

EAGLE INFORMER

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

JUNE 1, 2012



The time is always right to do what is right. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello students and families

and welcome to the month of May!!! As we enter the last weeks of the school year, this is the time in which some students begin to get "antsy" and ready to enjoy the beautiful warm weather. Please support my staff and me by providing your child/children with reminders about the expectations that you have of them while at school. We would certainly appreciate your help as we continue to stress academic lessons and learning. Thank you for your support in an effort to make all of our children and successful as we can. My final note for the 2011-2012 school year is the fact that I will not return to Riverside Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. It has been a true pleasure to serve each and every one of you as I embark on a new chapter of my career. Thank you.

Dajuan Major, Principal

KINDERGARTEN

Riverside kindergartners have been busy learning about worms, snails, and caterpillars. Have your child tell you about the life cycle of a butterfly. Did you know worms have no brains, but they have 5 hearts?

We have been busy reading and taking the first I Read test mandated by the state of IN. It is so exciting knowing how to read. Parents, please open up the world of reading by taking your child to the library this summer. The libraries have great summer programs.

As we close this year, all Kindergarten teachers want to thank you for entrusting us with your most important person in your life, your child. It's been a wonderful year. Have a great summer. Mrs. Mappes, Ms. Crooke, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Lively

Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Grade Level News
- Reminders to Parents
- Summer Time News
- Dates to Remember
- End of Year Events

SUMMER VACATION

starts

JUNE 12, 2012

4 PM



Learning Activities for Summer Time:

Children should read as much as possible—do whatever it takes to make this happen!

Read to your child each day—comic strips, short books, articles, etc. Provide the materials for your child to write stories and illustrate them. Practice writing letters correctly and neatly.

Second grade requires a belt be worn to school. Please make sure your child knows how to buckle it.

Practice tying shoes.

Learn to use a computer.

Do arts and craft activities.

Learn to swim.

Go to the library and play computer reading and math games.

Avoid watching too much television or playing indoor games. Outdoor play helps children's brains develop.

Ride a bike, including wearing a helmet.

Work with numbers—which is more, less, greater, first, last, bigger, etc.

Do science experiments.

Make up and tell stories.

Memorize High Frequency words from kindergarten and first grade.

Make, count, add and subtract money by having a Kool-aid stand.

Research subjects on a computer.

Put on plays for your family and friends.

Watch TV with the sound off and closed captioning on, so children have to read what is said.

Eat lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains (oats, wheat, corn, beans.

Mrs. Gregory Mrs. Griffin Mrs. McCandless



FIRST GRADE

Dearest First Grade Parents/Guardians,

Well, the time has come to say good-bye....to friends and families! Where did the year go? The 2011-2012 school year has been a busy and rewarding one. Hopefully, you will agree that your child has made great gains this year--in Reading, Math, writing, and social areas, in particular. Please make sure your child continues to work on these skills throughout the summer months. This way, when school begins again in August, he/she can jump right in and not have to work on reviewing first grade skills. Have fun during the summer, but regularly read to your child; and have your child read to you (and any everybody else, too!). As we all know, good readers are created by reading, reading, reading.... Below we have listed some ideas to help you help your child retain learned skills and better prepare her/him for the next school year!

Last, your child will have the privilege of working for a special reward in August. Each student that reads 15 minutes per day during the summer, and gets your signature, will earn a book to have for their very own when school resumes in August. A signature sheet will be sent home for you to sign each time your child reads 15 minutes. Please keep up with this sheet and return it to Mrs. Wynne in the school library when school starts again.

SUPER SECOND GRADE

We have seen great progress in your children this year. Thank you so much for working with your children each night. Now that summer is here, don't forget to keep reading with your child each night at least 15 minutes. The more you read the better you get at it. The second grade students will read about adventures in the story "Jingle Dancer." The spelling words are words with mid- and miss- prefixes. We will be talking about Celebrations as the students celebrate the end of the school year. The entire 2nd grade has made tremendous gains in Spelling and Reading. It is always a good idea to keep learning over the summer.

