Dear Roadrunner families,

Now that we have knocked the scores out the PARCC we are prepping for end of year activities.

**Items to remember**

1. Students should be in school everyday. If your student has more than 36 absences they are in jeopardy of being retained. Students should be in school daily or present a legal absence letter.

2. Please remember to put $$$ on their lunch account. You can visit the school cafeteria at 8:30 am daily or load it in Myschoolbucks.

3. We are a uniform school and students should be in full uniform unless told otherwise. Dress for the weather.

4. **All students** need to read **20 minutes** a night. PLEASE DO THIS WITH THEM!

5. **Drop off is at 7:45 am. Doors open at 7:50 am** and pick up is at 2:20 pm. If your child does not want breakfast, you can arrive at 8:00 am.

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**Community partners in Education**

- **PNC Bank** - 517 Main Street Laurel, MD
- **Dumm’s Deli** - 4704 Riverdale Rd, Riverdale MD
- **Riverdale Police Department**
- **Dunkin Donuts** - Riverdale MD
- **7/11** - 6315 BALTIMORE AVE
- **PTO and the Parents of Riverdale ES Riverdale Park Town Hall**

**Thank you for supporting our teachers and Staff during the TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.**

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**TNI - Mrs. Rubi Feria**

Hi! My name is Rubi Feria and I am with the Department of Social Services TNI@Schools program and will be your new Community Resource Advocate (CRA). I look forward to the referrals and being part of such a lovely school.

You can reach me via e-mail at RubiFeria1@maryland.gov

**Possible Reason for Referral:**

- School Attendance
- Suspected Mental Health/Substance Use concerns
- Economic support (Transportation, Food Shelter, etc.)
- Academic Support not related to a disability (Tutors/Mentors)
- Health Care Concerns
- Liaison between Prince George’s County Foster Care and the School

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**Counselor Corner**

Career day is fast approaching. Come out and support the students at Riverdale Elementary School by presenting your career. Our career day will be held on Friday, May 18th from 8:30-11:00. Please contact Jacqueline Jacobs at 301-985-1850 ext. 58838 for more information or complete the form at https://goo.gl/forms/cTiqeBWlpRBV5GvC2.

Attention 5th grade parents, a letter was sent home last week for each parent to provide updated proof of residence. This is required for middle school registration. Please stop by the office to update your records.
RRR Reading Club

This is our last full month for students to earn their Riverdale Shirt!!! Ask your child how they can do this!

We are so proud of all of our students who have reached their goal of reading 25 books and earned a RRR Club tee-shirt! There is still time, please encourage your student to read at home and complete their book activities given by their teacher. Students that reached their goal can wear their shirts on Fridays!

PARCC and K-2 Testing

Upcoming Testing:
PARCC Grades 3, 4 and 5
May 8, 9, 10 - ELA
Please avoid appointments and ensure your child (ren) are on time for school.
May 7 - June 1
K-2 Reading Assessment
Students in grades K, 1 and 2 will be assessed on their reading level, sight words, letter ID, and dictation.

Parent Corner

- Don’t forget to join us for our Open Parent Library every Tuesday and Thursday between 1pm-2pm.
  - No se olvide de unirse a nosotros para nuestra Biblioteca de Padres todos los martes y jueves de 1:00 pm a 2:00 p.m.
  
- THE DENTIST IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL ON 5/21/2018! Our school has joined with Smile Maryland to offer in-school dental care at NO COST to you! ¡EL DENTISTA VIENE A NUESTRA ESCUELA EL 5/21/2018! Nuestra escuela se ha unido a Smile Maryland para ofrecerle cuidado dental dentro de la escuela ¡SIN COSTO para usted!
  - Our families are invited to come shop with the Los Ninos de Maria Inc. Foundation on 5/14/18 @ 1pm who will be providing our students and families with FREE clothes, shoes, toys, school supplies, baby strollers, kitchen utensils, etc., choose what is needed. No money needed! Please bring bags for your new items.
  
- Nuestras familias están invitadas a ir de compras con la Fundación Los Ninos de Maria Inc. el 5/14/8 @ 1pm que les proporcionará a nuestros estudiantes y sus familias ropa, zapatos, juguetes, artículos escolares, carritos de bebé, utensilios de cocina, etc., GRATIS, y elija lo que necesite. ¡No se necesita dinero! Por favor traiga bolsas para sus nuevos artículos.
**Growth Mindset by Carol Dweck**

As we spring forward, we are sharing the power of positive thinking. We are growing as a community and need your participation!

*When people are in a growth mindset they're more willing to take on challenging tasks. They're more engaged by mistakes or setbacks rather than discouraged. They delve into a mistake, they process it, they correct it. They’re more inspired by people who are better than they are, instead of intimidated and discouraged. In many of our studies we see that they achieve more in the long run.*

Here are Dweck's tips for encouraging a growth mindset:

- **Don't praise ability or intelligence:** Compliment effort, process, and choices.
- **Don't ignore outcome. Tie it to effort:** You can be happy when your kid succeeds, but attribute it to effort.
- **Respond positively to failure:** They need to know that failure isn’t bad, it’s a tool for improving.
- **Don’t just say "try hard."** Help kids set goals: Blind repetition doesn’t work. Help kids strategize.
- **Teach growth mindset in all areas of life:** There’s no area where they cannot improve with hard work.
- **Talk to your kids about your own growth mindset efforts:** Practice it yourself and share your results.

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**Nurse's Corner -**

**Lice Update**

Thank-you to a few parents who have called to report finding lice in their children's hair and for applying the Lice / Egg Killing treatment and bringing in proof of treatment the next day to show the nurse. A report of Lice in a class is followed up by a screening done by the RN of other students in the same class. Exclusion letters are then sent home for any student found to have one or more crawling lice or clusters of eggs close to the scalp. In addition a class letter is also sent out to all students to notify parents that “a” case of head lice has been identified in the school and to “Please examine your child’s head today”.

Thanks for your cooperation!

**Flu Update:**

Along with rebirth of Seasonal Allergies, Flu is still hanging around, CDC warns: Posted: Apr 08, 2018 6:18 PM

(CNN/Meredith) -- Doctors are still seeing a number of patients with flu, but the numbers are declining amid an intense flu season. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed four more flu-associated pediatric deaths in the 12th week of the season, bringing the total to 137 since October. Caused by viruses, the flu is an infection that makes your nose run, makes it hard to breathe, can cause aches and fever and can sap your strength. Small children and people with underlying medical conditions like asthma or who are overweight are also vulnerable to an intense case of the flu.

The states where doctors’ waiting rooms are still busy with flu cases includes, Maryland. It’s not too late to get a flu shot, if you haven’t. Even if you’ve been sick once this season since you can still get a different strain. CDC spokeswoman Kristen Nordlund says the flu continues to decline, and likely will go below baseline in the next couple of weeks.

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