

Riverside Report

October 1, 2010



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

October 4-8	Fire Prevention Week
Monday, October 4	Little Red Schoolhouse (Treptow)
Tuesday, October 5	Popcorn Day
	Dreamflight Launch behind Schofield Elem., 5:30 pm
Monday, October 18	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 19	Popcorn Day
Wednesday, October 20	Twin Oaks (Plaza, Marquardt)
Thursday, October 21	Twin Oaks (King, Adamus, Dennis)
	PTO Fall Festival, 3:35 pm
Monday, October 25	Love & Logic Parent Mtg., 5-7 pm
Tuesday, October 26	Fundraiser Delivery, 3:45-5:45 PM
	D.C. Everest School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
October 28 & 29	No School, Teacher's Convention

Riverside Elementary School Chosen as Sam's Club Teacher Reward School



Each year, Sam's Club stores across the country select one school to honor for their work. They provide ten \$100 gift cards to teachers at that school. The gift cards are to be used to enhance what the teachers do in their classrooms. This year, Wausau's Sam's Club chose Riverside Elementary to honor. One of the employees at Sam's Club - Crysten Retzl - volunteered at Riverside Elementary teaching Junior Achievement last year. She was impressed by the teacher she worked with, Felicity Treptow, and by Riverside School. She nominated Riverside for this award and Riverside Elementary was selected. Randy Hull and Maria Menebroecker made the presentations to the teachers. The following names were drawn to receive the \$100 gift cards: Jenny Reimer (2nd Grade), Candy Plaza (1st Grade), Sarah Wegner (2nd Grade), Vicki Strehlow (Kindergarten), Sarah Thompson (4th Grade), Felicity Treptow (4th Grade), Andrew Aleckson (5th Grade), Kathlyne Moore (Art), Kevin Podeweltz (4th Grade), and Bonnie Goertz (4th Grade). Sam's Club also gave Principal Patty LesStrang a gift card, brought suckers for all of the students and cake for the staff. It was quite a celebration! Bruno the Bluejay (Riverside's Mascot) attended the assembly, as well as some of the DCE District's Administrative Staff.

From the Desk of the Principal

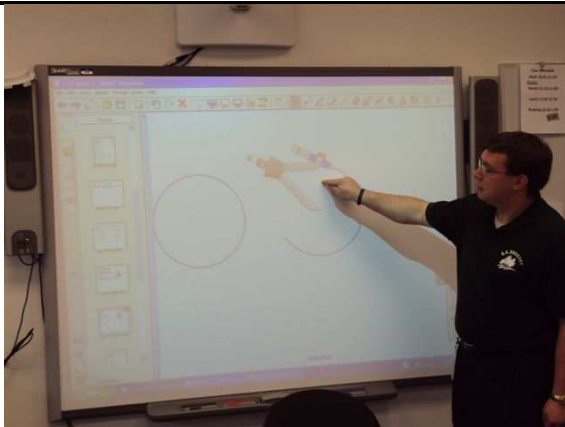
One of the most frequent questions I get is, "How do I help my child with the **math processes** that are different from how I learned them?" Our website has step-by-step instructions with examples of how to add, subtract, multiply (lattice method you've heard about), and divide. I learned the "old way" myself and I followed the instructions to see how "user friendly" they are. It's quite easy, I am happy to say! Here's how to get the directions:

Go to www.dce.k12.wi.us/riverside.

1. Select the bullet that says Science Fair and Everyday Math
2. Select the Everyday Math bullet
3. Go across the top to the tab that says "Math Literacy"
4. Choose Parent Handbook
5. Go to "Algorithms (fancy word for math processes) & Arithmetic"
6. Scroll down to see examples of how to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

*There are also Frequently Asked Questions, tools and exercises, activities, math games, a glossary and more under the Parent Handbook!

If you have any questions, feel free to ask your child's teacher or give me a call.



