

Principal Moment

I have been an educator for over thirty-one years.

You know, kids today are not different than the kids I taught when I first started my career. The gadgets they play with have changed, not the children.

When you give a kid a paper cup, he will put it over his mouth and suck in all the air so that the sides of the cup cave in.

When your stomach growls, they will tell you.

When they run to tell you that they just kicked the ball over the fence or on the roof, they will always smile when they announce it.

Hand out name tags with the sticky backs and somebody will immediately put the name tag over his mouth.

Would I trade this life of giggles and stories and honesty and chairs that are too small to sit in? Not in a million years. I know that someday when I'm retired I will look back on all this and itch to wash a lunchroom table, or pump up a ball, and hear a good knock-knock joke.

It is indeed an honor to be the principal of Riverview Elementary!

Constitution Day

Tomorrow, September 17th is Constitution Day. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

No School on Monday, September 20th

All K-5 teachers will be attending state mandated literacy professional training. Have a great weekend. See you all on Tuesday, September 21st.

Utah County Health Department

The Utah County Health Department has asked us to share the attached document (click here). It contains information about their updated process for using the "Automatic Contact Tracing" system to notify parents of 6-12 grade families about potential COVID-19 exposure and quarantine. They will also use this system on a more limited basis in K-5 grades.

[Utah County Health Letter to Families 9/14/21](#)

[Utah County Health Letter to Families in Spanish 9/14/21](#)

PTA Reflection Contest

We are excited to kick off this year's PTA Reflections Contest! This year's theme is "I Will Change the World by..." Students can create entries in the following categories: photography, dance, literature, 2D

visual art, 3D visual art, music composition, and film production. Students may submit entries in as many categories as they choose but may only submit one entry per category. All entries are due by **October 15th**.

Entries must be submitted online at <https://www.utahpta.org/ref>. Please click here for the [attachment for instructions](#) on how to create an account.

Here is a link to a fun little video with some frequently asked questions about each category. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdBEn_r1So4)

Finally, here is a link to the official rules. <https://www.utahpta.org/reflections-rules-category-faqs>

We look forward to seeing all of the entries! Please email riverviewelementaryrefle if you have any further questions.

Riverview PTA Reflections Committee

Literacy O'Lanterns

Goal: To foster a genuine love of reading and get kids talking about favorite books!

CREATE A BOOK CHARACTER ON A PUMPKIN OR GOURD

Grab a Sharpie, paint, accessories, and activate your imagination!

An individual or family project for home. **Turn in pumpkins Oct. 18th - 25th to tables in the hall by the office.** The earlier the better, so the kids can enjoy them longer. Attach a card with name, teacher name, and character/book title on back of the pumpkin.

Pumpkins will be judged on Monday, October 25th by Riverview staff. Any pumpkin turned in after the 25th will not be a part of the judging. **Pumpkins to go home no later than Oct. 30th.**

PRIZES: TOP TWO winners selected will be "Parade Marshals" leading the Halloween Parade.

Tips:

- Look for characters with simple shapes and pick a fruit that's similar.
- Pick Details! For the most part you won't be able to fit an entire character. Pick a few details to get it just right.
- Use Accessories!
- WARNING - Pumpkins that are punctured, ooze and rot quickly! Please avoid and stick with glue and tape!
- There are a ton of possibilities - HAVE FUN!

PTA Social Media

Let's get social! Follow the Riverview PTA on social media to keep up to date on the latest happenings and see pictures from activities!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sfriverviewpta>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sfriverviewpta/>

PTA Box Tops

We have big Box Tops goals this year! It's an easy way to give back to the school. Simply download the Box Tops app and scan in your grocery receipts for products you are probably already buying like cereal, yogurt, and granola bars!

1. Download the app to your phone here: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>
2. Watch this video to see how easy it is to use the app and earn money for our school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-bNcykyK5Y>

Vision Screening

It is well documented that a child's ability to see greatly impacts his or her ability to learn. Vision screening plays a vital role in the early identification of visual problems that may negatively affect a child's academic success. Riverview will be holding our vision screening event on Wednesday, September 22nd. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please make sure they are wearing them on the day of the screening. If your child does not pass vision screening, they will be rescreened by the school nurse and a referral will be sent to you.

School Community Council

By law each school in Utah has an elected School Community Council (SCC) that fulfills specific school responsibilities. The first meeting of our SCC will be Tuesday, September 21st at 3:15 p.m. in our conference room. We have posted the meeting schedule on contact information on the school web site. SCC meetings are open; any parent is welcomed to attend.

Picture Day

Don't miss this year's smile! Lifetouch Picture Day is Thursday, September 30th. Quick online ordering is available on mylifetouch.com with Riverview's School ID or Picture Day ID: EVTRB79X9. If you choose the online order there is no need to return the paper order form sent home to all students. If you do not order online, please fill out the paper order form: fill out the form completely and return on Picture Day.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 20th – Teacher Development Day, No School
- Sept. 21st – SCC meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
- Sept. 22nd – Vision Screening
- Sept. 29th – 2nd Grade Living Planet Aquarium
- Sept. 30th – Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 1st – PTA Popcorn Day

Have a great week.

Mrs. Angie Killian, Principal