



Riverbank School

November 2019 Parent Newsletter



November:

- 11/4-11/8 6th Grade Sly Park Trip
- 11/5 & 7 Foundation for a Drug Free World presentations to 7th and 8th grades
- 11/5 PTC Meeting in Library
- 11/7 Multicultural Potluck 4:30-6:30pm**
- 11/11 Veterans Day-No School
- 11/13 **1st Trimester (Grades K-5) Grades due**
- 11/13 & 15 Foundation for a Drug Free World presentations to 5th and 6th grades
- 11/14 **2nd Quarter (Grades 6-8) Progress Report Grades due**
- 11/20 DELAC meeting 8:30-10 at DO
- 11/21 Fire Drill 12:45pm
Kona Ice Day at 2:30
- 11/22 Spirit Day - Movie Character/Book Character Day
Principals' Coffee
- 11/23 YCCA Community Giveaway 8-12
- 11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break-No School



Parents - We need your help! Our Student Store is open every Thursday from 9:00- 10:15 am and 12:05-12:35 for our 6th-8th grade students. Students turn in their Otter Bucks to you and choose a prize from the Student Store. We would love your help handing out prizes to students who have earned Otter Bucks. If you have time to help, we would love to have you.

If you don't have time to volunteer at the Student Store, we can still use your help. We are looking for Riverbank families who may have connections with businesses (local or not so local) that might be willing to donate prizes or money for prizes for our Student Store. Students are excited about sporting goods equipment (basketball, soccer & volleyballs), school t-shirts, gift cards to local fast food restaurants, headphones, stickers, toys, gel pens, Takis, chips, candy. Etc. If you have a business connection you can share with us, we would be very grateful. Please see Mrs. Rodriguez or Mrs. Rabb-Patterson in the office

School Supervision and Safety - Job Opportunities at Riverbank

Riverbank School has two noon duty supervisor positions open that we want to fill to complete our supervision staff. One position is for 1.5 hours and the second position is for 1.75 hours. If you would like to work at Riverbank, please go online to Edjoin.org and submit your application. If you have any questions, please contact the Riverbank office at (916) 375-7700.



First Wednesday of the Month/College Day - November 6



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On the first Wednesday of each month your student may wear their favorite college gear or college colors to school. Teachers and school staff will also wear their college gear and talk to students about their college and career choices.

Multi-cultural Potluck - Everyone invited!

Come join our Riverbank family on November 7th from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Riverbank cafeteria. We are celebrating with an evening of delicious food and fun to highlight our diverse community. Please bring an ethnic dish to feed 8 people and a serving utensil (If possible, use disposable containers, please!). Please make your dish PEANUT FREE.

If your last name starts with A-I, bring a side dish or salad.

Last names J-R, bring a dessert. Last names S-Z, bring a main dish. Beverages will be provided. There will be a craft table for kids and dressing up is encouraged!



School Supervision and Safety

School grounds open at 7:30am at all schools in Washington Unified School District. There is no supervision for students before 7:30am unless your student is participating in the Champions program. For more information please contact Champions through the school office.

After school gets out at the end of the day, we provide crossing guards and campus supervision until 3:15 pm. Although we monitor students the best we can, we do not provide supervision at Bryte Park before or after school. The safest thing for students to do after school is go directly home. Another area to be aware of is the levy on Riverbank Road behind our school. When we see students going up there, we do ask them to leave, but there is a walking path there that is very secluded. Please caution your students that this is not a great place to hang out with friends because of its isolation.



Parade of Mascots

At this year's Parade of Mascots, Riverbank debuts its new Otter Mascot! Riverbank School would like to thank the Parent Teacher Club for providing part of the funds to purchase our new Otter Costume. We look forward to seeing our Otter on campus to celebrate Riverbank accomplishments.

Otter PRIDE for November

This year we are focusing on our Otter PRIDE. PRIDE stands for Positive Attitude, Respect/Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Empathy.

For November, we will be highlighting Integrity. Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We can have integrity at school when we find something that belongs to someone else and turn it in to a teacher instead of keeping it for ourselves or telling the truth even when we might get in trouble. We can show integrity by keeping our eyes on our own



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papers when we are taking tests or citing the correct resources when we use someone else's work in our writing. Take the opportunity to talk with your students about what Integrity means to you in your family.

Drug, Alcohol and Vaping Education in November



Riverbank is partnering with The Foundation for a Drug Free World in November. Fifth through Eighth grade students will have an opportunity to hear a presentation and ask questions about drugs and alcohol, including vaping from a representative from the Foundation for a Drug Free World. Parents are invited to come to school to hear the presentations if you are interested.

Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) at Riverbank through UC Davis

Through a partnership with UC Davis, EAOP is back at Riverbank this year. EAOP primarily serves students who are the first in their families to attend college or are socio-economically disadvantaged. Any Riverbank eighth grader can participate if they have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Students will participate in quarterly seminars to help prepare them for success in high school and college and go on a field trip to visit UC Davis. The program is limited to the first 40 students who turn in their permission slips. These permission slips will be sent home in early November and should be returned to the Riverbank office.



Suicide Awareness and Prevention Presentations for 7th/8th grades AND parents

On October 23rd parents were treated to a presentation on suicide awareness and prevention to help parents recognize signs of depression/anxiety and self harm in their students. Riverbanks 7th and 8th graders also received information in their social studies or English classes. Students were taught to ACT. ACT stands for Ask, Care and Tell. If students notice that something is wrong with a friend, they are encouraged to ask questions to find out how their friend is really feeling, show the friend that they care and tell an adult so the friend can get help. Yolo County maintains a crisis hotline in West Sacramento at (916) 372-6565. Anyone needing help can call the crisis line, whether you need help for yourself, a friend or a child. Another recommended resource is suicideispreventable.org.

PSAT 8/9 coming up for Eighth Graders

All Riverbank eighth graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9 on December 2, 2019. The PSAT 8/9 is highly relevant to your student's future success and focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures what students learn in school and what they will need to succeed in college. The PSAT 8/9 covers reading, writing, language and math. WUSD is covering the cost of this test for all eighth grade students. Students do not need to do anything special to prepare for the PSAT 8/9. Please encourage your eighth grade students to take the test seriously, but getting a good night's sleep the night before, eating a good breakfast on the day of the test and putting their





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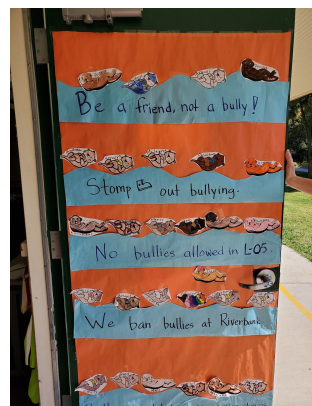
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best effort into answering the test questions. Some students have even gotten scholarships based on their PSAT 8/9 scores. Check out the College Board website for more information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

Highlights from October's Bullying Prevention Month

Riverbank students participated in bullying prevention activities all month long. Every student received an orange bracelet to show their support of bullying prevention. We had students draw sidewalk chalk drawing, Sat with Someone New during lunch, created a Unity Chain in the cafeteria, wore orange on Unity Day and captured it with a picture before school. We also had a door decorating contest and signed an anti-bullying pledge. Here are some of our best pictures.



November Breakfast/Lunch Menu can be found on our WUSD website:

<http://www.wUSD.k12.ca.us/Departments/Business-Services/Food-Services/School-Menus/index.html>

School Website

Please know we are working on cleaning up, revising and updating the school website. We updated the school website on a regular basis. <http://riverbank.wUSD.k12.ca.us/>



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