



The Bear Facts

Riverside Elementary Bears PTA

September, 2017

Riverside Mission Statement

Every Child's Learning Comes First at Riverside

Students and Staff United in Purposeful Engagement at Riverside

Be here Excel A+ attitude Respectful Safe



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Monday, September 4th	NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5th	21st Century Begins
Tuesday, September 12th	READING/MATH NIGHT Begins @ 6:00—7:00
Monday, September 18th	PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM Chorus Performs / Title I Parent/Family Engagement
Tuesday, September 19th	PICTURE DAY
Thursday, September 21st	McDONALD'S NIGHT 5:00 - 7:00 PM Brownswitch Rd. Location
Monday, September 25th	GRANDPARENT'S DAY

October

Friday, October 6th	NO SCHOOL / Parish Fair
Thursday, October 12th	End of First Quarter
Friday, October 13th	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Day
Monday, October 16th	Citizen of the Month 9:15 AM in Cafeteria
Monday, October 23rd	PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM 4th Grade Program / Title I Parent/Family Engagement
Monday, October 23rd - Friday, October 27th	RED RIBBON WEEK
Thursday, October 26th	McDonald's Night 5:00—7:00 PM Brownswitch Road
Tuesday, October 31st	Western Day/Hayride

November

Monday, November 13th	PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM 3rd Grade Veteran's Day Title I PFE Event
Thursday, November 16th	McDonald's Night 5 - 8 PM / Brownswitch

Come See Ronald McDonald tonight!

Mon. - Fri., November 20 - 24th Thanksgiving Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a great start to our 2017-18 school year. Thank you for coming to Open House. It was great seeing everyone.

We have many events that are taking place this month. Literacy/Math Night sponsored by Title I is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We are encouraging all students and family members to wear Saints or favorite team shirts for this special night event. Students will enjoy a tailgate party consisting of sports related games, activities, door prizes and free snacks. Please come out and see what the teachers and staff have planned. Some important reminders: PTA meeting on the 18th with 5th grade chorus performing; Riverside school picture day is the 19th - students wear their best school uniform; McDonald's Night on the 21st; and Grandparent's Day on the 25th. We have a busy month - thank you for supporting our school.

Also, if you have not joined PTA, please become a member. The school is striving for 100% membership.

— Principal MaryLou Jordan

TITLE I TIDBITS

Our school year is off to a great start and this month we have three Title I Parent/Family Engagement activities planned. Our annual "Kick Off to Great Learning" will be held on Tuesday, September 12 beginning at 6:00. Teachers and staff will be located around the school with great learning activities that students and parents can play. Our goal is to give parents many avenues to make homework fun and exciting. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Monday, September 18th at 6:30, Title I will be sponsoring a Parent Meeting for all fifth grade students. 5th Grade teachers will be giving an overview of some of the learning activities and ways to help students at home.

Monday, September 25th, we hope to see all grandparents at our Grandparent's Day activities. Grandparents will visit classrooms and engage in technology-rich lessons that enrich their grandchild's learning.

Please visit Riverside's website and look for our Title I links. These links will give insight into what Title I is and how it is used at Riverside. We welcome your comments and suggestions!

FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

FALL FUNDRAISER KICKOFF

Monday, September 18th

Ends Tuesday, October 10th

Top Seller will be Principal of the Day on Western Day

Our membership goal is 100% membership for every student. Please consider joining. We will be having a contest again this year for the classroom with the most memberships. More details to follow.

Don't forget about the **Family Gram**. Remember, it gives you 5 membership cards and a "business card" size ad for a special message or words of encouragement to your child. The ad will be printed in the newsletter October through December. It costs \$30. Send in what you want it to say along with your payment.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS WELCOME! Your business card will be printed EVERY month in our newsletter which goes out to almost 500 homes each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RIVERSIDE SPIRIT SHIRTS HAVE A NEW LOOK: Our activity day shirts have a new design this year. We are still taking orders for them. Activity Day t-shirts can be worn every Friday and on field trips. Shirts from last year may still be worn. New shirts are \$10. We are also taking pre-orders for long-sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts. The long-sleeve shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$20. Prepayment for specialty shirts must be by Friday, September 15th.