Riverside Elementary Students Learn Using Smartboards

Technology has improved the ways students can learn today. More and more classrooms at Riverside are becoming equipped with "Elmos" and "Smartboards" creating new learning opportunities for students. In a fourth grade classroom this week, Mr. Podeweltz was teaching a math lesson which required students to use a compass. With

the Smartboard, students could touch the screen and manipulate the actual compass to create angles and circles. The interactive quality of the Smartboard allows students to create geometric shapes and try different things without the fear of making a mistake because it can be fixed so easily. Students are free to be better risk-takers. Other "tools" are also available to use like protractors and rulers, too.

A fifth grade class is reading The Magician's Elephant. Their teacher posted a number of questions including whether "Baltese" is a real place or a fictional place. Because the Smartboard is connected to the teacher's computer, students can go to myanswers.com website and find out about Baltese. The Smartboard allows everyone to read about it at the same time.

In a first grade classroom, students are learning about what constitutes a sentence. They also learn about how the importance of punctuation. With the Smartboard, the first graders go to a program where they read phrases and can insert the punctuation with their fingers on the board. It takes place on a pirate ship to make the interaction more fun.

The use of the Smartboard technology also allows teachers to teach a concept in math and access sites, which have related lessons in another subject area. For example, if a teacher was teaching about fractions, they could bring up related learning in science such as teaching displacement. In another lesson, a teacher might be teaching about levers and students would be able to move the "fulcrum" pivot point and see how that impacts the amount of force needed to lift the load on the end of the lever. The applications and opportunities are endless and very exciting for both students and their teachers! We are fortunate to have technology opportunities provided by the district and by Riverside's PTO!

NEWS FROM YOUR IMC...

October 2010

by: Mrs. Dembowski/Library Teacher

NEW BOOKS

The Riverside Elementary IMC opened for the 2010-2011 school year on Sept. 6th. Students and staff enjoyed browsing and checking out many of the newest additions to the library collection. Several books and magazines were available for students during their library classes and teachers were given the opportunity to preview the items also. These items should help to continue our mission to create a well-rounded library collection.

LIBRARY CREW MEMBERS

We are also looking forward to a year of assistance from our Library Crew members. The Library Crew consists of 5th graders who volunteer to help us by straightening bookshelves, cleaning computers and working in the upcoming book fair. We also have a monthly drawing for prizes as a thank you for their efforts.



We look forward to another wonderful year here at Riverside! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to stop in and ask!

That's all from your library...Remember, keep reading! Mrs. D ☺

BOOK BUG CLUB



As your child brings home library books we would like to introduce you and them to the Riverside Reading Program, also known as the Book Bug Club. The reading program is designed to encourage students in grades K-5 to increase their independent reading. The program is built around simple record keeping. The following guidelines are to be followed:

1. The child reads a book. Books can come from home, school, the public library, anywhere.
2. The title is recorded on the blue Book Bug sheet.
3. For books over 50 pages in length, every 25 page segment may be counted as one book.
4. Younger children may include books that have been read to them.
5. Sheets must be signed by a parent or guardian to verify the successful completion of reading the book.
6. Completed sheets are to be turned into the teacher and new blank sheets will be made available. Also, a PDF can be found on the Riverside IMC webpage, under the Book Bugs tab.
7. The reading lists and totals will follow the student throughout his/her years at Riverside.
8. All record keeping will be handled by the IMC.

9. At various levels of reading involvement, students will receive the following recognition for their participation:

ALL LEVELS	NAME IN RIVERSIDE REPORT
25 BOOKS	CERTIFICATE
50 BOOKS	SUPER READER PENCIL
100 BOOKS	BOOK BAG/BUTTON
200 BOOKS	POSTER
300 BOOKS	MEDAL
400 BOOKS	T-SHIRT
500 BOOKS	PIZZA
1000 BOOKS	TROPHY
1500 BOOKS	PAPERBACK BOOK/ PICTURE ON WALL OF FAME
2000 BOOKS	HARDBOUND CLASSIC SIGNED BY THE STAFF

A display in the IMC will register the progress of the children. We encourage all students to become Book Bugs; however, participation is voluntary. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact the IMC. Let's get ready to READ, READ, READ!

