

Riverside Report

November 4, 2011



School Mascot:

Bruno

School colors:

Blue & White

School Motto

"Put Your Best Foot Forward"

The Riverside Report is published and distributed to inform interested individuals about the education of our youth.

Riverside Phone Extensions:

Main #: 359-2417

- 5322 Mrs. LesStrang, Principal
- 5321, Joan Erdman, Secretary
- 5323, Gloria Degner, Student Health Assist.
- 5308, Stefanie Teske, Psychologist
- 5326, Dianna Reinardy, Guidance Counselor
- 355-4118, School Cancellation Hotline

Staff phone extension numbers and email addresses are available on the D.C. Everest District website (www.dce.k12.wi.us).

Dates To Remember

Sunday, November 6	Daylight Savings Time (Turn clocks back 1 hour)
Tuesday, November 8	End of 1 st Quarter
Wednesday, November 9	Picture Retakes (AM)
Thursday, November 10	Early Release, 12:00 Noon Dismissal DARE Bowling, 9:30-11:30 (5 th Grade)
Monday, November 14	3 rd Grade Dictionary Presentation PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 15	Progress Reports Go Home With Students Popcorn Day
Wednesday, November 16	D.C. Everest School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:20-8:00 pm
Monday, November 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:20-8:00 pm
Wednesday, November 23	No School for Students, Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:00 am-12:40 pm
November 24-25	NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING RECESS



EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

STUDENTS WILL BE SERVED LUNCH AND DISMISSED AT 12:00 NOON.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULING

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 17, from 4:20-8:00 pm; Monday, November 21, from 4:20-8:00 pm and Wednesday, November 23, from 8:00 am-12:35 pm. Parents can schedule their conference times online. Instructions and passwords for using the online scheduling program were mailed to parents last week. Online scheduling will take place from November 1 through the 16th. **THIS IS A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE** process and conference times will fill up fast. If you don't have computer access, a computer will be available in the Riverside IMC for your use, or you can schedule a conference by calling Riverside's secretary, **Mrs. Erdman, at 715-359-2417, ext. 5321. All parents will have a time and date for conferences. Those parents who have not scheduled a conference by November 11th will be assigned a date and time in one of the remaining time slots.**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture retake day will be held Wednesday, November 9, starting at 9:00 AM. Here's your chance if you:

- Were absent
- Forgot your portrait money on picture day
- Need a retake
- Didn't buy portraits or want more

If you need picture retakes, be sure to return your original portrait package.

To purchase new portraits, pick up flyer/envelope in advance from the school office.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The total box tops collected for the month of September was 5,174. The class with the most box tops was Mrs. Schwan's class with a total of 1,166. They received a small prize. Congratulations! Please continue to collect box tops and hand them in to your teachers. We will continue to collect box tops each month.



Students in Mr. Hughes's class present the *Blue Jay News Report*. Front row: Zach F., Makayla G., back row: Misikir W., Andy C., Carl G., and Jessica P.

Morning Announcements are Online

Our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Reinardy, has taken our morning announcements to a new level! Mrs. Reinardy had an idea to broadcast the morning announcements to each classroom in the form of a morning news program, *The Blue Jay News Report*, rather than over the P.A. system. Mrs. Reinardy thought it would be beneficial for students to see the news as well as hear it, to be involved in the reporting end of it (speaking skills), and to have fun! Teachers are now able to show the announcements on their SMARTboards at a time that is convenient for their classrooms.

With technical help from our music teacher, Miss Davis, Mrs. Dembowski, IMC Specialist, and Mrs. Reinardy's husband, *The Blue Jay News Report* has already evolved since its inception at the beginning of the school year. Students are now in charge of delivering news, weather, and special announcements via blogs, Youtube and SMARTboards. This is what goes on behind the scenes: News and announcements are gathered from teachers and other staff; they are written up in a typewritten format for students, and the weather is added to the news. Each homeroom has been assigned a week to do the news. During that week, the homeroom teacher sends several students to the media lab each morning when they get to school. Two news "anchors" and a weather reporter are selected to read. The students do a practice read and

then it is taped. Any other news clips are added into the report. After uploading the video clips to a blogsite or Youtube, the teachers are able to access the news from the Riverside webpage.

It is hoped that the students will eventually run the program with little support from the staff, and that students will be excited to research, report and record news around the school. A link to the *The Blue Jay News Report* can be found on the Riverside webpage: www.dce.k12.wi.us/riverside, select the "Morning Announcements" link.

3RD GRADE STUDENTS RESEARCH LANDMARKS

Students in 3rd grade have been working hard in Social Studies researching U.S. landmarks. Their research began with instruction from IMC Specialist, Mrs. Dembowski, on how to find and use kid-friendly search engines and Google maps to research and map their landmark. Once their research was done, they created posters with information about and pictures of their landmark. They especially liked learning how many miles and in which direction their landmark was located from Ringle.

The students presented their projects in Small groups to their classmates. Sydney H. said, "I really wanted to do Buckingham Fountain in Chicago, Illinois because it has lots of lights on it and I'd really like to see it some day!" Brodey S. said his favorite part of the project was "getting the pictures from the internet." Kendra D. knew that her landmark, The Grand Teton National Park, is Northwest of Ringle, and is excited that some day her parents want to take her whole family there to see it! Great work Riverside 3rd Graders!



Third grade students from Mrs. Schwan's class proudly show off their landmarks of the U.S. posters! Pictured are Nathan B., Kendra D., Brodey S. and Sydney H.