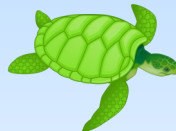


... Riverside Family Connection ...

Riverside Elementary • 5280 Farm Road • Waterford, Michigan • 48327

September 2019

Riverside Families,



Greetings Riverside Families,

I want to share some exciting news of things coming to Riverside this year. You will continue to receive details throughout the year.

Our **online store of Riverside Spirit Wear** featuring the winning **STUDENT DESIGN** is live and ready now! Please view it at the link http://www.parrotwear.com/riverside_racers/shop/home and shop as often as you like :-)

- **Parents on Patrol** - We are looking for parents who would like to volunteer to help keep traffic flowing safely during entry and dismissal. We have vests to help identify you. 8:35-8:45 AM and/or 3:50-4:05PM. Please contact our main office for information if you may be interested.
- **Coffee Conversations** with the Principal- 4 to 5 times this school year, I will host Coffee Conversations for parents and guardians who wish to attend. More information is forthcoming.

We are always listening and looking for ways to continually improve what we do and how we do it. Thank you for being the amazing, supportive community that you are.
Together #WeAREtheirVillage

Follow me on Twitter @EricaRolack

Have a great week...on purpose,

Erica Rolack, Principal

Riverside Elementary School



"Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future."

Title 1 Right to Know

As a school with a federally-funded Title I program, parents at Riverside may request information regarding the qualifications of their student's classroom teachers. Upon request, the school will provide parents with information regarding:

Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.

Any degree or certification held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You may request additional information on the level of achievement of your child in each of Michigan's assessments.

You will also receive timely notice if your child is, for whatever reason, assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher that meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level or subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

Medications

All Medications must be brought into the office by a parent or guardian. A form must be completed and filled out by your child's physician in order for medications to be given. Over counter medications must have a form filled out by a parent..

NO MEDICATION will be given to a child with out these forms.

Please do not send any medications (including cough drops) in students backpacks.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are required for children entering Kindergarten ages (4-6) and those entering 7th grade (7-18 yrs.). Requests for waivers must be certified at the Oakland County Health Division. Waivers must be submitted to the school office to keep on file.

Oakland County Health Division
1200 North Telegraph
248-858-1280
Monday Noon—8:00 pm
Tuesday– Friday 8:30am—5:00 pm

The Riverside Office will be sending home letters to any student in Kindergarten or new to our district/Riverside regarding INCOMPLETE immunizations. It is required that all immunization are complete or a waiver on file. If your child does not have his/her immunizations updated and complete, they will not be allowed in school until the school is notified of the update.

Blessings in a Backpack



Parents are BUSY people. Would snacks and meals that your child could safely grab on their own make your life just a little bit easier? Consider signing up for Blessings in a Back Pack. This is totally free to families who qualify for Free or Reduced Price lunches. The only thing required of you is a signed permission slip and your child would bring home a back pack of food and snacks every weekend. They bring the empty back pack to school on Monday (or Tuesday if they forget) and it's packed by volunteers all over again. This is discreet, convenient, and FREE. Our school has 70 % of our students eligible for Free or Reduced Priced Lunches, but less than 20% are taking advantage this stress free program. The convenience alone is a plus, let's not mention saving a little bit on grocery bills. Contact our school office or your child's teacher for more information and a permission slip.

Riverside Parents

Please remember that school begins at 8:45. All students should be seated in the classroom at that time.

Tardies add up and may give students the feeling of starting their day behind.

If your child is going to arrive after 8:45, they need to be walked in and signed in by the adult responsible for bringing them to school

If your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance line at 248-674-5911. Please leave your child's name, date and the reason for their absence.

Please do NOT leave children unsupervised on school property. Students are NOT to be dropped off before 8:35 a.m. If you need to leave your children before 8:35 a.m., please enroll them in the Before School Care program so that no parent has to leave their child unattended.

Students are **not to be dropped off before** supervision time (**8:35 AM**). If you must drop your student and leave before 8:35, please see our Childcare staff for enrollment information.

DISMISSAL REMINDER

Make sure all students are aware of how they are getting home daily. We understand that sometimes things change. Please remember that **all changes in dismissal routine MUST be communicated to the main office NO LATER than 3:30 p.m. (2:30 on Thursdays)** so that we assure the change is able to be communicated to the student.