Mrs. Dembowski ☺

The following students achieved new Book Bugs Reading Levels before the end of September. Congratulations!

25 - CERTIFICATE

Colin Belton, Alexis Crawford, Cael Erickson, Jocelyn Jefferson

50 - PENCIL

Colin Belton,

100 - BOOK BAG & BUTTON

Colin Belton, Mikayla Martin, Marina Schinker, Riley Zuleger

200 - POSTER

Brennan Albee, Madison Landowski, Grace Peterson, Collin Weller

300 - MEDAL

Alex Falkowski, Nathan Jacobson

400 - T-SHIRT

Rianna Fust, Nathan Jacobson, Seth Vercimak

500 - PIZZA

Gus Johnson, Jack Johnson, Rebekah Kuhn, Marissa Pontzloff, Arek Schultz

CONGRATULATIONS and KEEP ON READING!!!

Fire Prevention Week

October 3-9, 2010

Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With

Riverside Elementary students will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 3 - 9. Fire Prevention Week is very important to everyone because **we can help prevent future accidents from happening**

to our families and ourselves. Students will be participating in various activities such as the EDITH House, visiting with local firemen, learning about fire trucks, participating in lessons within their classrooms, and listening to guest speakers.

During Fire Prevention Week students will learn about the importance of fire prevention and working smoke alarms. Mrs. Talen will also share a story with the 5th graders about how an

unexpected fire has changed the way her family thinks about fire prevention.

Mrs. Talen and Riverside Elementary would like to encourage all families to check their homes for working smoke alarms. There should be working smoke alarms on all levels of your home as well as inside and outside of each bedroom. Please **check your batteries** on a regular basis to confirm that all of your smoke alarms are working. Working smoke alarms can save lives.

In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms could save your own life and those of your loved ones. **Smoke alarms are one of the single most important means of preventing fire fatalities in homes.** They provide an early warning signal so that you and your family can safely escape. Smoke alarms are one of the best safety features you can have in your home.

Fire prevention is a very important topic that each family should also discuss at home. **We encourage you to talk with your child about what they did at school and what they learned about the importance of smoke alarms.** Mrs. Talen would like to say thank you for taking the time to help prevent future accidents from happening.

Always remember - working smoke alarms can save lives.

NOTICE
Pest Management & Pesticide Use
Notification

The D.C. Everest School District incorporates Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures as set forth by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the control of structural and landscape pests. The objective of IPM is to provide necessary pest control while minimizing pesticide use. Contact Jeff Belott, 359-4221, Ext. 4103, for further information.

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NOTICE

D.C. Everest Area School District
6300 Alderson Street Weston WI 54476

NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS

Since the summer of 1988, when the D.C. Everest Area School District completed a comprehensive inspection of district buildings to determine the presence of asbestos containing material, initiatives to eliminate and control the presence of asbestos have been implemented. Some amounts of asbestos containing material remain in district buildings. District personnel periodically re-inspect the buildings and prepare reports to identify the specific location and amount of asbestos and to detail response action. During the summer of 2009, NorthStar Environmental Testing conducted a three-year inspection. The district received the updated report.

An Asbestos Management Plan is on file and available for inspection in the Principal's Office of each school. The management plans for all schools are available for inspection in the office of Jeff Belott, 6500 Alderson Street, Weston, Wisconsin 54476. Phone (715) 359-4221, Ext. 4103.

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**RIGHT TO REQUEST A SCHOOL &
SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Pursuant to section 115.38(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the D.C. Everest School Board hereby notifies the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district of their right to request a school and school district performance report. Please contact the superintendent's office at 359-4221 Ext. 1220 if you wish to receive the most recent performance report. The D.C. Everest Area School District's performance report is also available at <http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/PerformanceReport.htm>.

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