



THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL INQUIRER

The Official Newsletter of Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School



DEVELOPMENTS AT THE RIVEREDGE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Friday Presentations
 This year we are creating partnerships and collaborations with other local organizations to amplify the opportunities for all of our students. If you are interested in planning a virtual presentation for our students, please reach out to us. We welcome ideas and connections to community organizations that provide engaging topics for our students!

October 28: 🍁 PTO Fall Fest; 6:00-7:30pm
October 31 - November 3: PTO Scholastic Book Fair 📖 in the Visitor's Center: 8:30am-4:40pm

Riveredge Nature Center Field Trips
 Our students have the privilege of participating in a variety of onsite field trips or programs led by the Riveredge educators. Fruits of Fall; Pond Interactions; and Wisconsin's Glacial Landscape are just a few of the programs available to our school and other schools. It is such an honor to have this wealth of knowledge at our doorstep!


November 4, 11, 18: Virtual Fridays
November 23: No School for Students; Teacher Work Day

OUR LEARNING PARTNERS

[PTO Newsletters](#)

ROLES PTO:
Morning Drop Off Volunteers: *Thank you* for all your help giving our students a safe start to the school day! 🙌

🍁 **Fall Fest 2022** 🍁: **Friday, October 28th** on the RNC grounds. 6:00-7:30pm. Trunk or treat in the west parking lot. At 6:45 we will close the trunks, and families with a luminary 🏮 (*no flame) will use them to guide the way to the barn, where there will be snacks, a fire 🔥 and the Scholastic Book Fair!

📖 **PTO Scholastic Book Fair:** 10/31-11/3 in the main lobby/octagon of the RNC Visitor's Center: 8:30am-4:30pm.

November 24 & 25: No School for Students & Staff
December 2, 9, 16: Virtual Fridays
December 22: No School for Students; Teacher Work Day
December 23, 26-30: No School for Students & Staff; ❄️ Winter Break ❄️
January 2: Back to School!
January 6, 13, 27: Virtual Fridays
January 20: No School for Students; Teacher Work Day

LEARNING UPDATES FROM CLASSES

Fruits of Fall by Kayla Buser on October 11th:



What a gorgeous day for our amazing Riveredge Program, Fruits of Fall, today! We began our program by meeting up with Ms. Pam and Ms. Bri who told us they lost their friend who wanted to meet us, so we set out for Mayapple Woods to help them find him! When we made it safely across the road, we came upon a sleeping man, who just so happened to be the friend we were looking for. We very gently gave him a shake to wake him up. He popped right up and introduced himself as Jimbo Appleseed, Johnny Appleseed's great, great, great, great, great-grandson. He then proceeded to tell us about Johnny Appleseed and why his name is so recognizable and why the work he did with seeds was so important.

From there we split into two groups and began observing and noticing some different seed characteristics. We specifically focused on how the seeds traveled. We noticed that seeds like burs stick to things to help them travel, while some seeds like acorns might rely on animals to move them, and seeds from a milkweed plant use the wind to transport their seeds. Next, we began a seed hunt! Each student got a little bowl and hunted for seeds on trails and the surrounding plants. After some searching, we met in our groups and sorted our seeds into the way they are transported. We observed that seeds that utilize wind were more likely to be found in the prairie and seeds carried by animals were found more in the forest.

Finally, we joined our groups together and heard the story about the little red house with no windows and no doors. Then Jimbo Appleseed cut the apple horizontally, revealing a star in the middle. Each 1st grader was initiated into the Apple Club with an apple star stamp using the actual apple as the stamp! After that, each student was given an apple and placed it in the cider press. They used their super strong muscles to turn the crank that helped to break up the apples. When everyone had a turn, Ms. Pam pressed the apples and we saw the apple cider we helped to create! To finish off our program, we each got a small cup of Riveredge apple cider...yum!



Bus Drivers Needed!

Due to the shortage of bus drivers throughout the state, scheduling of field trips outside of Riveredge has become very tricky! If you are licensed to drive a school bus and/or are interested in becoming licensed to drive our ROLES students on field trip(s) this spring, please contact us!



How do I confirm my child's absence?

Submit a ["Report an Absence"](#) form as soon as possible. Late arrivals and early pickups should be recorded on this form as well. All late arrivals and early pickups meet in the office. Thank you for your assistance!

HUGE Shout-out to our classroom

volunteers and substitutes!!! Thank you for helping our students in their classes as they learn and grow in nature! Please make sure to sign in the office when volunteering or subbing.



