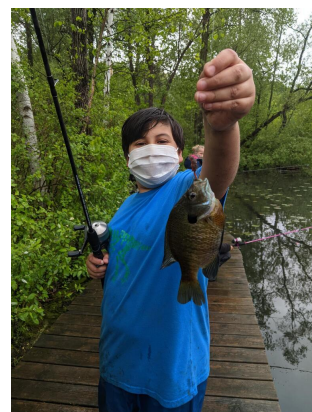




# THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL INQUIRER

*The Official Newsletter of Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School*



## DEVELOPMENTS AT THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday, May 28th, Adventure Day!

The weather may have been cold, *very* cold, and rainy, but that didn't stop our Riveredge students, staff, and volunteers from a day filled with fun and outdoor adventures and games! Stations included fishing at Farm Pond, an obstacle course through Sugarbush Woods, handmade carnival games at Heron Pond, kickball with a twist in the Main Yard, and natural boat building on the creek bridge near No No Pond.

Special thanks to our Volunteers, PTO, Governance Council, Staff, and Families for your donations of time, supplies, food, etc. to make this day extra memorable for our students!

The day concluded with our fifth graders taking a graduation hike in the main yard between all the classes towards their families. Congratulations to our first four Riveredge graduates and we wish them all the best as they continue their educational journeys in sixth grade!

### May All-School Virtual Friday: Invasive Species

Thank you to Mr. Mullen for organizing this school-wide virtual activity! Students spent time during their school days removing Garlic Mustard from the RNC grounds. Families watched videos together and enjoyed the opportunity to write poems and songs while gaining an understanding of the role invasive species play in our environment.

### 2021-22 School Lottery and Waitlist Results

Our school lottery was conducted on May 6th at the River Outpost Building by our Governance Council. Grades KG through 3rd grade have full rosters of 18 students each with waitlists. Our [Lottery and Waitlist Results](#) website page is being **updated** through the summer and school year as changes occur. For more enrollment information including submitting an application, please visit our [How to Enroll](#) website page.

**July 30:** Returning students' online registration for 2021-22 school year due

**August 16-31:** Teacher Professional Development and Work Days

**August 25:** Open House - 6-7pm

**August 30:** Welcome Back Night - 3-7pm



**Sept 1:** First Day of School!!

**Sept 3:** IN PERSON school day

**Sept 10, 17, 24:** Virtual School Days

### Oakiwear and Bento boxes

All students enrolled at ROLES are offered a bento box for use through the school year. Kindergartners and first graders will be offered use of an Oakiwear rainsuit as well. Items will be available to be checked out on Monday, August 30th, 3:00-7:00pm at Riveredge Nature Center during our Welcome Back Night. If you are unable to attend this event, please contact the ROLES office to check out materials.

## DEVELOPMENTS AT THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL

### June Teacher Professional Development

In early June, the teacher team and Mr. Mullen wrote our curriculum scope and sequence for both science and social studies. They enjoyed working in these amazing facilities and creating curriculum to enrich our students' learning. They also spent a day aligning their work with the resources available through Riveredge Nature Center!



### What is Bloomz?

Bloomz is the ROLES internal social media that is used for daily classroom and school updates, communications with families, events' notifications, etc. Enrolled ROLES families received invitations to join Bloomz from their classroom teachers at the beginning of the school year. This newsletter is a tiny snippet of the posts and pictures that are shared with ROLES families everyday!!

Over the summer, ROLES staff will be working to make the transition to 2021-22 class rosters in Bloomz. Expect an **invitation to join Bloomz via email from your student's classroom teacher in August**. Please check our website for basic information such as the school calendar and school supply list.

### Virtual Friday Opportunities and Nature Club

**RNC Field Fridays:** RNC is offering programming one Friday per month that will support ROLES Virtual Friday and provide nature enrichment. This [website page](#) contains more details.

**After School Nature Club:** RNC is offering an After School Nature Club that will meet Tuesdays after school, 3:35pm-4:45pm. The [registration information](#) and [expectations](#) are available on our Family Resources website page.

**The Boys and Girls Club Care:** *If* programming through The Boys and Girls Club of West Bend will be offered, details will be posted on this [page for more information](#).

## Family Resources

Please check our [Family Resources](#) website page for updates and resources. Some are current and some will be posted here as soon as they are updated.

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)  
[Calendar Date Descriptions](#)  
[School Supply List](#)  
Family Handbook

Virtual Friday Opportunities  
After School Nature Club

### Masks in 2021-22?

Families have been asking about the mask policy for the 2021-22 school year. In response to inquiries regarding our COVID policy and masks, here is the response taken from our [FAQs: Lottery and Enrollment 2021-22](#) website page.

"The 2020-21 COVID safety plan is available to review on our [website](#) under the menu "Family Resources" and "Current Students". Our safety protocols will remain in place for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. This year students wear masks both indoors and outdoors. Students take distanced mask breaks and opportunities for mask breaks are provided at teachers' discretion or dependent upon the activity.

