

The Riverside Roar

For the week of September 21, 2020

The Riverside Roar is our weekly newsletter to inform our families of all the great things happening at school. A paper copy will be sent home with traditional students and will be posted on our website for hybrid and online students.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Riverside we are diving into testing! Why test so early? The results of testing, when used appropriately, make us better teachers. Tests can hold everyone accountable and steer our instruction. I've often heard the quote, "What gets measured, gets done." We know that not all learning can be measured with a test and at times it may feel like tests are taking over our lives, but we must continue to measure and adapt. Please see information from Mr. Gray, Director of Academics, below. We will continue to notify you of important testing dates, so we can work together for our students' success!

Sincerely, Ms. Lucas

Director of Academics

Mr. Gray

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iReady Diagnostics to measure abilities in math and English Language Arts were administered this past week. These assessments were given to all traditional and hybrid students while they were in the building and were also administered to online students through Canvas. This data will be used to make instructional decisions that meet individual student's needs and develop rigorous, engaging lessons.

Upcoming Events

September 21

Teacher Professional Development Day
No school for students

October 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences
No school for students

October 16

End of first quarter

October 21

Picture Day

Grab and Go Meals

Hybrid students will bring meals home every Wednesday.

Online families may pick up meals by pulling up to the kitchen door on the east side of the building. Pick up is on Thursdays from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.



English Language Arts

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This week the middle school took an assessment called the iReady Reading Inventory that determines reading grade level equivalency for students. If you ask your student what reading level they are on they should be able to communicate that to you. Students also have a sheet that lists specific domains in reading that they may need assistance with, and areas they are excelling in. Ask your student about this document and the goals we've set for them this school year. It will be a great conversation starter and opportunity to discuss goals for this school year and matriculating eventually to high school!

Math

Mrs. McConnell

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Middle school math is going full steam ahead! We were able to finish the iReady diagnostic last week, which gives us a great tool for math education at school or at home. The expectation is that your student spends at least 45 min a week on iReady. If you are a traditional student and need help accessing iReady from a home device, please let me know. We will do what we can to help you. Homework this year in math is focused on practice and demonstrating skills, not on repetition. There may be days when your child has a few problems for homework and there may be times when they were able to finish work at school. Please don't be concerned if it looks like math homework isn't coming home. As usual, please contact me with any concerns

Social Studies

Ms. Charley

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This week, the 6th and 8th grades finished their first standard. Next week, we will be starting the second standard in both grades. The virtual and hybrid sections are within 2 days of traditional students. Online, we started using some new technology like jam board and EdPuzzle. Remember, virtual and hybrid students have assignments posted at the latest each morning and should be making submissions every day.

Science

Mr. Voegele

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Good day everyone, this is your weekly middle school science update from Mr. Voegele. I hope everything finds you safe, healthy and happy. This week in 6th grade we are continuing on our voyage into the field of geology. This will last most of the first half of the school year. 7th grade next week will be our midpoint on the periodic table and atoms. This is a short unit. 8th grade will be working on force and motion for some time. Special shout out to my 8th grade traditional students for an excellent job on their first assessment of the year. Average score was an A! Parents please remember that if you students are at home I am holding virtual classes Monday, Thursday and Friday. The times are in their weekly assignment in the Module section of the Canvas. Have a great weekend. Mr. Voegele is out.

Intervention Specialists

Parents/guardians, please check with your student(s) to see if they have finished their online iReady assessments (Math and English). These assessments are very important because they help the student's teachers know where the student's strengths are and where they may need some additional help.

Please call us or email the Special Education team if you have any questions about the assessments or about their classwork. Our phone number is: 513.921.7777 ext. 40904.

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Physical Education

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We will start off with our normal stretches (arm rotations, push-ups, jumping jacks etc.)

After stretching we will do our cardio/rhythm & dance. This is a fun activity for students. This part of the lesson is big on following directions. We do the cha-cha slide, freeze dance, and freestyle dancing as well.

This week we will learn four of the bodies functioning systems (muscle system, urinary system, skeleton system, and endocrine system). Students will learn what these systems are responsible for. We will watch videos to get a visual of how these systems work, and what they look like.

Music

Ms. Sargent

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This week in music class, students K-8 worked on quarter notes, quarter rests, and eighth notes. Additionally, students in grades 4-8 are continuing to master sixteenth notes. Grades 2-8 also took a trip to Australia to explore the country's music, and they studied music by one of the most influential composers, Haydn. Grades 2-8 also began Recorder lessons this week, while kindergarten and first graders began learning the instruments in an orchestra.