



Riverbank Otter September Parent Newsletter

September:

9/2	Labor Day-No School
9/6	PTC movie night #1
9/17	Riverbank Facilities Master Plan Community/Parent Input 4:30-6:00pm
9/18	DELAC meeting District Office Rm. 75 (8:30-10:00am)
9/19	Kona Ice Day at 2:30
9/20	Z Best Fundraising Information Sent Home
9/27	Principals' Coffee 8:15-9:15 in library

Communication & Student Success

At Riverbank, we highly value communication. Please remember that you can communicate with your child's teacher through many different modes. You can communicate by note, letter, email, phone calls and face to face conference. Please be aware that we try to return phone calls and emails within twenty-four hours of receiving the message.

In a situation where you may have some concerns about the classroom or your student, please contact the teacher first. If you contact the principal before contacting the teacher, administration will refer you back to the teacher. After meeting with the teacher, if you still have concerns then you may schedule a meeting with one administration (Principal Rabb-Patterson for Preschool-4th grades) (Principal Rodriguez for 5th-8th grades). We believe with strong communication your student will be successful at Riverbank.

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.

Another safety concern is outside access to campus during the school day. Any person wishing to enter the school grounds after 8:10am must sign-in in the office and receive a visitors' pass. If you are on campus without a visitor's pass you will be escorted to the office to receive one. This includes parents who are picking up or dropping off AM and PM Kindergarten students.

Otter PRIDE for August/September

This year we are focusing on our Otter PRIDE. PRIDE stands for Positive Attitude, Respect/Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Empathy. For August and September, Riverbank is focused on fostering a positive attitude with all students. There are several ways

to encourage a positive attitude as a daily habit. One is or create a culture of optimism. Encourage students to look for the 'bright side' in situations. Talk about things that you are grateful for with your students.

Another way to encourage a positive attitude is to help students develop a growth mindset by praising students for the effort in activities instead of their abilities. "I can see how much work you put into that. Great job" instead of "you're so smart". Helping students feel comfortable that learning is a process and that mistakes are okay helps them understand that they can do things even if they haven't mastered them yet. Correcting mistakes means we are learning and remember that everything is hard before it is easy. Check out this link to learn more:

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/growth-mindset-tips-for-parents/>

First Wednesday of the Month/College Day

In an effort to promote a college and career environment in Washington Unified School District we will be continuing the tradition of College Gear Day. 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. We are excited to have our Washington Unified students and our WUSD staff show their enthusiasm for their favorite college starting this next Wednesday, September 4th, 2019!

Uniform/Dress Code

Students in all Washington Unified K-8 schools are required to wear a school uniform. This consists of navy blue or khaki pants, slacks, athletic pants, leggings or blue jeans, skirts, shorts, jumpers, etc. with a white or navy blue collared shirt or blouse. Riverbank school t-shirts or sweatshirts may also be worn.

- **Dress Code**

Keeping your student focused on their studies in a safe learning environment is important to us! School board policy 5132 describes dress code expectations for all students to support us in this effort, *even for students with a uniform waiver on file*. Tennis shoes and clothing suitable for PE are strongly recommended. Any student who is dressed inappropriately will be given uniform clothing to wear.

If you need uniform assistance please contact our Outreach Specialist Mr. Sal Vega, at Svega@wusd.k12.ca.us or stop in the office to see him. He can assist with receiving new uniforms for your student(s).

Cell phone Policy

Our goal at Riverbank is for students to be engaged in academic and social learning activities as often as possible while at school. Using cell phones and electronic devices can be distracting to the learning environment and cause students to miss out on building academic skills and social relationships. Students may bring cell phones/electronic devices to school. However, these items must be turned off and stowed in backpacks once the students enter campus. Cellphones and electronic devices may not be used during recess, meal times, breaks or passing periods or class time. If a student is caught using a cell phone/electronic device, it will be confiscated. Parents may be asked to pick up the item from the office.

Riverbank School is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones/electronic devices.

School Website

Please know we are working on cleaning up, revising and updating the school website. The weekly can also be found on the front page of the website <http://riverbank.wusd.k12.ca.us/>

Food for Thought

4 Steps to Choosing Books at Your Child's Reading Level

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/encouraging-reading-writing/4-steps-to-choosing-books-at-your-childs-reading-level>

Choosing a Child's Book <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/choosing-childs-book>

Great Links

Safe Search <https://www.juniorsafesearch.com/>

NetSmartzKids <https://www.netsmartz.org/NetSmartzKids>

Fact Monster <https://www.factmonster.com/>

Cool Math for Kids <https://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

Hooda Math <http://www.hoodamath.com/games/>

BrainPop <https://www.brainpop.com/>

KidsReads <https://www.kidsreads.com/>

Learn to Type <https://www.typingclub.com/>

Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Code https://studio.code.org/users/sign_in

Hour of Code <https://code.org/learn>

College Campus Tours <https://www.campustours.com/>

California Colleges for Middle School Students <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/>

ALL WEDNESDAYS ARE MINIMUM DAYS

Minimum Day Schedule

AM K 8 am – 11:40 am

PM K 11:00am – 2:40pm

1st–3rd 8:10 am – 1:10 pm

4th-8th 8 am – 1:10 pm

PTO MEETINGS

Want to get involved? One option is to volunteer with our PTO! Please go to the following website for more information

Movie night is 9/6.

PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, beginning September 3rd from 4:00-5:30pm. Children are welcome!

September Breakfast/Lunch Menu can be found here:

<http://www.wusd.k12.ca.us/documents/Departments/Business%20Services/Food%20Services/School%20Menus/September%202019%20K-8.pdf>