Happy Winter Riverside Families!

I hope that all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday with both family and friends. I know the Riverside Family enjoyed their break but were excited to see your children’s smiling faces.

December is a busy month at the Owls Nest. Many of our classes are taking field trips, hosting winter parties, participating in the winter concert, coming to the first annual Polar Express Pajama Family Movie Night, shopping in the Santa Shop and or buying a Kindness Kringle. Phew, we sure are busy!

As the weather has turned cold this past week, it is important that we practice the same dismissal routines that we have had all year. This week we experienced a high volume of traffic on the bus side of the building with families trying to join the pick-up line on that side. This caused a back-up on the road and did not allow our bus drives to exit. This back up causes a safety concern. Please be reminded that all families join the pick-up line from Montrose Ave. Families must enter the pick-up line via Warren Avenue. Pre-K and Kindergarten parents you cannot park on the right side of the circle, you MUST park on the right side. I know the weather is cool but we must follow the dismissal plan to ensure the safety of all of our students, staff, and families.

Mrs. Gamble ☺

UPCOMING DATES

December
3-14- Winter NWEA Testing
3- Pre-K and McCarthy Field Trip to Zoo
5- Kindergarten Field Trip to Shaker Lakes
7- No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students ONLY
10-14- Kindness Kringle Sale (25 cents each)
11- Pre-K and McCarthy Field Trip to National History Museum
13- Polar Express Pajama Family Movie Night- 5 pm to 8 pm
18- 5th Grade and Ms. Robbins Field Trip to Great Lakes Theater
20- Winter Concert @ 10:30 am
21- Middle School Winter Solstice Dance @ 2:15 pm

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE RIVERSIDE KITCHEN?

Monday- Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple
Tuesday- Meatball Sub, Sweet Potato Tots, Brainy Broccoli Salad, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday- French Toast Sticks, Turkey Sausage, Cheesy Potatoes, Strawberries, spinach salad, cinnamon apples
Thursday- Chicken drumstick, dinner roll, waffle fries, greens, peach cup
Friday- Personal Pan Pizza, confetti tots, tossed salad, applesauce

PTC UPDATE AND NEWS CORNER

Riverside PTC Meeting! please join us
Thursday, December 6th at 6pm in the Cafeteria

Staff Luncheon
Our Staff Appreciation luncheon will be held on December 12th. Please sign up to bring a beverage or dessert at https://forms.gle/RiversidePTCDecember2018

Please join us next Thursday for our monthly PTC Meeting. Your input is valued. We want Riverside to be a great place for your child. Hope to see you there!
**Polar Express Pajama Movie Night**

**Who:** All Riverside Families

**What:** The evening will include FREE pictures with Santa, food, Polar Express Movie, Milk and Cookies, Book Raffle, Winter Break homework info

**When:** Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 5 pm to 8 pm

**Where:** Riverside School

**Why:** All families that attend the event will have the opportunity to pick up their child’s winter break practice packet a week early, take FREE pictures with Santa (bring your cell phone), hang out with Riverside families enjoying a meal and a movie!

**Please look for the flyer that includes the RSVP for this event**

**All families are encouraged to bring their yard pop up chairs and blankets for the movie. It might not be summer time in the park but it's winter movie time at Riverside**

**2018 Penguin Shop**

This year our Pre-K through 5th grade students will be able to buy gifts for family and friends in our Penguin Shop. The Shop will be open December 17th-20th, ONLY! Gifts will range from 50 cents to 10 dollars. Please look for the official flyer and schedule to come home on Monday. All gifts will be wrapped prior to being sent home.

**Riverside 2 Riverside: A Giving Tree**

We still have some ornaments left on our tree. If you are interested in purchasing an item for a student at Riverside, please see the details below.

There are 2 ways families can participate:

1. Pick 1 or more ornaments off the Giving Tree for a Riverside scholar and then sign it out with Ms. Edelbergs.
2. Visit our Google Form and choose an ornament item. The ornament will then be sent home with your child that day in a sealed envelope. We will sign the ornament out for you at the school. The Google Form can be found on the Riverside PTC Page as well as the front page of the Riverside’s Website under the “Quick Links” tab. The URL is: https://goo.gl/forms/q0PBkU6B4JroEW12

**FAMILY FUN IN THE CLE THIS WEEKEND**

**Potted Potter Express Train**

Saturday and Sunday @ 12-6 pm

@ Crocker Park Shopping Center

**Crocker Parking Holiday Skating**

Saturday and Sunday @ 12-6 pm

@ Crocker Park Shopping Center

**Crown Point Parkway Festival of Lights**

Saturday and Sunday @ 5:30 - 11 pm

@ Crown Point Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio

**Browns Game Info**

Sunday, December 2nd – Browns @ Texans

Kick-Off @ 1 pm

**Dismissal Safety Reminder**

When picking up your child, please **DO NOT** direct them to walk in front of cars or in between cars in order to get in vehicles. Please ensure you are parked along the curb when picking up your child. This is for the safety of all of our students and families.

The goal of our dismissal is to get all students home safely in a timely fashion. When cars stop in the middle of the road waving students to get in the car this poses serious safety concerns. Please follow our dismissal guidelines and expectations.

**School Hours Reminder**

Riverside instructional hours are 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. We will do a staggered dismissal: Pre K at 3:35 pm. Kindergarten at 3:45 pm. Car riders and Walkers (K-5) at 3:45 pm to the main door. Middle School at 4:00 pm.
Polar Express Pajama Movie Night

Thursday, December 13th 5 pm to 8 pm
Please join us for Family Holiday Fun

♦ Polar Express Movie
♦ FREE Santa Pictures
♦ Food
♦ Polar Express Book Raffle
♦ Milk & Cookies
♦ Pick up your child’s winter break homework EARLY (K-8)!

Evening Schedule
5-6:30 Santa Photos
5:30 - Food Served
6:00 - Movie Begins

Please bring your pop-up yard chairs and blankets for the movie

All Families will need to bring a cell phone or camera for the FREE Santa Photos

It’s a Pajama Night, so wear your PJ’s

Please fill out the RSVP below. Only families that RSVP will receive dinner tickets. All Dinner RSVP’s are due by December 6th. No RSVP needed for Santa Pictures, Movie, and Homework Packets!

Polar Express Movie Night RSVP

**Please note this form is due by Friday, December 6th**

Only families with submitted RSVP’s will receive a food ticket at the event.

Child(ren) Name(s): __________________________
Parent Name: __________________________ Parent Signature: __________________________

_____ Yes, we will be attending
_____ No, we will NOT be attending

Total # of Guests Attending ________

Thank you!