On the *rare occasion* that a student needs to be picked up from school early, they *must be signed out before 3:45 p.m. (2:45 on Thursdays)*. **After 3:45, all adults will be asked to wait outside for the student to exit using their regular dismissal routine.**

Riverside Calendar

PTO Popcorn Day	September 20
Picture Day	September 27
PTO Popcorn Day	October 4
PTO Popcorn Day	October 18
District Half Day (Dismissal at 11:58 am)	October 25
PTO Popcorn Day	November 1
No School (Professional Development Day)	November 5
Elementary Half Day (Dismissal at 11:58 am)	November 8
Picture Retake Day	November 11
Elementary Conferences (4:30-7:30 pm)	November 12
PTO Popcorn Day	November 15
Elementary Conferences (4:30-7:30 pm)	November 21
Elementary Half Day (Dismissal at 11:58 am)	November 26
Elementary Conferences (1-4 pm or 4:30-7:30 pm)	November 26
Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29

*Events will be added to the calendar as scheduled

**Early Dismissal
Every Thursday at
2:57 pm**

You can find the Riverside Newsletter in the Waterford School District Site. Please click on the following:

Quicklinks

Our Schools

Elementary

Riverside

Newsletters

Child Care Information

Childcare Registration will be available online after Aug 13th.

Childcare will also be available at Meet n Greet on Wednesday, Aug 28th.

Child Care Hours:

Mon—Fri 6:30 am—6:00 pm.

Upcoming PTO Meeting and Events

Upcoming PTO Events To Be Announced

President—Carrie Sugden

Treasurer—Christina Allan

Recording Secretary -Trena Whittico

yourriversideelementarypto@gmail.com



Sign up for important updates from Riverside's PTO.

Get information for Riverside Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

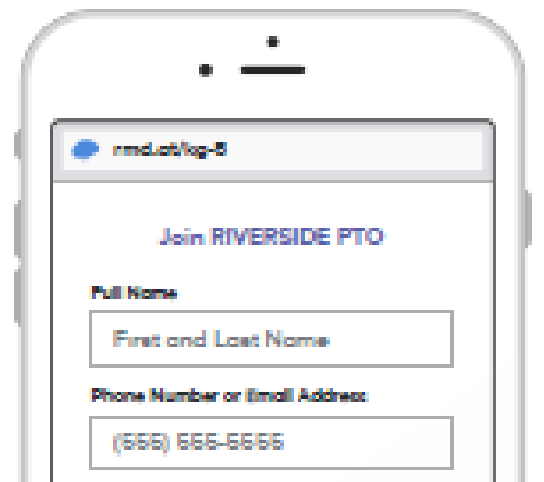
Pick a way to receive messages for RIVERSIDE PTO:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/kg-5

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @kg-5 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @kg-5 to (586) 554-2139.

*Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/kg-5 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Blessings in a Backpack

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

521A-Faxon Rd.

Waterford, Michigan 48328



Dear Riverside Families:

I am happy to report that Riverside will again have the opportunity to take part in the "Blessings in a Backpack" program, now in its ninth year in Waterford. "Blessings in a Backpack" is designed to support families by providing food for three meals a day for your child during the weekends. Students who receive free and reduced fee lunches are invited to take part. The program is sponsored through the generous contributions of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, the Meijer Corporation, Changing Places, local churches, businesses, and individuals.

Those who take part will receive a backpack every Thursday, filled with food for the weekend. The simple meals may include food like macaroni and cheese, beef ravioli, cereal, peanut butter, soups, juice and other items. Students return the backpacks each week, so they may be filled again for the upcoming weekend.

If you are interested, AND your child is eligible to receive free/reduced fee lunches, please fill out the form below and return it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to your child's teacher or the school office, making sure that you indicate if your child has any food allergies. Then, look for the first backpack to come home in mid-September.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like to learn about other programs to support you and your family.

Warm regards,

Erica Rolack
Principal, Riverside Elementary
Phone: (248) 674-0805

 Yes, I would like my child to participate in the "Blessings in a Backpack" program and I will see that the backpack is returned each week by Monday.

Student's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

Parent's signature _____

FOOD ALLERGIES _____



"Inspire, educate and empower our students for their future!"

