

THE BEAR FACTS

Riverside Elementary Bears PTA

RIVERSIDE'S MISSION STATEMENT
"Educate and Empower Children for Future Success"

SEPTEMBER 2020

Principal Points

Welcome to the beginning of school! The staff at Riverside has been working diligently to prepare for the beginning of the 2020-2021 year. We understand that you are trusting us with your most precious possession, your child. Please be assured that the safety and health of the students as well as the adults on campus is our focus. Masks are required for all adults as well as children in third grade and above. The campus has been marked to promote social distancing and hand sanitizing stations are located throughout. We have closed all communal water fountains but have installed a water bottle filling station. I encourage each of you to allow your child to bring their own water bottle. For those unable to do so, we will have water available. I know you have many questions concerning meals, recess and all of the normal day to day activities. Breakfast will be a grab and go where students eat in their classrooms. Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria, the commons area of the school and an outdoor picnic area as weather permits. Students will have recess and all of their enrichment classes such as PE, art, music and library. These will look different from the years past, but we are dedicated to ensuring the students have as much normalcy as possible.

It is with a heavy heart that I share that no visitors will be allowed on campus this year. This means no one will be allowed to walk their child in the first day of school or have lunch with the students. Additionally, we will not be having birthday celebrations in the classrooms. These are additional measure to ensure our campus remains as safe as possible.

Please be patient with our carline as it is expected to be longer than normal. Buses are limited to the number of students that can ride, so please be mindful of making transportation changes this year. We are asking for a 24-hour written notice of a transportation change which will allow us to make sure a bus can accommodate the number of students.

If you have not already done so, please go to www.stpsb.org and fill out a free and reduced lunch application for your child. Payment is expected for any charges made prior to being accepted to the program.

In closing,

Riverside's mission is to educate and empower students for future success. We know this can be accomplished by building a positive environment where students thrive, supporting and monitoring the individual needs of all and forming and maintaining strong partnerships with all stakeholders. Additional information concerning our school year can be found on our school webpage, www.Riversideelementary.stpsb.org. As always, please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns you may have.

Patti Holden, Principal

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Concessions

No concessions will be sold by PTA at this time.

School Spirit Shirts – Riverside Bears PTA has partnered with Mirror Image to ensure that school spirit shirts can still be purchased. If you are interested in buying a school spirit shirt, please go the following website to place an order, miteamshop.com. All orders will be placed directly through Mirror Image as well as will be picked up from their location.

PTA Facebook Page – Our Facebook page is currently under construction. Please call the school with any questions regarding PTA.

Cafeteria Comments

Free and reduced lunch applications need to be completed as soon as possible. If your child has charges prior to qualifying, you will be responsible.

Please be mindful of peanut allergies when you fix your child's lunch. We do have children at Riverside who have severe allergies. We are asking that you not send peanut based lunch products with your child to school to ensure the safety of all children.

If you need any help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Cafeteria Manager:
Robert Carswell at (985) 863-2017.

Visit Riverside's webpage for a direct link to application.

Check It Out!

Our student handbook can be located on our school webpage, www.riversideelementary.stpsb.org

This year all STPPS students will be issued a Chromebook. The Chromebook Usage Agreement form must be signed and returned before receiving a Chromebook. A fee of \$20 will cover damages that may occur during the school year. You can find this form on our website and one will be sent home with your child. If you choose the damage coverage, you may pay it on www.mypaymentsplus.com

Please see our school webpage for an informational video on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and to view our School Improvement Plan (SIP). If you have comments or questions about anything you see on our website, please email Mrs. Holden at patti.holden@stpsb.org.