

Riverside Magnet School Newsletter

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MARCH 13-16

Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also talk about how the child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your child's homework, tests, and notices before the conference. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask the teacher.

Please coordinate with your child's teacher to schedule a conference date and time if you have not done so.



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STUDIO

Attention Friday Only Members:

March 13-16 12:00 p.m. Early Dismissal

Studio is available Monday-Thursday for our Friday Only Members until 3:00 p.m. Payments should have included an additional fee per day if needed in the scheduled February payment.

For more information regarding Studio payments contact Office Manager Rebecca Sey (860)709-6830 rsey@goodwin.edu or Studio Coordinator Casey DeCoteau cdecoteau@goodwin.edu.

Save time, pay online! For Online Studio Payment Instructions go to:

www.riversidemagnetschool.org/studio



OUTDOOR LEARNING TIME

Please send a coat with your child every day throughout the winter and be sure that his/her name is in it. The children will go outside every day for outdoor learning time unless the weather is below 20 degrees.

Children will need:



A warm coat

Snow pants- Even when there is no snow, snow pants will help children stay warm

Boots- Water-resistant or waterproof boots recommended

Hat- warm, lightweight, able to cover ears

Mittens- mittens work better than gloves; hands stay warmer because they allow warm air to circulate around fingers, waterproof mittens are recommended

NO CELL PHONE ZONE

Please refrain from using your cell phone while entering, walking through and exiting the school.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EAGLES HELPING EAGLES

March 1st Teachers and students will be walking over to CTRA, and should be prepared to leave RMS no later than **8:40 am.**

READING ACROSS AMERICA/ BOOK CLUB

March 2nd

Book Club (29) 6:00pm for more info contact Casey DeCoteau cdecoteau@goodwin.edu

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

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We can highlight your child's strengths, discuss academic or social concerns, and share information about child development.

RCC MEETING

March 23rd (29) 6:30-7:30pm

We will discuss ways to support the school, children, teachers, families, and the community...

Childcare Provided

March 2017				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Eagles Helping Eagles	2 Book Club (29) Reading Across America	3 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m
6	7	8	9	10 LEARN PD School Closed
13 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m P/T Conf	14 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m P/T Conf	15 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m P/T Conf	16 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m P/T Conf	17 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m P/T Conf
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23 RCC Meeting (29)	24 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m
27	28	29	30	31 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m

HEALTHY SNACKS

In an effort to provide students with the healthiest environment we can, we encourage you to provide only healthy snacks for school, and classroom parties and celebrations.

Please read the following information to help you plan for and choose healthy snacks. We want your children (our students!) to be the healthiest they can be.

Some healthy snack foods:



- Cereal with milk
- Low-fat cheese melted on a whole-grain tortilla
- Fresh cut-up fruit with yogurt for dipping
- Graham crackers and low-fat milk
- Yogurt with whole grain cereal or fruit on top
- Baked tortilla chips and salsa
- Baked potato with cottage cheese or salsa
- Vegetables and low-fat dip
- Whole-grain crackers or toast with peanut butter or hummus
- Fruit salad
- Low-fat string cheese
- Yogurt smoothie (yogurt, ice, milk and any type of fruit)
- Popcorn and 100% juice
- Banana (cut in half for younger children)
- Apples, grapes, oranges cut into “smiles,” or any kind of fruit
- Whole-grain muffins or bagels

Candy, gum, soda, cake, and cupcakes are prohibited.

Thank you for your support.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please drive slowly when you are in the parking lot. Our children are learning about safety and crossing the street, but some still tend to “get away” from parents. Always drive slow and alert.

- ❖ Please be respectful of the parking spaces reserved for **handicap, carpools, vans and fuel efficient vehicles.**



EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

The state defines excused absences as follows: Parents/Guardians can excuse up to nine (9) student absences.

Any additional absence is considered excused for the following reasons:

1. Student illness. This must be verified by an appropriately licensed medical professional, regardless of the length of the absence;
2. Student's observance of a religious holiday;
3. Death in the student's family or other emergency beyond control of the student's family;
4. Mandated court appearance. This must be verified with written documentation;
5. The lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends;

Parents are required to submit **written documentation** for an absence to be excused. This means that a phone call without timely, written follow-up will automatically be coded as unexcused.

TEACHER DIRECTORY

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FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR STAFF DIRECTORY VISIT

WWW.RIVERSIDEMAGNETSCHOOL.ORG

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



- Just a quick reminder that if your child has had a fever or vomiting and/or diarrhea, they must be **symptom free** for **24 hours** before they can come back to school. Even though they may be symptom free, they can still spread the virus to others.
- Please keep up to date with contact numbers. It is extremely important to let us know if your number has changed and we need to reach you in the event of an illness or emergency.
- Please provide an extra set of clothing in the event of an accident, water spill etc. Children are busy exploring and can get dirty!!!

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HAND WASHING

Keeping our hands clean is one of the best things we can do to keep from getting sick and avoid spreading germs to others.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before eating food
- After using the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching garbage

How should you wash your hands?

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



THE 2017-18 RSCO LOTTERY

2017-18 RSCO Lottery On-Time Application Period

Opens: November 1, 2016

Closes: February 28, 2017



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit RSCO's website at www.choiceeducation.org or call RSCO at 860-713-6990.
- Visit RSCO's Parent Information Center, open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.*
- Visit a RSCO satellite site or information center (call RSCO or visit our website for locations).

Parent Center is scheduled to move to 450 Columbus Blvd., in Hartford, in January 2017.