Special Education Presentation for Parents

Hosted by
The Student Support Services Department

NEW LOCATION

Stepanski Early Childhood Center
6010 Hatchery Road
Waterford, MI 48329
248.666.9593

Two ways to register:

- 1) Call - (248) 682.3242
- 2) Email - Nadine M. Milostan,
Executive Director
Milosn01@wsdmi.org

Finding Hope

Celebrate Hope will assist parents in navigating the challenges they face with having a child that has special and exceptional needs. This get-together will be tailored to the unique needs of each parent. We will provide support and then empower parents to face the challenges that stand before them.

Who should attend?

Parents and Families within the
Waterford School District.

When:

September 20, 2019
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Where:

Stepanski Early Childhood Center
248.666.9593
6010 Hatchery Road
Waterford, MI 48329

Presenters:

Lisa Goyette

John Ball

Co-Owners of Celebrate Hope, LLC



No person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, disability, height and weight, or marital status shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program, activity or event. Should you need any special accommodations, please let us know when you register.

The Waterford Coalition for Youth
Oakland County Suicide Prevention Task Force
and McLaren Oakland

invite the community to a

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

safeTALK

THURSDAY, November 7, 2019
5-8 pm

Waterford Township Library, 5168 Civic Center Drive
Training led by: Oakland County Suicide Prevention Task Force
Guest Speaker: Waterford Parent Kris Miller, In Memory of Nikolai

Dinner provided by McLaren Oakland

Space is Limited. Pre-registration required: 248-618-7424 or hhalls@waterfordmi.gov

safeTALK is a training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to become a suicide-alert helper. safeTalk-trained helpers learn to recognize verbal and nonverbal signs from people with thoughts of suicide and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents * Grandparents * High School Students * College Students * Teachers
Coaches * Police * Fire * EMS * Medial Providers * Faith-Based Organizations



In Memory of
Nikolai "Beans" Miller
2004-2019



Federal, State and County funding has been provided through the Oakland Community Health Network to help support the project costs.



Parent Resource Night

For Parents of Students with Special Needs

Hosted by: **Kingsley Montgomery School**


You are cordially invited to attend a Parent Resource Night at Kingsley Montgomery School. This is a unique opportunity being offered by the Waterford School District in collaboration with many community agencies. While we recognize that many of our families are already involved with community agencies, the purpose of this event is to provide better understanding of and familiarity with the programs and services available.

The event is free of charge and a wide variety of vendors and service providers will be present to share information. This will be a time to connect with agency representatives; you may wish to schedule an appointment for individual consultation and/or further discussion. While we have contacted these agencies and coordinated the event, these agencies are in no way endorsed by nor do they represent the Waterford School District.

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Time: 4:00pm-6:30pm

Location: Kingsley Montgomery School
4265 Halkirk
Waterford, MI 48329





GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC/LEAGUE

Come join high school coaches and athletes to learn and improve skills and fundamentals of basketball. These sessions will engage student-athletes teaching them drills, and components of offense and defense, including opportunities for game play.

DETAILS

DATES: Tuesdays September 24– October 29th

LOCATIONS: Mott

TIMES: 6:00-7:30

AGES: 3rd– 6th Grade

COST: \$75.00

DEADLINE: 9/24, 3pm

REGISTER: Online at www.wsdmi.org/learn (activity code 1923.012 or email interest to sklarm01@wsdmi.org and bring form and payment the first day of clinic)

CONTACT: Michelle Sklar sklarm01@wsdmi.org

WATERFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION - CRARY CAMPUS

501 N Cass Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Phone: 248.682.7800, Fax: 248.706.4888

<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female

Participant's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Cell/Night Phone _____ E-mail Address _____
T-Shirt Size: Yth Lrg Ad Sm Med Lrg XL

If participant is a minor: Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Cell/Night Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Activity #	Course Name	Start Date	Time	Location	Fee
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EMERGENCY AND HEALTH INFORMATION – REQUIRED

Medical conditions or special needs we should be aware of: _____

Please list individual to be called in case of illness/emergency: _____

Name	Relationship	Telephone #	Telephone #
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If you or your child would like to participate in this event, please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. You remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions. You also authorize and consent to the activity leader(s) securing medical services including hospitalization to aid you or your child, if in their judgment, such services are necessary. It is also understood that the Waterford School District does not maintain accident medical insurance for injuries that may be associated with this type of activity. It is your responsibility to provide medical insurance or other financial means of paying for activity related injuries.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Completed registration form and payment may be dropped off, mailed, or faxed to the above number.
Checks are payable to Waterford School District.

