Dear Roadrunner families,

As we are quickly approaching the end of 1st quarter, we see what our amazing scholars are doing here at Riverdale Elementary.

**Items to remember**

1. Students should be in school everyday. If they are not in school please provide a note or documentation of their absence. If they are absent 3 days in a row, the note needs to come from their doctor.
2. Please remember to put $$$ on their lunch account. You can visit the school cafeteria at 8:30 am daily.
3. We are a uniform school and students should be in full uniform unless told otherwise.
4. All students need to read 20 minutes a night. PLEASE DO THIS WITH THEM!
5. Drop off is not before 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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**Storm Water Project**

We have been honored to have Biohabit and Anacostia watershed to help make Riverdale Elementary a greener school and to provide clean water run off for the community water sources. The project is finish and our job is to keep it clean and not destroy it. Parents please do not throw trash in the planters, do not allow the students to play in the planters and please do not let them climb on the fencing.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **[11/2]**
  - Kindergarten Field Trip
- **[11/3]**
  - 2-HR Early Dismissal for Students
- **[11/10]**
  - Parent Teacher Conference Day
  - Creative Arts Parent Activities (8:30-11:30)
- **[11/13]**
  - American Education & Bullying Awareness Week
- **[11/22-24]**
  - Thanksgiving Break
- **[11/28]**
  - First Quarter Report Cards Released

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**Come to Parent teacher conferences on November 10th 8:30-2**

Contact your student's teacher to find out all the details. Emails are on our school's website.

[WWW.PGCPS.ORG/Riverdale](http://www1.pgcps.org/riverdale/)
Counselor Corner

November is here. Personal Education Plans will be completed with first grade students and parents on Friday, November 10 from 8:30-2:00. Please contact the office for an appointment. Coming soon on the school website will be the bullying prevention plan for Riverdale. We need all hands on deck to help us stop bullying. In the near future, I will be hosting a parent night to discuss bullying. The week of November 13th will be bullying awareness week. Throughout the week please have discussions with your children about bullying.

PTO UPDATES

Attention Parents! The Riverdale Elementary School (RES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to welcome back all of our students, families, and school staff for another great school year!

Did you know that being involved in a PTO can give your child a greater chance of achieving success in school? Are you looking for a way to make a real difference in your child’s education here at Riverdale?

The PTO has a lot of exciting plans and ideas for the next year and we need your help to make it all happen. Help us make Riverdale Elementary School a great place for our kids to learn and grow!

Support your children and RES at these PTO events:

- **November 6-10** – Book Fair: We need volunteers to staff the registers. No experience needed! Just choose a shift (9 am-12 pm or 12-2 pm) and we’ll provide the training and equipment. Help us foster a love of reading in our students.
- **November 16, 4-6 pm** – Fingerprinting clinic at Langley Park/McCormick Elementary School. Fingerprints are needed to chaperone field trips or volunteer in the classroom.
- **December 5, 7 pm** – PTO meeting. Get updates, meet parents, discuss concerns, bring ideas.
- **December 8** – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Please make or donate food to honor our teachers and staff!