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Upcoming Events

11/20-11/21 - Parent Teacher Conferences

11/21 - Honor Roll Breakfast 9am

11/22-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break, Schools Closed

11/29 - Picture Make Up Day - forms available in the office

12/7 - 12/13 - PTO Holiday Shop

12/21-1/2 - Winter Break, Schools Closed

We are Thankful for our Families at River Ridge Elementary

Superintendent, Dr. Henry Webb, pictured with our fifth grade office helpers.



MAP and KPREP

First trimester report cards will go home with students Friday, November 17th. Along with report cards, students will receive Individual MAP reports. MAP is taken three times a year, once in the fall, winter, and spring. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure of academic growth throughout the school year, as well as from year-to-year, in the areas of reading and math. MAP scores help us monitor each child's progress and success with mastering skills at the highest level possible. Student results are measured by a score referred to as a "RIT" score. The RIT scale is an accurate achievement and equal interval scale (like inches on a ruler) that helps measure student growth over time. In addition, the scores have the same meaning regardless of the age and grade of the student. This makes it very easy to track growth over time. This type of score increases the value of the test as a tool to improve student learning because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning. Another score you will be interested in reviewing is your child's percentile ranking. This does not mean the percent of items correct on the test. Instead, it represents how well students perform compared to other students in their grade level. It is a national norm-referenced assessment. A student scoring at the 35th percentile means he/she scored as well as (or better than) 35 percent of students in the same grade. It also means that 65 percent of the students exceeded this score. Both the RIT and percentile scores are helpful for tracking your child's progress. It is not unusual for a student's RIT score to drop after a long break, so please do not be alarmed if your child's score is lower than it was in Spring 2017. The first RIT score of the year gives your child's teacher a baseline score. The teacher and your student will soon be setting goals for the winter test session. We encourage students to work hard in school (and at home) to reach or exceed their goals.

In addition to the MAP report, students in 4th and 5th grade will receive an individual KPREP score report from Spring 2017. This report includes student's scores and performance levels in reading and math as well as language mechanics (for current 5th grade students). A description of the student performance levels outlines the skills and concepts students have mastered. Score reports also explain, in detail, the student's growth percentile and if the student is at or above typical yearly growth based on the KPREP results. Please review this information carefully as it will assist you with understanding your child's scores and how he/she is progressing.

While these scores provide important data to help us make instructional decisions for our students, please understand they only represent a small portion of your child's overall progress. At River Ridge, we place value on educating the whole child. In addition to high academic standards, we believe it is equally as important to focus on growing students in all other areas. As always, parental involvement is an integral contributing factor to your child's success. We appreciate your support at home and look forward to continuing a strong home/school partnership to ensure all of our students reach their maximum potential.

River Ridge Elementary wants to reward students who are coming to school every day on time! We are excited to share our new attendance incentive. Each week that your child is at school on time, and every day, he/she will receive a ticket to be entered into a drawing to eat lunch with a River Ridge Principal. In addition, he/she will receive a special treat! The first reward lunch will take place on Tuesday, November 21, 2017!

There will be class incentives starting after the Winter Break as well!!

As a reminder, the Kenton County Code of conduct states:
All excused attendance events... must meet established criteria. Parent notes are accepted for up to a maximum of 9 events per school year. Additional attendance events in a school year may be deemed unexcused without a certified doctor's statement indicating ***that the student was seen by the doctor and unable to attend school.***
After the 10th doctor's note, the parent/guardian must have a Medical Excuse Form completed by the physician. If you have further questions, please refer to the Code of Conduct book or call Mrs. Ewald.

Since hat/coat weather and flu season is fast approaching, here are some recommendations in dealing with some important health issues.

Please discuss with your children the importance of washing their hands often. This will help in the reduction of illness at school and home.

If your child is sick and coughing or sneezing, be sure to review the use of tissues and washing hands or hand sanitizer afterwards.

Head lice screenings in the home are recommended as part of routine personal hygiene and will help identify an early, treatable condition. If you identify that your child has lice, please treat as soon as possible. The child must be brought back to school by a parent when lice treatment is completed (usually by the next day). The child will be checked by school staff and cleared to return to the classroom or provide further assistance.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to maintain a healthy environment for learning. If you need any additional information, please contact our school nurse [Cheryl Smith](#).

Congratulations to our 2017 Spelling Bee Winner and Runner Up!

Good luck to Annika Campbell our Spelling Bee Champion and Cameron Siegel our Runner-Up in our District Wide Spelling Bee on December 13th at 9:30 at Turkey Foot Middle School.



Family Resource Center News

Please consider supporting the Family Resource Center at our school by participating in the Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser. Students brought home envelopes this week to sell gift cards to Texas Roadhouse. The envelopes are due on November 27 with money. The gift cards will be distributed on December 8. The money raised will help our River Ridge Families with needs such as food, clothing, school supplies and educational programs. Great Prizes including our top 13 sellers will ride in a limo to lunch at Texas Roadhouse! Happy Selling!

Current FRC needs:

- 1 inch binders for students
- Boys Shoes, Sizes 12, 13 & 1 (new or very gently used)
- Girls Leggings Size 6/7

FRC Coordinator Contact Info: Shannon.yelton2@kenton.kyschools.us or [859-341-7935](tel:859-341-7935)

Lost and Found

Our lost and found collection will be donated on 11/21/17. If your student is missing anything please have them check our lost and found table located by the main office.

All Pro Dad is on a mission to help you love and lead your family well.
Be a hero to your kids. Join us

2017-2018 Year Schedule:
Please register by [email](#) or the link below

December 15th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22084
January 19th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22085
February 16th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22086
March 23rd at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22087
April 20th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22088

P.B.I.S Updates

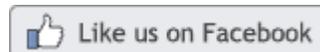
P.B.I.S. stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. P.B.I.S. is a school wide program that emphasizes the intentional teaching, the continuous, consistent monitoring, and the positive reinforcement of expected behaviors.

One component of P.B.I.S. is to monitor data by looking at office referrals. Currently River Ridge has 50 office referrals. This is significantly below the number that we had as of this date last year (74). Office referral data is used to determine if any modifications to the current P.B.I.S. structure are needed. For example, if we suddenly see a spike in referrals from the cafeteria, what changes might need to be made in that location?

Additionally, individual students may be identified to receive instruction/support with behavior. Similar to academics, when students who are struggling are identified, the next level of interventions and supports are put into place. Small groups are being formed to provide targeted instruction and support. Groups will begin after the Thanksgiving holiday.

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