



RIVERBANK SCHOOL

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Principals' Corner



Dear parents, guardians and students, It's quite difficult to believe we are already in November! As you may have noticed, the weather has turned a bit colder, but we're sure our students' learning is heating up! We are so proud of our students, teachers, support staff, and community members for working so hard and supporting each other during these challenging times. It is an honor to serve and support our Riverbank community. Thank you for all you do to support your children at home and for working in partnership with our staff. We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our amazing teachers and wonderful support staff for all they have done and continue to do for our students by learning new technologies, preparing meaningful and engaging lessons, working collaboratively, helping with technical challenges, staying connected to families, supporting social emotional learning, preparing and distributing learning materials, and for continuously being there for their students! Riverbank Otters rock!

Our Otter PRIDE personal character trait for November is DETERMINATION! Determination is defined as a firm or fixed intention to achieve a desired end. In other words, never giving up, no matter what! Determination is a trait great leaders and amazing students possess. Determination is transformative, keeps us moving forward, overcomes challenges and helps us focus on the future. Talk to your student about the power of determination and how they can display and develop this powerful character trait within themselves. "Just because it's hard doesn't mean it's impossible. You can do it!"

As we move forward, please keep in mind the importance of students engaging in both synchronous and asynchronous learning throughout each day. Work with your student/s to ensure they are on time and ready to learn. You can further support their learning by creating a daily routine, setting up a learning space with limited distractions and staying connected to their education and our Riverbank staff. Talk to your child about their school day, what they learned, what they enjoy, and any challenges they are facing. If you haven't yet, please also check-in with your child about where they are with their assignments and keeping up with their schoolwork.

2nd Grade

Big things are happening in 2nd grade this month! We are studying animals and their adaptations. We are writing about animals and how they survive in their habitats. The reading comprehension skill we are focusing on is identifying the main idea and supporting details of informational text. In math, we are focusing on numbers to 1000. We are working on skip counting, reading, writing, and comparing numbers up to 1000.

Important Date to Remember: 2nd Grade Supply Pick Up Tuesday, November 10th at 2:30-3:30.



4th Grade

Forth grade will be starting Unit 2 soon for English Language Arts! We will learn about the indigenous people that live in California. In Math, we are currently covering Factors and Multiples, soon to be moving onto multi-digit multiplication. We had such a great time participating in the attendance week, we know our amazing students did too!




5th Grade

We are finishing up our first virtual trimester, which ends on November 4th! Ask your student to share with you the narrative story they created! We are excited about starting a new novel called Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis. We completed the group research projects on Natural Disasters and students did an amazing job! Students are independantly researching a Native American Tribe of their choosing. In Math, we have begun our unit on decimals.



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Mrs. Watson's Special Day Class K-2
 Hello Riverbank Otters! Wow! It's November already. Before we know it, it will be the Winter Holidays. AND THEN 2021.....
 It has continued to be very quiet here at Riverbank without all your smiley faces, laughter and chatter in the halls. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, very soon. At least we get to see each other on the computer? We are getting pretty good at it don't you think? I love to hear from all our Riverbank teachers that students are engaged, you're completing your assignments and ALL of you are going the extra mile to make the best of this strange situation. Riverbank Otters Rock!!!!
 Continue to stay HEALTHY, WORK HARD and BE GOOD to your Families.
 See you as soon as we can!
 Mrs. Rebecca Watson

6-8 SDC Update 

Hey everyone!
 We have made so much progress since the beginning of the year! We are navigating online much more smoothly and really practicing our new skills! Everyone is logging in almost every day and participating. Keep that up to earn your Dojo points! Don't forget to use your independent work time to complete assignments and get outside for some fresh air. :)
 Mrs. Ortiz

Riverbank Celebrates:



No School 11/23-11/27



LIBRARY NEWS



If you purchased books from the Virtual Book Fair, they should be arriving at the school very soon! Thank you to all of the Riverbank Families & Staff that made it such a success!

We are currently conducting a full inventory of the library. If you still have library or text books checked out from last year, please turn them into the office as soon as possible to clear your account. Thank you!

KEVIN BRACY visits RB!