Smelly Pencils are all the rage with students!!! We will be selling them again this year at a cost of \$1.00. They will be Halloween themed and delivered before Western Day. Be watching for more information coming home.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY HELP NEEDED. We need volunteers to take pictures of grandparents and students on Grandparent's Day, Monday, October 25th. If you have a camera (not a phone/tablet/or portable device) and you have some time to come help out, please send a note in to your child's teacher or call the school and leave a message. We will contact you with the details.

This month's PTA meeting will take place on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. Your 5th grade chorus will be performing. Please come out and show your support while enjoying the performance.

— Britanee Symons & Jill Jeffrey - PTA Co-Presidents

Classroom Notes

First Grade

First grade teachers would like to thank you for attending Open House. We had a lot of great questions, and we hope you understand what is expected from your child. We have a lot of exciting events coming up in September. Riverside will have our annual Reading and Math Night from 6:00-7:00. We look forward to playing lots of fun educational games! Our fall pictures will also be in September. Students will wear their **uniform only** on Tuesday, September 19th. We will also be having our 2nd McDonald's Night on Thursday, September 21st.

We are collecting snack items to be sold for concessions. All donations will go directly into funding our field trip that is scheduled for the spring. Donations may include Freezy Pops, Rice Krispie Treats, and Goldfish Crackers.

A few of the things we will be learning about this month: Johnny Appleseed, fall season, and bus safety.

Second Grade

Wow the second graders are working very hard to learn all the routines and procedures for their classes. September will be a very busy month for all of us. The students will be DIBELS tested for reading levels. This test shows your child's oral reading fluency, words read per minute. From that information, each teacher can plan for your child's reading instruction. We will implement the Burst Intervention Program to help boost reading levels for some students. Watch for more info.

Please continue to help establish the homework program with your child. Remember, you are helping your child to create good study habits in the future. Practice reading vocabulary words and definitions nightly with your child, reading fluency stories or from books, and any written homework.

Please join PTA for your child. The winning class gets a special field trip.

There are many things going on in September. Please come to Reading and Math Night on September 12th. It is such a fun night. On September 19th, the children will take Fall Pictures in their uniforms. September 21st is McDonald's Night. Come out and enjoy someone else cooking for a change. September 25th is Grandparents' Day. Encourage your child to invite grandparents to come that day. They participate in a lesson in their grandchild's classroom and enjoy refreshments. It is such a wonderful time for everyone.

Thank you for helping your child's second grade experience be a great one. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Third Grade

The third grade teachers would like to thank all the parents who came to Open House last month. We appreciate your time and dedication to your child's education. We look forward to seeing families at our upcoming events this month, including Reading and Math night on September 12! The students always enjoy this fun night with their family and friends! We will have our 2nd McDonald's night on the 21st, and Grandparent's Day on the 25th. Children should look their best on the 19th, we will be taking class pictures that day. School uniforms must be worn. What a busy month!

Now that it is September, we are really getting into the swing of things! Our students are enjoying learning about Cajun culture. We have been reading and studying the Cajun folktale, Lapin Plays Possum. We are diving right into new skills in math! The students are already learning what it means to multiply and divide. Please take the time to practice multiplication facts at home. Also, please continue to encourage your child to read each night at home.

Please continue to check your child's take home folder daily, and to send in a healthy snack each day. Remember, if you ever have any questions you can always contact us or check important announcements on your teacher's webpage!

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is off and running! The students are already showing us how hard they can work and how eager they are to learn. Please continue to stay involved as we move further into the year. Continue checking your child's take home folder each night. Be on the lookout for important notices and information that may be sent home from your child's teacher or the school.

It was great seeing all of our parents at Open House. We hope your classroom visit was helpful in understanding how our classrooms are run. Remember you can always reach us through email. Go to Riverside's website and click on teacher corner.

Please Volunteer!! Our 4th grade students are the Class of the Week from September 25th through October 27st. We will need concession sellers every Tuesday and Wednesday these weeks. If you can and would like to volunteer for any dates during this time frame, please send your child's teacher a note or better yet, an e-mail. Concession sellers should be in place from 12:20 until 1:30 each day. We would like to have at least two people selling each day. Thank you in advance for your support.

