



# THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL INQUIRER

*The Official Newsletter of Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School*



## DEVELOPMENTS AT THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Director of Education - Cindy Raimer

We are eager to welcome you back to an exciting new year at ROLES! The campus has been transformed over the summer and is teeming with towering plants that form walls around our “hallways” and the buzzing, chirping and rustling sounds of those organisms with which we share our classrooms. There is so much waiting to be discovered.

Speaking of new discoveries, in July, new photographs were released from the James Webb Space Telescope showing the deepest and oldest views of space yet. They reawakened our curiosity, and humbled us as the bold images reminded us that there is always more to learn and discover. Nature is the best teacher and the images from NASA’s space telescope demonstrate that we must look backward in order to learn and move forward. As a teaching team we spent time in June reflecting on the past year, embracing our successes and growth in some contents, and envisioning strategies for continued learning, growth and discovery in others. humbly acknowledging the areas we will continue to strengthen and develop.

Our school’s vision is to encourage student’s curiosity while simultaneously creating high levels of mastery in the WI State and Common Core standards. We utilize the natural world as a tool for learning and foster community and collaboration between students, staff and families. With these goals in mind, we have added staff and professional development opportunities to help us achieve this mission. We are honored to have the opportunity to hire Jade Cashman as a literacy coach for our staff. Jade will be working directly with our teachers and paraprofessionals in summer professional development and in our classrooms as we focus our school wide goal this year on helping our students develop as writers.

**July 1:** Returning students begin online registration for 2022-23 school year

**July 31:** Returning students’ online registration for 2022-23 school year due.



**August:** Monitor email for Back to School forms, dates, and information

**August 29: Welcome Back Night**

**Sept. 1:** First day of school!

**Sept. 2: IN PERSON school day**

**Sept. 5:** No School for Students or Staff

**Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30:** Virtual School Days

**Enrollment for the 2022-23 School Year**  
 Our [2022-23 Lottery and Waitlist results](#) are posted on our website. Please see our [“How to Enroll” website page](#) for more information regarding applying to attend ROLES in the 2022-23 school year.





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### Inspired by tree climbing experiences?

RNC offers a Tree Climbing Club and Open Climb dates for people of all ages! [Explore options here.](#)

### A warm welcome to our new staff!

I am very excited to introduce our two new teachers to our Riveredge community. Join me in welcoming Nikki Blawat as our new 2nd Grade teacher and Allison Servais as our 4th grade teacher. Both are "Riveredge kids!" Each came to Riveredge for programs when they were young.

Nikki grew up just down the road from Riveredge. As a child she would occasionally explore all of the great things Riveredge had to offer with both her family and her Girl Scout troop. She recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay with a degree in Education. During her college career she had the opportunity to take a course that focused on outdoor learning and education, and she absolutely loved it. She learned about our school in that class! Nikki is very excited to join the ROLES team. She is looking forward to being able to combine her love of the outdoors and passion for teaching! We are thrilled to have her join our team.

Allison grew up playing and learning at Riveredge Nature Center both on field trips and with her family. She fell in love with ROLES from the moment she heard about it! She is excited for the opportunity to teach awesome, nature-loving kids, while learning just as much from them! She believes that together we will not learn to solve the problems of the future, but prepare to solve the problems of today by helping make a difference in the here and now. Allison started in education with a degree as a Sign Language Interpreter and worked in the elementary and high school levels. After seven years, she went back to school and earned degrees in Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Geoscience. She has taught 6th grade Physical Science and 8th grade Earth and Space classes. It has always been her philosophy that students acquire more knowledge through thematic, hands-on inquiry. We feel fortunate to have Allison join the staff at ROLES!

### Interested in Subbing?

Subs are always needed and appreciated! At least one staff member in the classroom must have a license. Here are some links to classes to obtain your sub license. If you complete a course and/or already have your license, please contact Mrs. Cindy Raimer at: [craimer@nosd.edu](mailto:craimer@nosd.edu) to sub at Riveredge.

[August 4th](#)

[August 30th](#)

[September](#)

[October](#)

[November](#)



## REFERENCES / RESOURCES

Please see our [2022-23 School Calendar](#) to plan appointments and vacations. Virtual School Days are student attendance days. Participation is required for positive attendance. \* There are some differences between NOSD's school calendar and our school calendar - make sure to reference "**The Riveredge School**" calendar for days off school throughout the school year.



