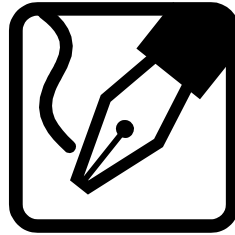


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



The mission of Riverwood Elementary School is to accomplish the following:

- “To nurture the development of the total child;
- To foster a love of learning;
- To provide instruction in the basic skills required for active, involved, and responsible citizenship in our school, community, and country;
- And to maintain an environment that promotes the safety, well-being, intellectual stimulation, mutual respect, and enthusiasm of all students, staff, and families, alike.”

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“TOGETHER we make our school a SUCCESS!”

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 14	End of First Quarter
October 16 – 22	Character Counts Week
October 19 – 21	PTO Fall Book Fair in the Learning Center 9:15 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 19	PTO Family Book Fair 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 19	PTO Family Fun Night 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 19	Market Day Pick Up in the Cafeteria 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.
Thursday, October 20	Fifth Grade Musical in the Gym at 7:00 P.M.
Friday, October 21	Spirit Day & Food Drive – “Country Harvest Hoedown Day” Theme
Friday, October 21	Report Cards Go Home
October 23 – 31	Red Ribbon Week
Monday, October 24	PTO Fall Fundraiser Forms Due Back to School
Tuesday, October 25	PTO McDonald’s Day on Route 120
Tuesday, October 25	Board of Education Meeting at Central at 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 26	Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.
	NO SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN
Wednesday, October 26	B-PAC Meeting at Edgebrook 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 26	PTO Pump It Up at Crystal Lake 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, October 27	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. NO SCHOOL
Monday, October 31	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Animal Gardens in Lake Geneva 9:10 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Monday, October 31	Halloween Parties
Tuesday, November 1	Fall Picture Retakes
Wednesday, November 2	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Huntley High School Play 10:30 A.M. – 1:45 P.M.
Wednesday, November 2	PTO Wendy’s Night
Thursday, November 3	Early Release Day (2:05 Walker Dismissal & 2:10 Bus Rider Dismissal)

END OF FIRST QUARTER...It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the First Quarter for the 2011-2012 school year. Report cards will be sent home on October 21, 2011.

CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK...Character counts week is October 16th – 22nd. This year we will be celebrating by wearing the colors of the character pillars each day. Students will be doing different activities in their classrooms during the week.

THEME DAYS FOR CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK...

Monday, October 17 th	Trustworthiness	Wear blue.
Tuesday, October 18 th	Respect	Wear yellow.
Wednesday, October 19 th	Responsibility	Wear green.
Thursday, October 20 th	Fairness	Wear orange.
Friday, October 21 st	Citizenship	Wear purple.

PTO BOOK FAIR & FAMILY FUN NIGHT...The PTO is hosting this year's Fall Book Fair in the Learning Center from October 19th – October 21st. The Family Book Fair Night will be held from 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 19th. Also that evening, the PTO will be presenting a Free Family Fun Night 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Games and activities scheduled include: Minute to Win It challenges, Deal or No Deal, cake walk, crafts and raffle prize drawings. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

RED RIBBON WEEK...Riverwood will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 24th – 28th. The theme this year is "It's Up to Me to be Drug Free." The Red Ribbon campaign is a nationwide drug prevention awareness effort marked as an opportunity to celebrate living healthy and drug-free lives. It began in 1985 as a way to tell the story of Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, who was killed because of his work trying to stop illegal drugs. He has told his mother that he did this work because he "wanted to make a difference." The red ribbon has become a symbol and a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Our aim at Riverwood is to encourage our students to make positive choices that will impact their future as drug-free individuals. The McHenry Area Youth Commission will be providing red ribbons for students and staff this year.

THEME DAYS FOR RED RIBBON WEEK...

Monday, October 24 th	"Wear Red Day"	Wear red clothing.
Tuesday, October 25 th	"Put a Cap on Drugs"	Wear a cap or hat.
Wednesday, October 26 th	"Stay in the Game, Drug Free"	Wear athletic clothing.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES...Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences take place on Wednesday, October 26th, from 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. **NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTNERS.** First through fifth grade Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, October 27th, from 1:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. and on Friday, October 28th, from 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. There is **NO SCHOOL** on those days.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES... With Halloween around the corner and the excitement of the costumes and classroom parties, please keep in mind what is appropriate for school. Students may bring their costumes to school and be able to change before the party begins. **Any kind of aerosol sprays, hair gels, or make-up are not allowed in school. Also, no costume should include any kind of toy weapon or portray any bloody or violent themes.** If possible, the costume should be able to be slipped on over the top of the school clothes. A reminder to parents to please be sure to sign in with the office and obtain a visitor's pass before joining your child's classroom for the Halloween festivities. Those of you who choose to wear a costume to school are asked to please be sure that your costume does not conceal your face so that we have no questions of identity. **If you are sending in food for the classroom parties, it must be commercially prepared.** Thank you for your cooperation.

MARKET DAY PICKUP...Market Day pickup is from 4:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. in the Cafeteria. Please do not enter the back parking lot until all the busses have been dismissed.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL...Please remember to call the school office at (815) 344-7130, to report your child's absence. We are required by law to call you to verify the whereabouts of your child. This procedure is for the safety of your child. If you wish to call before 8:35 A.M., you may leave a message on voicemail stating your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. If the absence is due to illness, please include any symptoms your child is experiencing. If your child has been diagnosed with an illness by his/her physician, please report that also.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...Just a reminder that wearing proper shoes out on the playground equipment helps prevent accidents. Kindergarten vision and dental forms are now due in the Health Office. How is everyone doing on "Step Up & Stay Active?" There are prizes and incentives for those turning in their activity logs by October 31st. See the Riverwood webpage on the district's website for more information. The "Step Up & Stay Active" program is sponsored by the Riverwood PE Department and Health Office. Watch for specials coming in November!

ALL SCHOOL READING STRATEGY OF THE MONTH...

SUMMARIZING

- To summarize is to sum up, retell the most important details of the story so far to make sure you understand and remember.
- Retell what happened in the story.
- I'm going to summarize what has happened so far.

First, _____. Next, _____. Then, _____.