Any safety protocols, including wearing masks, will be discussed and ultimately approved by the Governance Council in consideration of the most current CDC guidelines and with guidance from the Washington Ozaukee Health Department over the summer, 2021.

Please explore the foundation of our school and it's philosophy at our website including the [three pillars](#) to assist in a decision of whether or not ROLES is a good fit for your family. In line with our mission and philosophy, in person instruction is a top priority to deliver the highest quality of instruction."

Families will be updated of these policies as changes are approved by the Governance Council. They will be posted on our website and communicated with families.

### How do I confirm my child's absence?

Contact the ROLES office as soon as possible using any of these methods:

Email: [eweiss@nosd.edu](mailto:eweiss@nosd.edu)

Phone: 262-416-1171

Bloomz message to: Emily Weiss

Include: full name, date, and reason for absence

**ROLES PTO**  
 Please consider joining our fun and helpful PTO group! We have open positions of treasurer and vice president, and would love to have you join us! Don't feel like taking an official role? Please consider joining one of our committees (fundraising, community enrichment, and staff appreciation) and/or joining our emailing list. **Email: [roles.pto.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:roles.pto.secretary@gmail.com) to be added to our (no commitment) emailing list.** You will receive updates, newsletters, meeting minutes, and more!

Also, everyone is welcome to attend our first PTO meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. The date is **Monday, September 13th at 6:00pm.** We will be sending more information on whether it is virtual or in person so please email to join our emailing list.

**Governance Council**  
**Summer meeting dates:** July 22 and August 26

The Governance Council is researching and looking into what is the best decision for the outlook of the 2021-2022 school year. This item will be on the agenda for the July meeting.

**Riveredge Nature Center**

**[Riveredge Excursions](#)**  
 Guided Family and Small Group Excursions

**[RNC Event Opportunities](#)**  
 Adults, families, cross generations, toddlers--RNC offers nature opportunities for everyone throughout the summer!

**Inspired by tree climbing experiences?**  
 RNC offers a Tree Climbing Club and Open Climb dates for people of all ages! [Explore options here.](#)

**[Southern Wisconsin Restoration Field Day](#)**  
 Friday, August 20th, 8:30am-4:30pm

**[2021 Farm to Table Dinner](#)**  
 Saturday, September 11th, 5:00-9:00pm.

**Northern Ozaukee School District**  
**Online Registration**  
 Online registration for returning students is due by July 30th, 2021. An email with information and links was sent on July 1st. Due to limited summer hours in the ROLES office, please contact NOSD Data & Open Enrollment Coordinator, Ann Baumann at [abaumann@nosd.edu](mailto:abaumann@nosd.edu) with any questions or difficulty registering in Skyward.

**Northern Ozaukee Middle School**  
 RNC and NOSD's partnership to integrate nature based learning into their programming will benefit middle school students as soon as the 2021-22 school year! [NOMS](#) has around 130 total students in grades 6-8. For more information, please contact: David Karrels, Superintendent at [dkarrels@nosd.edu](mailto:dkarrels@nosd.edu) or Ann Baumann, Data & Open Enrollment Coordinator at [abaumann@nosd.edu](mailto:abaumann@nosd.edu).

**Sturgeon Fest 2021**  
 The [Return the Sturgeon Program](#) is back! Saturday, September 19 at Harbor Fest.

**Welcome Back Night - August 30th**  
 Please plan to return all required forms before or during this time. **Forms will be emailed home in August.** If your student requires any **medications** to be kept or administered at school, forms will be available to be completed during this time. We are hoping to have our school nurse present as well.

**Welcome New 2021-22 ROLES Staff!**  
 ROLES is proud to present new 2021-22 staff members!

**Shaun Kempf**, our former 4th/5th grade paraprofessional, will be the **5th grade teacher.** "Although I got my degree in teaching I ended up finding myself outside of that field. However, I never wandered far (at one point working at Discovery World) and once I became a paraprofessional at ROLES I was reminded why I had wanted to be a teacher. I then worked hard to get recertification so that I could share my passion for learning and nature with the amazing children that come to Riveredge. When I'm not in school I'm camping with my wife and two boys. We hope to not only visit every state, but also visit as many of the national parks as possible."

**Laura Wollersheim** will be our **2nd grade paraprofessional.** "I am thrilled to be the 2nd grade paraprofessional at this unique and inspiring school! After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Communication and Psychology I joined AmeriCorps VISTA, where I quickly discovered a passion for volunteerism and education. I started my Master's in Elementary Education and had the opportunity to student teach in a 1st-3rd grade classroom at a Montessori school, while also volunteering with America Reads. I strongly value the nature and inquiry-based foundation that ROLES is being built on and I am excited to be a part of it!"



**[Southern Wisconsin Restoration Field Day](#)**  
**Friday, August 20th**  
 Please join this outdoor RNC event featuring speakers on the topic of Oak Ecosystem Restoration. Participation strongly encouraged by Matt Smith, RNC Research & Conservation Manager!