Visa _____ MC _____ Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____ CVV _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parents:

The following information is to help you know the chain of communication when you have questions or concerns. Please review it so that you save time getting to the correct people to help you.

How to Effectively Communicate with School Officials

Parents are often discouraged when they attempt to communicate with central office administrators and school board members and are sent back to building-based officials in order to resolve a problem their child may be experiencing in school. To prevent that frustration, parents can become informed about the “chain of command,” or where to begin the communication sequence regarding their problem or concern.

Many parent and community questions are easily and completely answered by communicating directly with the educator in charge of the class or program. Each situation should first be addressed at whatever level the initial action was taken with appeals moving on to the next level on the chain of command. The easiest way to communicate is via e-mail, and a phone call is the next preferable way.

1. On matters Involving Instruction/Curriculum

- a. Classroom Teacher
- b. Principal
- c. Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- d. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Services
- e. Superintendent
- f. Board of Education

2. On Matters Involving Athletics

- a. Coach
- b. Assistant Principal
- c. Principal
- d. Athletics Director
- e. Executive Director of Business and Operations
- f. Superintendent
- g. Board of Education

3. On Matters Involving Student Discipline

- a. Classroom Teacher
- b. Assistant Principal (Secondary level)
- c. Principal
- d. Director of Instructional Services and Technology
- e. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Services
- f. Superintendent
- g. Board of Education

4. On Matters Involving Facilities/Grounds/Buildings

- a. Principal
- b. Associate Director, Operations, Transportation, and Security
- c. Executive Director of Business and Operations
- d. Superintendent
- e. Board of Education

5. On Matters Involving Transportation

- a. Bus Driver
- b. Associate Director of Transportation, Operations, and Security
- c. Executive Director of Business and Operations
- d. Superintendent
- e. Board of Education



NOW AVAILABLE FOR WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT



WHY PARENTS & SCHOOLS CHOOSE SAFESTOP



It's free and features an easy-to-use interface



Expected bus stop arrival times and Bus Locator



Alerts & messaging for service notifications and updates



Secure registration to ensure access for only authorized users

HOW TO GET STARTED

NEW TO SAFESTOP?

Just follow these easy instructions to get the app.

- Search "SafeStop" on your Apple or Android device to download the free app. You can also access SafeStop on the web at www.SafeStopApp.ca.
- Select "Create Account", enter your information, and search for your school or district using your ZIP/Postal Code.
- Locate and select **Waterford School District** from the list provided.
- Enter in at least one valid Student ID to complete your secure registration.
- Do not know your Student ID? You can reach out to school administration.

RETURNING USER?

Welcome back! Now, let's get your account back online.

Log in to your SafeStop account then click "Reactivate Your Account." From there, just enter your postal code, select **Waterford School District**, and re-enter your Student IDs to successfully renew your account for the year.

SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT

- Once you log in to your account, select "Add A Bus Stop" and search using your home address. A list of routes with nearby bus stops will appear. Select the desired route and bus stop for your child's morning and afternoon bus stop.
- If you have multiple children, repeat this process for each of their bus stops. Tap the check mark in the top-right corner to return to your Account home screen.
- **NOTE: SafeStop relies on information provided by the transportation department. Use the Report An App Issue feature to report inaccurate route information.**

USING YOUR ACCOUNT

- Each bus stop features a Bus Locator button and a Scheduled Arrival Time. In most cases, an Estimated Time of Arrival will appear once we confirm the route is being performed as planned.
- The Alerts & Messaging Center is located in the top right corner of the app, which contains messages and updates from your transportation department.

For additional help, email us at support@SafeStopApp.ca or call (800) 843-8936.
Report An App Issue: Tap the Settings Icon and select Report An App Issue.



Waterford School District



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!!

****New Pay Rates****

(No experience necessary. Training will be provided!)

Waterford School District is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Relief & Regular Bus Driver \$16.00 / \$17.34 per hour
- Substitute Bus Assistant \$9.25 per hour

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALTH/RETIREMENT BENEFITS

SCHOOL BREAK PERIODS AND SUMMERS OFF

Applications must be submitted online via the district website <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/>
(Click on Employment)

For questions please contact Transportation at (248) 674-2692



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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 First day of School	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Popcorn Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Picture Day	28
29	30					



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Popcorn Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Popcorn Day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Half Day of School (dismissal at 11:57)	26
27	28	29	30	31		