



# RIVERBANK SCHOOL

OCTOBER 1, 2020

VOLUME 2

## Principals' Corner



Riverbank welcomes our new Principal, Mr. Jaime Avelar (grades 1-5) to work with Mrs. Rodriguez (grades PreK, K, 6-8)

Virtual Learning is a new and a stretch for all of us. We are grateful for all of the support from families and the community as we navigate this new way of learning. We recognize the sacrifices that parents, extended family, neighbors are making to help their students do their very best. There are several ways that families can support their students in virtual learning no matter what grade your student is in.

1. Create a daily routine. Consistent beginning of the day and end of the day routines help keep things normal. Treat online school just like in-person school. Help students get up on time, dress, eat, brush their hair and teeth and gather supplies for school before their first virtual meeting starts.
2. Set up a learning space. Create a quiet space with a table, chair, enough light and power supply for technology. Keep school supplies organized near by.
3. Limit distractions. Try to limit distractions as much as possible while students are in their virtual classrooms. Turn off TVs or other media and try to keep pets and small children from interrupting the lesson.
4. Talk about the Learning. Ask you student about what they are learning in class and what they find interesting.
5. Maintain a balance. Don't focus solely on one thing. Take time to do fun things together.
6. Ask for support. Your Riverbank family is here for you.
7. Stay connected. Maintain relationships with family and friends.



### 1st Grade

First graders will be focusing on "Getting to Know Us" in our first Language Arts Unit. Students will learn how to retell stories; describe characters, setting, and key details in a story; as well as learn to use capitalization and end punctuation when they write. In math, students are learning to model and solve addition problems within 20. On October 7, first graders will attend a live-stream performance of The Adventures of Sir Enamel to be entertained while learning about dental health. [\[Video Link\]](#)

### A Message From Robin:

Ms. Robin has a new office and would love some art work on her new office walls! If we have a big turnout, they can be rotated, shared with staff, or displayed in the office! Students can express themselves with paint, pencil, color pencils, crayons (Max size is 8x10). The art can be dropped off in a box provided by the front door. Thank you!



### 2nd Grade

Second Grade is off to a great start! In reading, we are focusing on the elements of a story. We have read many fairy tales and literature and focused our discussions on character, setting, problems, and solutions. In Math, we are working on learning our doubles facts as well as solving problems with addition and subtraction.

\*Mrs. Piles class met virtually with their 5th grade buddies in Ms. Davis's class. The older students will serve as Mentors to the younger students and will be Pen Pals!

### 4th Grade

Forth grade is using The AVID Binders and the student planners. In ELA, we are working on UNIT 1, narrative writing and we are reading The Island of the Blue Dolphins. For math we are working on Place Value. Students are enjoying PE with Ms. Willow and ART lessons with Ms. Gregory.

### 5th Grade

Our fifth graders are amazing this year! We are enjoying a realistic fiction novel Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret. The group research project on Natural Disasters ties our interesting book to Science & Social Studies. In Math we are working on Place Value and understanding their relationship to one another. We are utilizing our AVID Planners for assignments and announcements, Ask your child to share it with you!

Good News!! Mr. Nunez became a New Dad on September 10th!! Congradulations to the Nunez Family!!

### A Message From Speech Services:

Thank you so very much for all your support and collaboration during our virtual learning. Please check your student's email for meeting links/reminders or check on the Speech google classroom page. If you have any questions or concerns please call

Mrs. Montoya at 916-375-7700 ext. 3544.



### Riverbank Celebrates:



### Mrs. Watson's Special Day Class

Hello Riverbank Otters! I am so proud of ALL of you for starting this school year with smiles on your faces!!! You are all Super Students. Your Teachers have told me how hard you have been working. You are logging into your classes, completing assignments and staying engaged, and that is SO AWESOME!

I miss seeing all your smiley faces in person, passing in the halls and playing with you at recess. A SPECIAL shout out to my students! I am so proud of them and their families!! They have started off the school year with a bang and continue to log in and work towards their goals every day!!! We have been counting apples and leaves and sorting by Fall colors. Yes even on the computer!! Such fun! It's my favorite time of year.

Have a Great Autumn! October is here already.

Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Rebecca

### Riverbank ~ Read Alouds

Please visit the Library Page of our Website to watch videos of our amazing Staff read books in our new Otter Family Reading Corner! Kicking off October 1st!



### 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.

## Otters in Action

### Kinder-5th

Watson ~ Logan & Hanna  
 Koerwitz ~ Lupita  
 Bryant ~ Pablo & Mariia  
 Praseuth ~ Caelyn  
 Scoleri ~ Sebastian & Denis  
 Moreno ~ Jordan & Rikashna  
 Pile ~ Vanessa & Aava  
 Ward ~ Kazea & Andrea  
 Wilson ~ Leilani & Erik  
 Branin ~ Arav  
 Keller ~ David  
 Lorenzo ~ Yarezi & Elizabeth  
 Johnson ~ Raudel & Polina  
 Wong ~ Azalea  
 Medina ~ Emily & Crystal  
 Bassett ~ Uriel & Abby  
 Davis ~ Anna & Atreyu

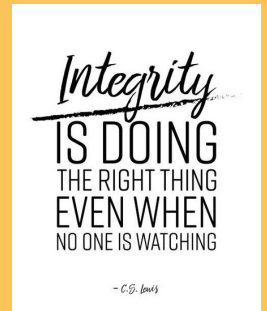
### Middle School

Fabian Morales  
 Alyona Tolpinskaya  
 Jonathan Perminov  
 Zanyla Calhoun



## Otter PRIDE

Positive Attitude  
 Respect & Responsibility  
 Integrity  
 Determination  
 Empathy

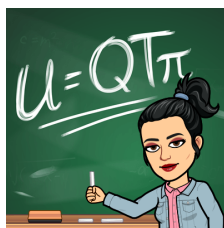


In October we are focusing on **Integrity!** Integrity is being honest and having strong moral principals.

