

Riverside Magnet School Newsletter

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HOLIDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

Riverside Magnet School wants to honor cultural diversity and family traditions. We encourage family involvement through sharing traditions such as a special food, dress, artifacts or pictures. Please coordinate with your child's teacher if you would like to share a home tradition (birthdays).

DRESS CODE

Dressing Appropriate for the Weather:

Outdoor learning time is an important part of our daily schedule. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, including appropriate footwear.

Please Note: Children will go outside daily as long as it is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit for outdoor learning time.

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LOST AND FOUND

Please label all items belonging to your child: clothing, boots, sneakers, lunch boxes, backpacks, eyeglasses. Lost articles are turned into the office.

PICTURE DAY

G&B Photography will be here on:

Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 Beginning at 8:30am.



For grades PK-1 Pictures will be taken in the Piazza. Grades 2&3 Pictures will be taken in Room 2. Teachers, please be sure to bring your students to the Piazza and Room 2 at your scheduled time.

If you have not been given a time, or if you have any questions, teachers should see the front desk.

Students, please make sure to bring your envelope in on Picture Day and be ready to be photographed.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE AN ORDER FORM, THERE ARE EXTRAS AT THE FRONT DESK OR VISIT WWW.GRYNNANDBARRETT.COM FOR ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS AND MORE.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

All visitors/ volunteers are asked to sign-in upon arrival and wear a visitor badge. Upon departure visitors are asked to sign-out and return their badge.

A goal of our school is parent/guardian involvement. Volunteers are welcome and needed to assist with classroom activities and special events. To volunteer your time, contact your child's teacher for needs and opportunities in the classroom.

As a volunteer in the classroom you are expected to maintain all children's confidentiality.

Volunteers other than parents or legal guardians must be pre-arranged by the parent and teacher (for instance, if a child's grandparent would like to volunteer in the classroom, the child's parent must contact the teacher to make the necessary arrangements).

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Every month there is a Family Community Council Meeting (FCC) as well as Coffee House. The FCC is comprised of parents, staff, and administration that comes together to discuss ways to support the school, children, teachers, families, and the community, This year we will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm. Childcare will be provided for these meetings.

Also, our Annual Family Hike...Coming Soon!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PICTURE DAY

ALL GRADES
TIME 8:30AM

Mark your calendar!

Picture Day is **Tuesday, October 4th**. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer / order form. Visit WWW.GRYNNANDBARRETT.COM for online payment details and more.

COFFEE HOUSE

7:45-8:45AM
OCTOBER 6TH (167)
OCTOBER 7TH (29)

This is a great way to connect with other parents and staff from the school over a cup of coffee!

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Picture Day All Grades	5	6 Coffee House (167)	7 Coffee House (29) ED 12:00p.m.	8
9	10 Columbus Day No School	11	12	13	14 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m.	15
16	17	18	19	20 FCC Meeting (29)	21 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m.	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Early Dismissal 12:00p.m.	29
30	31	Notes:				

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FCC MEETING

29 WILLOWBROOK ROAD

OCTOBER 20TH 6:30-8PM

Discuss ways to support the school, children, teachers, families, and the community...

Childcare Provided

Bus Stop Information



For further information on **DATTCO East Hartford Transportation**, please call (860)904-9783 or go to: www.dattco.com
For bus route information go to: www.routes.dattco.com

For further information on **CREC Transportation**, please call (860)524-4077 or go to: www.crec.org

For further information on **Specialty Transportation**, please call the:

Hartford Office
(860)549-0616

West Hartford Office
(860)947-2020

Avon Office
(860)470-7200

Or go to:
www.specialtybusco.com

WE HAVE A BUSY PARKING LOT!

- ✓ PLEASE FOLLOW BOTH POSTED AND PAINTED SIGNAGE.
- ✓ PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE PARKING SPACES RESERVED FOR **HANDICAP, CARPOOLS, VANS AND FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES.**
- ✓ PLEASE HOLD SECURELY ONTO YOUR CHILD'S HAND IN THE PARKING LOT.
- ✓ PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING YOUR CELL PHONE WHILE ENTERING, WALKING THROUGH AND EXITING THE SCHOOL.
- ✓ PLEASE PROCEED TO A PARKING SPOT PRIOR TO DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS. *VEHICLES STOPPED FOR UNLOADING, STOPS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.*
- ✓ VEHICLES MUST STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE CROSS WALKS.
- ✓ PLEASE PROCEED THROUGH THE PARKING LOT AT A VERY SLOW SPEED AND BE MINDFUL OF VEHICLES BACKING OUT OF SPACES.