Please visit your local library to check out books. They should read over the summer and most of the students are ready for chapter books. It's really fun to see how many you can read in a week! Most libraries have a summer reading program with awards for the children. I recommend all students join the Summer program at the IMC Public Library. See the sign-up sheet for programs on the back page of this newsletter.

Also, please practice addition and subtraction facts. Students need to keep their skills sharp in "borrowing" and "carrying." Please practice counting forward and backward to 100 and even farther. To prepare for 3rd grade, we recommend you work with your child on addition and subtraction. This would be a great time to teach them about earning an allowance. Have them count money and tell you how much change relates to a given amount.

Check out your child's "100 Things To Do" list that we are creating right now. It will give you 100 free or cheap things to do on a beautiful summer day.

Make sure your child brings in the slip asking about measurements for uniforms. We want everyone to get their free uniform for next year.

Keep safe over the summer and we look forward to seeing everybody back in August.

Thank you,

Mrs. Prendergast

Mrs. Spitz

RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Dana Christman, Media Specialist at Riverside, and Mrs. Joyce Myers, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher at Riverside, are both retiring from the district this year. We wish them the best in their new endeavors!

Title I News

Riverside Elementary is one of two IPS schools receiving excellent marks for its Fast Forward Reading Program. Students are working hard daily to earn 100% Participation Bonus points. This means that they work 100% of the time they are in the lab. Keep up the great work Fast Forward Students!!!

Ms. Hawks

There are many special celebrations this month (see below) and we are celebrating National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Poetry Month. Many students have volunteered to read the "Who Am I?" clues! Was your child one of the readers?

So what else is there to celebrate? Take some time to click through www.scholastic.com or other Internet sources sites.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders have worked very hard this semester! Our teachers, Mrs. Panchot and Mrs. Gray are very proud of how well we did during I-STEP testing week. All of our tests are over and we can learn fun new things without the stress of another test!!!! We are looking forward to an awesome summer break and then coming back to school refreshed and ready for fifth grade!!

Mrs. Panchot

and Ms. Gray

The Celebrations Keep Coming!

Field Day
June 1, 2012



**Awards
Ceremony**
June 11, 2012



**Sixth Grade
Graduation**
June 12, 2012
10:30am

Be kind
even to the unkind and
ungrateful.

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**Summer School**  
June 18 - July 6,  
2012

**Free Uniforms &  
Shoes @ Sch 44**  
Friday, August 3  
3:30-6:30 PM

**School Begins**  
August 6, 2012

June 11-July 18, 2012

**VOTE FOR PARENT-CHILD  
PROGRAM @**  
[www.biglots.com/lots2give](http://www.biglots.com/lots2give)

**Find the Riverside Elementary  
School Parent-Child Video and  
vote up to 3x/day!! Help us  
win \$20,000 for after-school  
fun for you and your child!**

## FIFTH GRADE

Hello Parents! I hope your child/children had a successful year! Please continue to work on math facts with your children on multiplication and division! Continue to have your children to read to you for at least 15 minutes a night (or you may read to them). I hope next year and all the years to follow your child will continue to be successful! Thank you for all that you do! Also, the K-5 award ceremony will be June 11<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support your child!

Congratulations to Tammy Sanders for placing 2nd in the school Spelling Bee! She was the alternate for the IPS Spelling Bee.

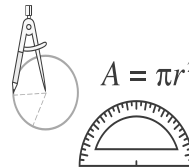
Have a great summer!

Mrs. Brickens, Mr. Weightman

## SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade class in Room 202 has a new teacher through the end of the school year, Miss Nissenbaum. Miss Niss is originally from outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but recently moved to Indiana.. Her class is enjoying writing about their favorite things, reading a Gordon Korman book, learning new spelling words, creating different graphs in Math, and studying the stars in Science. The class enjoys her daily reward drawing for school supplies, and two exciting monthly drawings for iTunes® giftcard! Sixth graders are all looking forward to a wonderful end to the school year and an exciting graduation! Be sure your child continues to read all summer and encourage them to be on [www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com) or [www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com) for fun math practice games so they can succeed well in middle school this fall.