Riverbank had it's first ever virtual assembly with Kevin Bracy on October 26th. Three assemblies were run throughout the day for K-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grades. Mr. Bracy has been a part of RB assemblies for the past 7 years and speaks to students about keeping a positive attitude, embracing each student's own greatness, being kind to others and doing their best in school.

When you feel out of control...

- Complete your homework assignments**
- Read**
- Workout**
- Listen to music**
- Reach out and check on friends and family**
- Create a positive post**
- Play a game with family**
- Act silly with family**
- Take a nap**
- Look back through old pictures**
- Take a walk**

IamKevinBracy



AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nonprofit that changes lives by helping schools shift to a more equitable, student-centered approach. The goal of AVID trained educators is to close the opportunity gap, so they can prepare all students for college, careers, and life.

Riverbank has AVID trained teachers in 2nd -8th grades. New this year is our 6th-8th grade AVID elective. For one period a day, students receive the additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses and prepare them for success in high school and beyond. The response to the class has been positive by both students and teachers.

What some of our students are saying:

"I like that we are doing stuff for college because I want to go to college for either becoming a doctor, firefighter, two types of vets, and an artist." - Malia Moores, 7th grade.

"I like how we are learning a lot, and having fun at the same time." - Laura Osuna-Gonzalez, 7th grade.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Would you like to help with our 2020-2021 yearbook?

Email krodriguez@wusd.k12.ca.us if you are interested in helping out and we can email you a Google Meet link.

We can use parents at all grade levels!

No experience necessary!

Otter PRIDE

- Positive Attitude
- Respect & Responsibility
- Integrity
- Determination
- Empathy



In November we are focusing on **Determination!** Determination is a firmness of purpose

I am **Micaela (Mocettini) Nunn** and I teach 6-8 History!



Riverbank



Significant Otters



This month we celebrate our amazing **Cafeteria Staff!**

My name is **Sandra Ward**. I went to college and got my teaching credential at UC Davis...go Aggies! This is my 25th year of teaching in Washington Unified! I have worked at Alyce Norman, Yolo High, and Riverbank. Fun fact: I have taught every grade in Kinder-9th! Currently, I teach 2nd grade. Outside of teaching, I volunteer at an animal rescue where I socialize with cats...and I use my teaching skills to teach others how to play and interact with the cats, too!

OCTOBER 5-9 ATTENDANCE SPIRIT WEEK PICTURES - THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING! WE CAN'T PRINT THEM ALL, BUT OUR OTTERS ARE AWESOME!





**WASHINGTON
UNIFIED
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**
WEST SACRAMENTO

West Sacramento Community Resource Quick Reference Guide

Who to call when you have a question regarding:

Housing

4th & Hope
(530) 661-1218

Empower Yolo
(530) 661-6336

Food

Yolo Food Bank
(530) 668-0690

Salvation Army -Yolo
(916) 678- 4010

YCCA
(916) 572-0569

Legal Help

Empower Yolo
(530) 661-6336

Legal Services of Nor Cal
(916) 447- 5798

Childcare Help

Children's Home Society
(530) 645-6265

Domestic Violence

W.E.A.V.E.
916-920-2952

Suicide

Prevention

Suicide Prevention
of Yolo County
(916) 372-6565

National Hotline:
1-800-273-TALK

Suspected Child Abuse

Yolo hotline
(530) 669-2345

LGBTQ

Support

Sacramento LGBTQ
center
(916) 442-0185

Transportation

Via RideShare
(916) 318-5101

YoloBus
(916) 371-2877

Reproductive Health

Planned Parenthood
(530) 662 - 4646

Counseling

Mental Health Crisis &
Access line- Yolo
(888) 965 -6647

Yolo County ADMH
(530) 666 - 8630

Yolo County Behavioral
Health

(916) 375- 6350

Salud Clinic/
Communicare

(916) 403-2970

Tech Help

Computers 4 Kids
(916) 572-1152

**** Please note,** all organizations listed here often work collaboratively, and offer multiple additional services. When in contact, please inquire as to what other information they can share to help. Please also note- this is not an exhaustive list and there are many more community support services options available if needed.