THERE IS **NO PARKING** IN THE BUS ENTRY WAY.



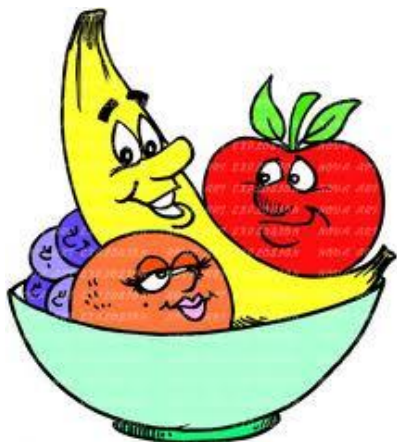
HEALTHY SNACKS

Children learn most about food and diet in their own family kitchen. Patterns of eating are established and reinforced by parents. At school, snack time provides an opportunity to discuss healthy eating habits. In an effort to provide students with the healthiest environment we can, we are encouraging you to provide only healthy snacks for school on a daily basis, as well as, during classroom parties and celebrations.

Some healthy snacks include: fruits, vegetables, yogurt, raisins, string cheese, pretzels, popcorn, 100% fruit juice, water.

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

Please check with your child's teacher for classroom specific snack guidelines.



FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Breakfast costs \$1.45 and lunch costs \$2.85. Create an account with SLA, our food service operator. You can check balances and manage your child's account on-line. Visit www.slalunch.com or www.riversidemagnetschool.org/lunch

Please visit: riversidemagnetschool.org or www.learn.k12.ct.us for an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and detailed instructions.



STUDIO

For Online Studio Payment Instructions Go to: www.riversidemagnetschool.org/studio.

Care 4 Kids is available for the Studio Program. Visit www.ctcare4kids.com.

There is currently a waitlist for all new Studio enrollments.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our Studio Program, visit www.riversidemagnetschool.org/studio.

Please complete the Studio Enrollment Form. You can register your child for either our full-time Monday through Friday program, dismissal until 5:45pm or the Friday only program, dismissal until 3:00pm.

For more information, contact Casey DeCoteau at 860-709-6800 or cdecoteau@goodwin.edu.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

ATTENTION ALL PRE K FAMILIES

Flu Shots for all Pre-K students is a State of Connecticut requirement in order for them to continue to attend school through the winter months.

Pre-K students who have not met this requirement by December 31 will be excluded from school and will not be able to return to school until it is obtained.

Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

ALSO.....IMPORTANT.....

Medications **MUST** be delivered to the nurse's office by an adult with a physician's order. It is unsafe to transport in a child's back pack.

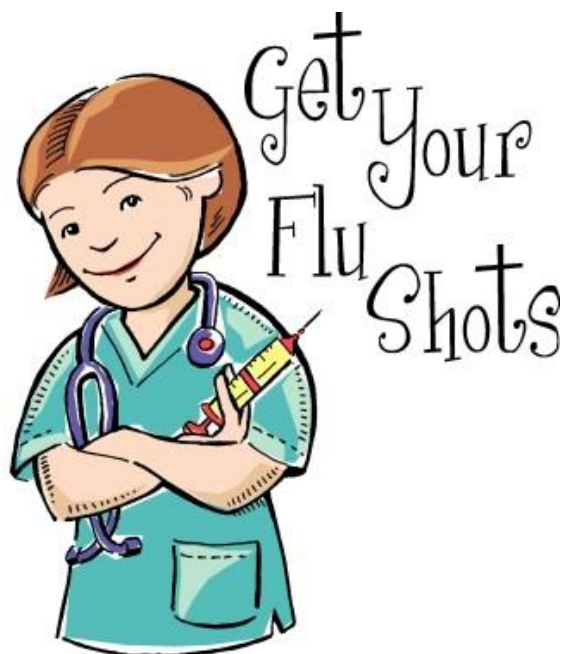
Please do not send cough drops in the child's back pack because of choking hazards. Any chap-stick or lip moisturizer has to be labeled and brought to nurse's office to prevent sharing among students. Caps can also cause a choking hazard.

UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE

Please keep contact information up to date. 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.

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ONE MORE THING:

Please let the nurse's office know (Not just the teacher), if your child has been diagnosed with an illness and is currently taking medication. That way we can monitor your child for worsening symptoms, and possible side effects that occur and possibly save you a call to come pick up your child.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call the attendance line at 860-709-6800 and leave a message with your child's name, teacher and reason for absence. A message can be left twenty-four hours a day. If your child is seen by their doctor, please send in a doctor's note. Parents are required to submit written documentation for an absence to be excused.