Miss Niss Mr. Weightman



## Parenting & School

### How Well Do You Support Your Child's Learning?

Are you doing any of the following? The benefits from doing these things are almost to numerous to list, but here are some to think about:



#### For Students

Awareness of family supervision; respect for parents

Positive personal qualities, habits, beliefs, values, taught by family.

Balance in time on chores, other activities, and homework.

Awareness of importance of school.

#### For Parents

Understanding and confidence about parenting, child and adolescent development, and changes in home conditions for learning as children proceed through school.

Awareness of own and others' challenges in parenting.

Feeling of support from school and other parents.

#### For Teachers

Understanding families' backgrounds, cultures, concerns, goals, needs, and views of their children.

Respect for families' strengths and efforts.

Understanding of student diversity.

Awareness of own skills to share information on child development.

## NEWS BRIEFS and DATES TO REMEMBER



FIRST DAY OF

**Summer Vacation**

**June 13, 2012**

### I-READ 3 Test Last Chance

*During Summer  
School*

**June 18 -  
June 29**

**Computers  
Games  
Books  
Refreshments**

8-11 AM M-F  
Riverside Elementary School  
Library

### CRITICAL NEWS For K-3 Parents!!!

Dear K-3 Parents,  
If your child is enrolled in Summer School this year, please be sure they attend every day, arrive on time, and stay the full time. This is a critical time to build missing skills so your child can succeed next year. Don't allow them to make excuses!

**June 18 -  
July 6, 2012**

## SUMMER READING OPPORTUNITIES

I want my child/children (Room # \_\_\_\_\_)

to participate in the following summer reading programs. Please check any of the following you want. Return form to school ASAP:

\_\_\_ Please call me once a week & ask me how many minutes my child has read. Please record the minutes for us.

\_\_\_ I will record my child's minutes online for him/her. <http://www.scholastic.com/summer>

\_\_\_ I will come with my child/children to the school library during June to borrow books and use the computers.

\_\_\_ I will use the Public Library this summer for my child.

\_\_\_ Please send home some books for my child/children to read during the summer.

\_\_\_ Please send home a list of recommended books especially for my child.

Adult's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's Phone # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASAP, PLEASE**

## FREE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

One of the best gifts you can give your children is to introduce them to as many new and different things about the world as you can. The cheapest way to do this is through books. There are several EXCELLENT summer reading programs this summer.

There are two I want to highlight for you. The first is at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Libraries'

**Gear Up!** Now, before you moan, "*My child has too much in fines they owe. They can't use their library card!*"

NO PROBLEM! IMCPL says children and adults who join the program can earn points that pay off their fines this summer! So, put your children to "work" and pay a debt.

<http://www.imcpl.org/kids/blog/?p=12609>

Children who read lead better, more successful lives. Raise a child who reads and you won't have to worry about where they are or what they are doing!! Children who read have fewer behavior problems and get better grades in school — and give you fewer headaches!

Another excellent summer program that lets you stay home and still win prizes and read is with Scholastic.com

The **Scholastic Summer Challenge** allows you to record your child's minutes online. "*But I don't HAVE Internet access,*" you say? Good news!! Sign and return the form below and I will record the minutes for your children on a weekly basis. This way they can win their prizes and have a summer of good reading.

<http://www.scholastic.com/summer>

**"But I don't have enough books to fill their summer!"** you say? I have solutions for that, too! I have volunteered to open the library during summer school this year and **ANY** Riverside Elementary school student and/or parent can come check out books and use the computers!! The School #44 library will be open June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, from 8AM to 12 noon each day. Another option is, if you want your child to bring home books on the last day of school to read for the summer, I have books I can loan on a first come-first serve basis. When they run out, I will have no more, so respond quickly. Also, dollar stores and Goodwill have books for fifty cents to a dollar. Half Price Books has many as low as twenty-five cents.

*Christine Wynne, School #44  
Media Center*

226-4244 x131

**Sign the form on Page 6 and return tomorrow.** Then fill in the calendars below with the number of minutes your child reads each day (or you read to your child) and SIGN. Return the calendar below when school starts in August, and your child will earn a free book and other prizes, depending on the amount of time read. Share the minutes with the Public Library program! Call 226-4244 x 131 for questions.