## OUR LEARNING PARTNERS

### ROLES PTO:

[PTO Newsletters](#)

### Governance Council:

[Governance Council Agendas and Meeting Minutes](#)

### Is your student leaving ROLES?

Please complete a "[Student Withdrawal Form](#)" and turn it into the ROLES office as soon as possible. This tells us where your student is going to school next year to assist in transferring student records. Required for all grade levels, including 5th grade. Paper copies are available in the ROLES office or email: [eweiss@nosd.edu](mailto:eweiss@nosd.edu).

**Riveredge Nature Center:**

**RNC has AMAZING programs for all ages!**

Explore their [website](#) to see the opportunities! *Most events listed here are family based programs. Registration is required for almost all events listed.*

[Tree Climbing Adventures](#) - Open Tree Climbs; Tree Climbing Club; Private Group Climb; Sign up for tree climbing open dates and find more information here.

Contact Alina at [aprahl@riveredge.us](mailto:aprahl@riveredge.us) or call (262)416-1364 to schedule **Youth & Scout Programs** and **Birthday Celebrations** here at Riveredge!

[Kayak & Canoe at Riveredge](#) Group outings & Friday Night Paddles through September at paddling sites throughout Sheboygan, Dodge, Washington, and Ozaukee counties. See RNC's event calendar for opportunities throughout the summer!

Parent/Grandparent [Trek Geocaching Adventure](#): 7/29; 1-3pm. Ages 8+.

Tree Talks: [Nature Poetry Workshop](#) 7/30; 1-2pm.

Parent/Grandparent [Trek: River Rambling](#) 8/5; 1-3pm.

[Starry Night Hike & Craft](#) Sat., Aug. 12th; 6:30-8:30pm.

[Welcome Hikes](#): 8/13: 1-3pm. Recurring event.

Parent/Grandparent [Trek: Tree Climbing](#): 8/19; 3-5pm.

[Kayaks & Campfires Paddle](#): 8/26; 5-8pm. Ages 10+.

Parent/Grandparent [Trek: Kayaking Horicon Marsh](#): 8/27; 9:30am-2:30pm. Ages 10+.

[Family Orienteering](#) Saturday, August 27th; 10am-12pm

[Photo Club: 8/30; 7-9pm.](#) Recurring event - adult & family program; all skill levels are invited to participate.

[Milwaukee River Kayak Tour](#): 9/9; 5-9pm. Ages 10+.

[Farm to Table Dinner](#) Saturday, September 10th; 4:30pm. Celebrate the Harvest Moon at Riveredge! Includes complimentary beer and wine; dancing; farm dinner featuring produce from Riveredge; and auction. Fundraiser to support environmental education and land stewardship across southeastern WI.

[Sturgeon Fest 2022!](#) Sunday, September 25th; 11am - 4pm. At Harbor Fest: 600 E. Greenfield Ave. Milwaukee, WI. Hand release a lake sturgeon into Lake Michigan!

**School Supply List and Other Family Resources**

Please visit our ["Family Resources"](#) website page for resources for the 2022-23 school year. The [school supply list](#) is primarily the same as last school year with one important new addition. **Grades 3, 4, and 5 need earbuds or earphones** for Chromebooks. A checklist of required forms with links will be emailed home in August.

**Medication Updates**

If your child takes prescription or over the counter medication, please see the "Checklist of Forms 2022-23" for both prescription medication forms and the over the counter medication form. Students that carry emergency medications require two forms: Authorization for Prescription Medication and Authorization for Self Carry. Please familiarize your child's physician with our school's setting given our unique learning environment in which students are often away from the school's office on the RNC grounds with their classroom staff.

**Reporting an Absence?**

This school year parents/guardians are required to complete the ["Report an Absence"](#) Google form to report **any and all** absences. One form submission per student absence. Please submit your student's absence as soon as possible. Planned absences for appointments or planned vacations may be submitted as soon as the dates and times are known. When picking up a student early or dropping a student off late, adult sign in in the office is required.

**Volunteer and Visitor Sign In**

We are so grateful for our volunteers in our classrooms! Please stop by the ROLES office at both the beginning and end of your visit to any of our classes to sign in and sign out. A clipboard for visitor sign in will be in front of the ROLES desk. Thank you for volunteering!

