

Riverside  
Leadership  
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# The Riverside Review

[www.usd259.org/Riverside](http://www.usd259.org/Riverside)

January 2022

Principal: Laura Drouhard

## Dates to Remember

Dear Riverside Families,

Happy New Year! We are preparing to continue our work on our "Big Rocks" here at school: 1. Social & Emotional Learning. 2. ELA growth in all grade levels. (See back for each grade level's specific area of focus). We're excited about all of the growth we have seen in our students so far. We could not do this without you! You can continue to help support our school goals by reading to and with your child every day. You can also help by asking them about their own goals, both social and academic. Thank YOU for all you do! It's going to be a wonderful second semester!

Sincerely, Mrs. Drouhard

**Our School Mission: To prepare students step-by-step for leading in life.**

Handy websites:

[usd259.org/grading](http://usd259.org/grading)

(Elementary academic standards can be found here)

[usd259.org/wpsAdvance](http://usd259.org/wpsAdvance)

(Our district's safety & operations plan)

<https://parentvue.usd259.net/>

(ParentVue & StudentVue)

<https://wps.yummy.com>

(school lunch menus)

<https://portal.usd259.net> (Rapid Identity - students)

[info@usd259.net](mailto:info@usd259.net)

**\*\*School Directory password: Lions2022**

Jan. 5: Students return to school!

Jan. 6: 5th gr. to Starbase!

Jan. 7: Spirit Day!

Jan. 7: MonArt begins 4:10

Jan. 10: Leader of the Pride!

Jan. 10: PTO 6:00 Library

Jan. 11: Marco's Night

Jan. 12: Riverside Buddies!

Jan. 13: 5th gr. to Starbase!

Jan. 14: LOTP Pizza & Bell

Jan. 17: No school MLK Jr Day

Jan. 20: Showcase of Choices and Opportunity 5-7:30 Century II

Jan 20: 5th gr. to Starbase!

Jan. 21: Primetime & Pee Wee Primetime!

Jan. 25: Tentative date for Carousel skating night

Jan. 27 5th gr. to Starbase!

Jan. 28: 2:00 Marshall Middle School visit - Library

Jan. 29: Happy Kansas Day!



## PTO mtg

### dates:

Sept 13 @ 6:00

Oct. 4 @ 4:30

Nov. 1 @ 6:00

Dec. 6 @ 6:00

**Jan. 10 @ 6:00**

Feb. 7 @ 4:30

March 7 @ 6:00

April 4 @ 4:30

May 2 @ 6:00

## PTO Announcements

EMAIL [RIVERSIDEELEMPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RIVERSIDEELEMPTO@gmail.com) Facebook: Riversidepto

Looking for a parent, adult, or responsible teen to oversee kids in the gym during PTO meetings once/month 5:45-7:15pm. Paid opportunity! Contact [RiversideElemPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RiversideElemPTO@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is on Monday Jan. 10th @ 6pm in the library. Masks are required. We'll have plenty of room to spread out and distance during the meeting.

We currently have a skating event planned for January 25th at Carousel. Time TBD. Masks are required for the event.

PTO and our Riverside leadership team are currently working on plans for our Prime-time Reading and Pee Wee Prime Time Reading events! These will be held on Friday, Jan. 21st this year! Last year, we did an incredible virtual version of these events! We'll keep you posted on how our Spring events will occur with safety and partnership in mind!

## Reminders & News

**\*\*Drop off: Please drop your students at door 1 (Porter) if teacher has taken class in.\*\***

**Parking:** Please note that our staff parking lot is reserved for staff and substitutes during the day. Many staff members travel in & out during the day. Please reserve the parking lot for staff only, especially between 8:30-9:30 and 3:30-4:30.

**Arrival/Departure:**

**\*\*Teachers enter with class at 8:55. Please use Door 1 if you arrive after 8:55\*\***

We use the west side of Porter (heading south) & the north side of Harrison as drop-off and pick-up "quick-lanes". Students hop in or hop out of the car on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. Please do not use this lane if you need to park or get out to speak with a teacher or staff. Feel free to park along any of our side streets. Limited parking is available along Porter during the day, but not during arrival and dismissal times. Thank you for modeling the use of the crosswalk!

## Report Cards

You can now view your leader's report card for Quarter 2 in your ParentVue account!  
[ParentVUE \(usd259.net\)](http://ParentVUE.usd259.net)



I am a parent >

## School Goals at Riverside!

We're working hard to meet our school goal for all students to be proficient readers! How is this measured? What does this mean? Take a look below, and please contact your student's teacher if you have questions!

**Our School Goal:** Increase reading proficiency on our KS state assessments from 47% proficient to 57% by May 2022. (Although only **3rd-5th graders** take this, each grade level contributes to reading proficiency; therefore we ALL have goals!)

**Kindergarten:** 90% or more kindergartners will be able to segment words into sounds. Ex: You say "Fun": Student says: "/f/, /u/, /n/" (Student gives the 3 sounds)

**First Grade:** 90% or more 1st graders will be able to read 3-letter syllables with a short vowel sound in the middle. Ex: bip, cab, lot, sib

**Second Grade:** 90% or more 2nd graders will be reading fluently (# of words per minute read accurately)

Thank you for your support and encouragement with our school goals!

  
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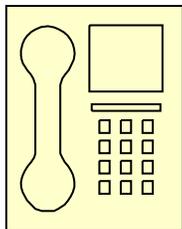
  
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## Box Tops for Education



### News from the office:

Our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christy @ 973-4050. Also, please keep your child's student information updated. If anything changes, just let us know!

we are so grateful for all of our volunteers! Together, we can do so much more to help our students be everything they dream of being! All volunteers are asked to register with our district using the form found online! If you wish to join any field trips this year, it is a good idea to have this in!

[Usd259.org/volunteerregistration](https://Usd259.org/volunteerregistration)

### Riverside's School vision:

Through relationships and connections, all students will grow academically and socially to become empowered, confident, critical thinkers who lead and positively impact society.

### **Change to COVID Absences Policy:**

Your continued flexibility as we navigate this school year and support all of our students is recognized and appreciated. One of the strategies our district implemented at the beginning of this school year – providing remote instruction in limited instances when a student was absent due to COVID – is an example of the problem-solving that our teachers stepped up to make possible. I'm writing to let you know that when we return to school in January to begin the second semester, our district will no longer offer this limited remote learning. We evaluated our data and know that our total number of students being out due to COVID has dropped dramatically. Additionally, we know that on average through the fall semester we had no more than one-third of eligible students (district wide) take advantage of this remote learning opportunity.

When we return after winter break, students who may be absent due to COVID will be supported just as any other student who is out ill. This may include picking up student assignments from the office or emailing with your student's teacher.

If you have questions feel free to send those to [info@usd259.net](mailto:info@usd259.net). We will update our FAQs on the WPS Advance web site ([www.usd259.org/WPSadvance](http://www.usd259.org/WPSadvance)) based on your feedback.