## JUNE 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat           |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
|     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5             |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12            |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19            |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26            |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     | Total Minutes |

## JULY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat           |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
|     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5             |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12            |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19            |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26            |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     | Total Minutes |

## FREE!!!!

Want a **FREE** tutor *and* **FREE** babysitter at the same time?  
Use the Internet either at home or the library to get on the following sites:

<http://www.tooter4kids.com/>

<http://chainreactionkids.org/>

<http://gws.ala.org/>

<http://www.highlightskids.com/>

<http://www.experiment-resources.com/kids-science-projects.html>

[http://www.multiplication.com/interactive\\_games.htm](http://www.multiplication.com/interactive_games.htm)

[http://www.helpingwithmath.com/by\\_subject/multiplication/mul\\_games.htm](http://www.helpingwithmath.com/by_subject/multiplication/mul_games.htm)

<http://www.dictionary.com> (elementary school)

<http://www.quia.com/rr/10206.html>

<http://www.programmingart.com/free/games/multiply/>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

**Willing to pay \$10/month for a fabulous online tutor?**

<http://www.tenmarks.com/tmother/parent-index>

**PARENTS!** All classrooms, every grade, are badly in need of pencils, tissues, crayons, & dry erase markers. They need all of these till the last day of school. Your child **MUST** bring pencils to school and have them every day. The dollar stores are great places to get these items to send in with your child. Packs of 16 pencils = \$1. packs of 4 Jot dry erase markers = \$1. Tissues = \$1. Crayons 48-64 = \$1. = **UNDER \$5**

Start with IPS site (Schools/Media Centers/resources)

<http://www.destiny.ips.k12.in.us>

Have your child freely explore this link at home or in the library - includes access to *free homework help* and *free books*

*to read online!*

ALSO:

<http://www.imcpl.org/>  
Check out:  
[Homework Helper](#)  
[Reader's Connection](#)  
[Teen Scene](#)  
[Just For Kids!](#)  
[iLibrary Online](#)  
[Databases](#)

*And.....*

*http://*

*www.gutenberg.org/catalog*

| 2011-2012<br>IREAD 3 Results by School Corp. |          |        |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| District                                     | Students | Pass % |
| Franklin                                     | 631      | 91.6%  |
| Beech Gr.                                    | 201      | 87.1%  |
| Speedway                                     | 125      | 86%    |
| Warren                                       | 886      | 82%    |
| Perry                                        | 1131     | 80%    |
| Washington                                   | 834      | 75.2%  |
| Wayne                                        | 1253     | 75%    |
| Lawrence                                     | 1025     | 74%    |
| IPS                                          | 2731     | 68%    |
| Decatur                                      | N/A      | N/A    |

## Riverside Sports News

### FIELD DAY!!!

Friday, June 1, 2012

(Rain day is Monday, June 4, 2012)

Station 1 Tire Relay

Station 2 Bat Relay

Station 3 Tug of War

Station 4 Free-Throw Contest

Station 5 Football Throw

Station 6 Water Balloon toss

Station 7 Water Transfer

Station 8 Parachute

Station 9 Balance Relay (racket with tennis ball) (only for K-2)

Station 10 Drink, water, walk to tire relay

#### THINGS TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS BRING

Bottle Water (students will drink plenty before we go outside)

Sunscreen

Hats are allowed (outdoors)

**Students are to still wear a uniform shirt with a collar**, but shorts can be mesh/basketball/jean shorts as long as they are not too short, torn, or otherwise inappropriate.

### Teacher of the Year Awards

Congratulations to our building-level  
Teacher of the Year!!

***Pamela Griffin, Riverside School 44***

#### Other Top 10 Schools

Lon Amstutz, Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet  
High School

Judith Carlile, Brookside School 54

Beth Coffey, William Penn School 49

Julie Herdman, Frederick Douglass School 19

Angela Kastner, Eliza A. Blaker School 55

Melissa Moore, Mary E. Nicholson School 70

Karla Reilly, Center for Inquiry  
at School 27

Andrew Ringham, Arsenal  
Technical High School

Stefanie Roberts, Floro Tor-  
rence School 83

