If you would like a copy of the brochure or information about upcoming Babysitting Preparation Classes, feel free to contact Mrs. Reinardy, School Counselor, at 359-2417 x4 or contact the YWCA (for Babysitter Prep. Clsss) at 842-3381.

Elementary Orchestra 2011-2012

In light of the recent state budget cuts, the D.C. Everest Area School District has been forced to evaluate each program offered to the students attending school. In an effort to cut per pupil costs, and to manage a significant budget shortfall for next school year, the Board voted several weeks ago to eliminate the fifth grade beginning strings program. Current orchestra students will continue to have orchestra offered in the sixth through twelfth grade. As of this coming school year, there will only be beginning string classes offered in the sixth grade, with continuing instruction through the Senior High. If your child was planning to enroll in strings during their fifth grade year, they will now be given the same opportunity in the sixth grade the Fall of 2012. There will continue to be the annual tour of schools, many concerts, and community performances as well as the scheduled classes.

I will look forward to having students in beginning strings and will continue to look for performance opportunities for the D.C. Everest Orchestra program.

Ms. Ann R. Johnson, Orchestra Director
DCE School District

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

- If you are moving or your child will be attending another school next year, please send a note or call the school office (715-359-2417) to notify us of your intentions. This information is needed for us to plan next year's classes.
- Please remember to pick up your child's medications before June 9th. Anything left in the health room after 12:00 noon on June 9th will be disposed of by the District Nurse.
- Please check out our lost & found for any missing clothing. Any items remaining after June 9th will be given to a local charity.
- First Student Bus Company also has **many** articles of clothing which have been left on buses throughout the school year. If you'd like to check out their "lost

& found" you can stop by their office which is located at 6206 Alderson Street, Schofield. All items remaining after June 8th will be discarded.

- Homeroom assignments for the 2011-12 school year will be made over summer. To retain needed flexibility, we wait until the end of summer when most new students have registered and we are certain about the number of teachers we need at each grade level. Experience shows that by delaying notice of the classroom assignments, we can better staff the building and avoid reassigning students to different teachers. A letter will be sent to students in August informing them of their homeroom teacher.
- First Student has requested that if your child is to be picked up or dropped off at an address other than your home address, a form requesting this change needs to be filled out as soon as possible and submitted to them. **This request needs to be submitted yearly and does not carry over from one year to the next.** Forms are available in the school office or from First Student.

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

Any money left in a student's lunch account will be carried over to the next school year. If a student is transferring to another school within the D.C. Everest District, the balance will transfer with them. All negative balances need to be paid by June 8th.



Mrs. Kluz and Mrs. Plaza will be retiring from teaching at the end of the school year. They have been an asset to Riverside and have had a positive influence on our students. They will be deeply missed and we wish them well.





Summer Food & Summer Fun!

Summer Food Service Program for Children

Summer Food Program

Learning does not end when school lets out. Neither does the need for good nutrition - which is crucial for children to have safe and productive summers. The



summer food program provides an opportunity to continue a child's physical and social development while providing nutritious meals.

Where & When?

The **Boys & Girls Club** will be offering free meals through the Summer Food Program at the following location(s):

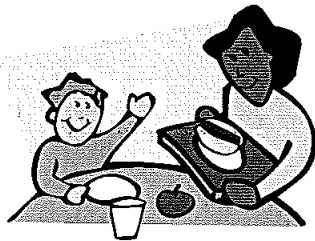


BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

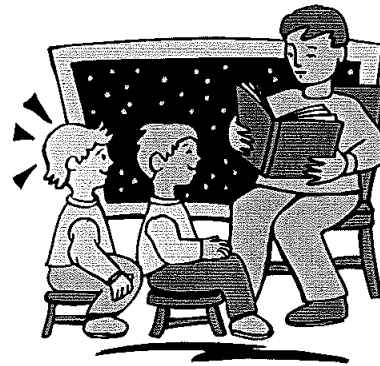
1710 N 2nd Street,
Wausau, WI 54403 –
(715) 845-2582 –
www.bgclub.com

Who is Eligible?

All children 18 years of age and under are eligible to receive FREE meals. No need to sign up or apply for the program - just bring yourself and enjoy tasty & nutritious meals.



Meals will be served at noon, Monday through Friday, from June 7-August 24, 2011.



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