SPECIAL 4th Grade PERFORMANCE: 4th grade will be performing at the October PTA meeting. Our students are always excited about performing and having their parents in attendance in the audience. Be on the lookout for a permission slip indicating your child's attendance that evening. This means that you and your child are making the commitment to be in attendance at the October PTA meeting/4th grade performance night. We hope to see everyone there!

Fifth Grade

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for almost a month! Time is sure flying. The fifth grade teachers would like to thank all of the parents and other family members who attended Open House. It was a pleasure to meet all of you, and we hope the night was informative. The students are progressing nicely with the routine of switching classes and are practicing classroom procedures on a daily basis.

September is a very busy month. There will be no school on Monday, September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday. Our annual Kickoff to Learning Math and Reading Night will be on Tuesday, September 12th from 6-7. Come out in your favorite jersey, play loads of games, and maybe win some prizes! Those students who attend that night will be allowed to wear their favorite jersey to school with their uniform bottoms!

There will be a PTA meeting on Monday, September 18th. 5th grade teachers will be having an informative session discussing the Reading and Math Curriculum beginning at 6:30. We encourage all parents to attend to learn more about your child's school. Tuesday, September 19th is fall picture day. Students are to wear their uniforms as these pictures will be in our yearbook. Our 2nd McDonald's Night will be held on Thursday, September 21st from 5-7 at the McDonald's on Brownsitch Road. 5th grade won the last attendance competition, so let's see if we can do it again!

Finally, Grandparents' Day will be held on Monday, September 25th. We hope to see many grandparents coming to learn more about their grandchild's classroom! Please continue to check your child's agenda each night and initial it so that we know you have seen it. It is very important that your child copy his or her homework each day and any tests they might have. These agendas help keep you, as parents, informed. As always, thank you for your continued support each day, and don't forget to join PTA so that your child's class might win the special class field trip!

Safety Poster Drawing Contest

Safety Posters are due Friday, September 22nd. This is a PTA sponsored contest. The theme this year is "Being Safe Around Animals." This is not a mandatory contest, but hope many will participate. Turn all entries in to your child's teacher.

Cafeteria

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are online again this year. Even if you qualified for this program last year you will still have to reapply for the 17-18 school year. If you enrolled in a special program such as Food Stamps or KIT, you must still fill out a new lunch application. If you are in need of a hard paper copy of the application, please contact Ms. Debbie Younce and she can assist you at 985-863-2017. Deadline for application is Friday, September 8th to avoid lunch bills.



Grandparent's Day at Riverside is

Monday, September 25th, 2017

This is a Title One Parent / Family Engagement Event

This is a day that grandparents are invited to come and participate in classroom learning with their grandchildren. Riverside teachers will be planning special learning opportunities for all in attendance.

Grandparents are encouraged to come spend time in the classroom and join PTA if they have not done so already. A grandparent membership is only \$6.00. Please consider joining our Riverside PTA. PTA volunteers will be available to help you with your membership during Grandparent's Day.

Whole class pictures will be taken with students and grandparents this day. Any grandparent who is already a member or joins that day will get a group photo of all the grandparents and students in attendance in the classroom - FREE OF CHARGE.

Grandparents: please remember to fill out the special PTA form so that the PTA can get your photo to you.

ALL GRANDPARENTS ATTENDING MUST BE ON THE STUDENT'S EMERGENCY CARD in order to visit the classroom. Parents/Guardians, please be sure to take care of this before Grandparent's Day. Grandparent's must check in before going down to the classroom - --be sure to have your photo ID with you when you come.

Grandparent's Day Schedule

Teachers will send down students with a sign leading grandparents to the classroom at the assigned times. While in the classroom, the grandparents will participate in a lesson with their grandchildren (approximately 30 minutes), then the class and all of the grandparents, in attendance, will go to the library for a group photo. Group photos will be taken and then sent home at a later date. Only PTA members get a FREE PHOTO.

8:45—9:45 Second and Third Grade

10:00—11:00 Fourth and Fifth Grade

1:00—2:00 First Grade

GRANDPARENTS - PLEASE JOIN PTA!



Photo Application

Please Print

Grandparent Name _____

Grandchild's Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher Name _____

Address (in case it has to be mailed):

Phone _____

Are you a member of the PTA? YES or NO

GRANDPARENT'S DAY MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining for only \$6.00