 **WELCOME BACK 2018**

Welcome back, RamFam! We are off to an amazing start! Our successful Open House and newly rejuvenated PTA attests to the passion that already accompanies this new school year! We are laser-focused on our vision including academics, attendance (students & adults), behavior, and collaboration between educators, parents, and community. **Good, Better, Best! Riverside will never rest, until our good is better and our better is best.** We are still holding to our goal of becoming an **A** school within 2-5 years. We have already experienced growth in all six of our cohorts from last year. Students who went from 3rd to 4th and from 4th to 5th in ELA, Math, and Social Studies ALL showed growth!!

Proud Principal –Cheryl Jones-Hart

**SCHOOL VISION**

Riverside Elementary is a school of excellence, which promotes exemplary academics, attendance, behavior, and collaboration between educators, parents, and community!

**THANK YOU: OPEN HOUSE**

Thanks to each of you for attending OPEN HOUSE! You encourage us so much by being here! Our FIRST DAY and FIRST WEEK has been fantastic!

**LUNCH**

Your child is free to bring a lunch, and they are still welcome to eat in the cafeteria. Please see the lunch menu on the website. We will begin a free GRAB and GO breakfast and students will be able to grab a bag without standing in a long line.

**SCHOOL FEES**

School fees are $25. Please return these as soon as possible.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

August 30 Back to School Night - 3rd-5th **5:45** Auditorium; General PTA Meet the Board

Enter $50 drawing with membership! Door Prizes

**6:15** Transition to classrooms

September 3 Labor Day (No School)

September 6 Back to School Night- P*reK-2nd*

**5:45** Auditorium; PTA Board

$50 membership drawing! Door Prizes Winning scholar will be on KRAM!

**6:15** Transition to classrooms

September 7 $2 Pizza Slice & $1 Jean Day

September 10 Boy Scouts visit classes

September 11 Boy Scouts 6pm

September 14 Progress Reports come home

**September 24-28 Fall Book Fair**

September28 Johnny’s Pizza Pig Out (Cheerleaders serve)

September 28 Grandparents Day

*Grits & Grins with Grandparents & Friends*

October 4 Yearbook Pictures

October 5 $2 Pizza Slice & $1 Jean Day October 9 Color Run: Running Club

October 11 1st 9-Weeks Session Ends

 *DADS TAKE YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL DAY*



October 12-17 FALL BREAK

October 18 2nd 9 Weeks Begins

October 19 Awards Day (8:45/9:45)

October 24 Unity Day (Wear Orange)

October 25 Fall Academic Festival

 Theme: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

October ?? Johnny’s Pig Out *(Teachers serve)*

October 26 $1 Jean Day

November 1 Retakes for Yearbook Pictures

November 2 $2 Pizza Slice & $1 Jean Day

November 8 Election Day (Schools Closed)

November 9 Veterans Day Program

November 15 Thanksgiving Lunch

November 16 Progress Reports

November 20 Thanksgiving Break (19th – 23rd)

November 29 Christmas Pictures

November 29 Johnny’s Pig Out

*(Student Council serves)*

December 13 General PTA Meeting

December 14 $2 Pizza Slice & $1 Jean Day

**PTA & BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**

Come and meet Vikki McLain, our new PTA president, as well as, our other new members of our PTA Executive Board. Booths & Concessions (PTA, Clubs, etc.) will be set up and available beginning at 5:00. This will allow time for parents and students to sign up for clubs or to buy uniform t-shirts, etc. Teachers will give two presentations in their rooms beginning at 6:15. This will accommodate parents who have students in more than one grade level. No individual conferences may be held at this time. Please sign up with the teacher if you’d like to have a private Parent-Teacher session to discuss individual concerns.

**SRO OFFICERS**

Corporal Mayweather and Officer Jaudon are an integral part of our RamFam. The scholars & adults appreciate their daily efforts to keep us safe.

**JCAMPUS**

We will assist parents in the library to sign up for JCampus during Back to School Nights. You may check grades on it!

**ATTENDANCE**

You may drop students off as early as 7:30. Class begins at 7:45. Please be aware that the tardy bell rings at 7:55. If your child will not be able to make it to class by this time, a parent/guardian must sign them in.

**TUTORING & CLUBS**

We are excited that ALEMAP will be sponsoring tutoring for students on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will host a myriad of club opportunities, as well. Our faculty and staff will facilitate the classes here at school. Complete your applications today!

**$2 PIZZA SLICE & $1 JEAN DAYS** These fund raisers are scheduled for every first Friday of the month beginning September 7, 2018. Please look for it! ☺

**CHECK OUTS**

Checkouts MUST happen by or before 2:30 p. m. I.D.s are required. Also student transportation instructions may not be altered after 2:30; this will be a one-time courtesy. Please make these change requests in advance and in writing, according to policy.

**CLASSROOM VISITATIONS**

We welcome you to come see the awesome teaching and learning that is happening in RES classrooms after we have solidified our routines and procedures. Unannounced pop-in visits may result in a delay with classroom visitations. We may grant a ten-minute maximum visit, only if an administrator happens to be available at unannounced, pop-in times. Confirmed appointments (made with a 24-48 hour advance notice) may have up to a 30-minute observation-only visitation. During scheduled observations or pop-ins, please allow the teachers and students to engage without interruption, including questions, comments, or attempts to conference. Write a note, call, email, or text the teacher to set up an initial parent-teacher conference.

**SCHOOL-WIDE INCENTIVES**

We will offer school-wide incentives such as Ring Pops, extra recess, lab time, etc. If your child may not have ring pops or other sweets (1 x per 3 weeks) please advise me.

**CARPOOL/DISMISSAL**

The carpool routine is going great. Thank you for turning right on Dixie Garden when you leave the parking lot! Thank you for limiting walk-ups so that we can easily monitor how each of our scholars go home.