

2021-2022

Welcome Back

# Riverside Review



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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited to have our students coming back on August 17th. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with you and continue to build a relationship between home and school that is so vitally important.

In this first newsletter, you will find valuable information that will help your child get off to a great start. Along with call outs and emails, please check our website regularly and like us on Facebook for updates and news.

Below is some important information for the upcoming school year to help with safety and congestion.

- Riverside will host an **Open House** drop in for 1st grade thru 5th grade on Thursday, August 12th from 4—6 p.m. Parents and students will enter the building during Open House at the following locations: **(staff members will be on duty to direct you.)**
  - 1st grade - will enter the building at the end of the 1st grade hall on the right side of the building.
  - 2nd grade - will enter the building on the right side at the front of the building.
  - 3rd grade - will enter the building on the left side at the front of the building.
  - 4th grade - will enter the building at the end of the 4th grade hall behind the building.
  - 5th grade - will enter the building at the end of the 5th grade hall by the bus loop.
- Child Development and Kindergarten teachers will be setting up times for students to come in and meet their teachers rather than coming to open house.
- The school office is open from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There is no adult supervision until then, so please stay with your child until staff appear outside.
- School begins promptly at 7:30 a.m. with students in their classrooms. Students are marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 7:30 a.m. In order for children to get to class, get settled and off to a good start each morning, we recommend they arrive here by **7:20** a.m.
- To minimize congestion, parents will not be allowed to walk their child to class. Plenty of staff will be assisting student to class
- Rolling book bags are not allowed.
- Bus Transportation information will be provided at open house.
- Transportation changes must be made in writing prior to 1:30 p.m.
- Students who need to be signed out at the end of the day it should be done prior to 2 p.m.
- All students will receive a placard for student pick-up at open house or 1st day of school. These are to be shown when picking up your child in the car rider line. You will be asked to pull over and park.
- All students will receive free Breakfast & Lunch.
- Please be patient with drop-off and pick-up the first week of school. I promise it will get better.
- School dismisses at 2:30 p.m. and students should be picked up by 2:50 p.m.

A suggestion box is located in the front office. We encourage your input and will be happy to discuss any suggestions or concerns you may have.

Anyone interested in serving on the PTO board, please email Mrs. Johnson at [jjohnson003@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:jjohnson003@horrycountyschools.net)

We value input from our parents and/or guardians and hope that you will not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. Should you need assistance, please feel free to contact us at 399-8800 or you may contact me directly at 390-8701.

Sincerely,

*Vicki Underwood, Principal*

**Title I:** Riverside Elementary School receives federal funding through Title I. A copy of the Title I school wide project can be reviewed in our school's front office. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback with regards to school wide Title I initiatives.

## **Notes from the Nurse:**

Welcome back to school! I am hoping our students had a relaxing and healthy summer, all rested for a new school year at Riverside Elementary. Below is some general information about the health room.

1. Students may NOT bring any medications to school on the bus, their person, in a zip-lock bag, or in their book bag.
2. A parent or responsible adult must bring (not send) medications, sign a medication consent form for medication to be administered at school with the nurse, and all prescription medication consent forms must be co-signed by the prescribing physician.
3. Chronic health illnesses (such as asthma) which require daily medications and/or procedures will have a Health care plan along with an emergency health form signed by both parent and physician to be kept on file with the nurse.

NOTE:( Herbal remedies and vitamins are not considered medication to be given at school and will not be administered by the nurse).

4. Per SC Department of Education- School nurses do not supply, provide or donate, ANY 'over the counter' medications nor will the medications be available in the health room. Head lice shampoo & spray will no longer be available for 'donation'.
5. If your child has vomited, has diarrhea, or fever over 100—please do not put your child on the bus or bring them to school. Students should be 'fever free' for 24 hours WITHOUT medication (children's Tylenol or children's Motrin) prior to returning. Please do not bring your child to school sick to seek a school excuse. Please review the online HCS Student Handbook for absenteeism concerns or call Mrs. Thorpe @ 390-8710.
6. Head lice is common —if your child is scratching their head or complains their head "feels itchy"—please check your child or bring them into the nurse for examination. Anyone can have head lice, it is nothing to be ashamed of. Not notifying the school can cause a possible class infestation and many days of absenteeism for the students. A physician note is not an automatic readmission to school for head lice-, the student must be examined by the nurse, prior to returning to class.

I ask all parents take a 'proactive' approach in teaching your child hand washing etiquette. The best approach is that they see YOU and other adults washing hands before meals and after bathroom use. Also washing hands after using tissues to blow noses and cover coughs.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns for your child at 390-8703.

***Nurse Kelli Kuzdrall***

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Parents are responsible for dressing students appropriately at all times for school. Students are encouraged to wear tennis shoes daily due to the daily physical activity requirements by the State. Flip-Flops and sandals are dangerous during physical activity. Student dress must be free of profanity or display advertising of alcohol or tobacco.

Please take time to review your online **Parent/Student Handbook** for more information on the District Policy for student dress.

## **Lifeskill Leaders Wanted**

Every two weeks students will learn about a new lifeskill. Their homeroom teacher will select a student who best exemplifies that lifeskill. The Lifeskill Leaders will receive a certificate and a coupon from a local business sponsor.