I am **Paul Montgomery** and I'm in my 27th year of teaching, 25 of those years at WUSD. I love the community I serve and wouldn't want to work anywhere else. I've taught 2nd, 4th, 5th 6th, and middle school grades. I also worked as an elementary mathematics specialist/coach for 8 years. I am currently one of two ITL's (Instructional Technology Leader) for Riverbank. I have a wife and two adult children. I love music, hiking, mountain biking, snorkeling, and working on a really good problem.



# Riverbank Significant Otters



Hello fabulous Otters. My name is **Sandra Lorenzo** (Mrs. Lorenzo). I am teaching 3rd grade this year at Riverbank. I have taught students from TK -10th grade for over 20 years. I enjoy working with kids of all ages. I enjoy traveling and when possible I like to spend my summers in Mexico. The farthest place I travelled to was Iceland, it was amazing. I enjoy watching movies and spending time with my family and friends. However, I really love spending time with my fur baby Hoody and my grandbaby Alayana the most. Some of my favorite things to do are going to the beach, cooking, and visiting new places. I love being part of the Riverbank Otter Family!

My name is **Larissa (Hansen) Yu** and this is my fourth year with Riverbank as a Para-educator. My past work includes home daycare provider, hair stylist, real estate agent, and caregiver for the elderly. I then followed an opportunity to work with kids, and I'm so glad I did! Nothing has been more rewarding than helping students overcome setbacks and they realize their potential. Those are the moments that confirm all the hard work is so worth it. I want to thank our teachers and staff at Riverbank for their dedication and willingness to go above and beyond for our students, and in support of each other. I continue to try to follow their examples, as they have been incredibly helpful to me in my role as an educator. Thank you!







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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.*



# ATTENDANCE: EVERYDAY MATTERS! WUSD *Spirit Week*

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## PAJAMA DAY

Rollin' into school  
ready to learn!

Daily attendance raffles!

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## JERSEY DAY

Team up for  
success!

Daily Participation Prizes!

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## CRAZY HAIR or HAT DAY

Heading for success by arriving  
on time!

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## NEON DAY

Good attendance leads  
to bright futures!

Best pics showcased on school websites

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## SCHOOL PRIDE DAY

Show off & wear  
your school colors  
today!

Class competitions!



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We can do *virtually* anything!





You're Invited!



Our school is hosting a Follett Book eFair!

Encourage students to read!



Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. Explore our online book fair and help your child find their next favorite book.

Now everyone can participate! Encourage your child to create their online wish list and share with friends and family.

[efairs.follettbookfairs.com](http://efairs.follettbookfairs.com)

Our eFair code: **M9W9D**

Orders due by: **October 15th 2020**

Follett will ship your books to the school after our eFair is complete.

For every purchase made, we will earn up to 40% back in rewards to help support our school!



¡Nuestra escuela será anfitriona de una Feria!

Apoyar el amor por la lectura es esencial para el éxito de los estudiantes. Explore nuestra feria de libros en línea y ayude a sus hijos a encontrar su siguiente libro favorito.

¡Ahora todos pueden participar! Aliente a sus hijos a crear su lista de deseos en línea y compartirla con amigos y familiares.

[efairs.follettbookfairs.com](http://efairs.follettbookfairs.com)

Nuestro código de eFeria: **M9W9D**

Pedidos para el: **Octubre 15º 2020**

Follett enviará las compras en línea a la escuela una vez que la feria haya terminado.



¡Por cada compra realizada, obtendremos hasta 40% en recompensas para ayudar a apoyar a nuestra escuela!

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Communication  
Between School &  
Community

YOU ARE INVITED TO RIVERBANK K-8 SCHOOL

# PARENT COMMUNITY FORUM

EVENT HOSTED BY

**RIVERBANK  
PRINCIPALS**

MONDDAY,  
OCTOBER 5  
FROM 4PM - 5PM

AGENDA ITEMS:  
-Troubleshooting  
student technology  
-Student health &  
wellness  
-Virtual Learning  
questions & answers



Parent Community Forums will take place every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Topics determined by parent requests.

In English:  
[meet.google.com/ude-uqsi-mis](https://meet.google.com/ude-uqsi-mis)  
or by phone: (929) 324-9966  
PIN: 274 248 871

En español:  
[meet.google.com/tgb-kzsp-oiq](https://meet.google.com/tgb-kzsp-oiq)  
or by phone: (919) 480-2838  
PIN: 867-921-880