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.

Enrollment for the 2022-23 School

Year: Please see our ["How to Enroll" website page](#) for more information regarding applying to attend ROLES in the 2022-23 school year.

OUR LEARNING PARTNERS

Governance Council:

[Governance Council Agendas and Meeting Minutes](#)

Where curriculum is brought to life and curiosity is fostered each and every day through time in our natural world.

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.*

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

[Photo Club: 10/25; 7-8:30pm.](#) Recurring event - adult & family program; all skill levels are invited to participate.

[Day for Dogs:](#) 10/29, 9am-4pm. Trail fee per dog applies.

[OWL Prowl at Lac Lawrann:](#) 11/11; 5:30-7:30pm. Ages 10+; Event offered through the Ozaukee Washington Bird Coalition.

[Community Rivers Program Water Trivia Night:](#) 11/17, 6:00-7:30pm. Fun for the whole family! Registration required.

Handmade for the Holidays events:

[TEENS: Friday, 11/18,](#) 6-9pm.

[KIDS: Saturday, 11/19,](#) 12-4pm.

[Welcome Hikes:](#) 11/12: 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Recurring event.

[RNC Kids Ski & Snowboard Club:](#) Thursdays in January at 4:30pm or 6:30pm. Ages 5-17 and families.

Riveredge Winter Camp

[Registration is open!](#) Seats are filling fast!
December 27th, 28th, & 29th; 9:00am - 4:00pm daily.

[RNC Kids Ski & Snowboard Club:](#) Thursdays in January at 4:30pm or 6:30pm. Ages 5-17 and families.

[Riveredge Summer Camps](#) - Registration opens in November! Camps for ages 3 to teens. Riveredge summer camps fill quickly!



Fourth Grade Update by Allison Servais:

It's been quite the week in 4th grade! Monday we started off with finishing up our "Square 1 Art" project. Our little artists did an incredible job!

Then we spent the week focusing on phonics, finishing our first read aloud (Operation Yes!) writing thank you notes, and learning all about Glaciers!

Yesterday we had a Glacier program with RNC which was AMAZING! We were divided up into kettles and moraines, then we explored the RNC grounds where we found a kettle, tested the soil temperature, created a model with balloons and sand (students LOVED that part!), found a moraine, where we tested the wind above and below, and all around learned a lot! Our RNC guides were impressed with all the knowledge students had going into it, and how all around awesome they were on the adventure!



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Family Sharing Partnership

This school year, ROLES is participating in Family Sharing's weekend **Bags in Backpack** program. In September, 169 meals were delivered to five school districts! Their goal is to have kids concentrate on academics and not food. Each food bag, provided to each child who opts in, contains a variety of food, which may include yogurt, cheese sticks, sandwiches and fruit. All food is provided to children free of charge! Families complete the confidential form (it does NOT collect your email address, only your response) shared in ClassDojo to participate in the program and pick up the bag(s) of healthy food and snacks each Thursday afternoon. Families may opt out at any time by completing the form again using the same code word and entering the decision to opt out in the short answer response.

Tick Checks

Please continue to thoroughly check for ticks on a daily basis. Some ticks carry the bacterium that causes Lyme Disease. Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease can vary from individual to individual, however, it is helpful in diagnosis and treatment if there is knowledge of a tick bite, the location of the bite, and when the tick was discovered. Here are a few resources:

- [CDC - Lyme Disease](#)
- [Mayo Clinic - Lyme Disease](#)
- [Lyme Disease Association, Inc.](#)

Third Grade Update by Amanda Otzelberger:



Pond Interactions



Third grade has been jumping into being the guardians of the pond at Riveredge!

We helped Ms. Patricia battle Eurasian Milfoil, an invasive species that is taking over Farm Pond. We worked together to use rakes and our hands to pull the plant out, careful not to break it because any appendages can make new plants! It's important to practice our stewardship and give back to this amazing place that we learn so much from! I think the third graders had a lot of fun doing it too.

Our class also participated in an RNC program called Pond Interactions, which was an awesome culmination of learning that supplemented many different topics we've learned so far this year. Students practiced mapping out biotic and abiotic factors we found at the pond, scooping to find macroinvertebrates, looking at what we found under the microscope and using dichotomous keys and guides to learn more about our discoveries.

River Flow Experiment by Shaun Kempf:

Day one of collecting data for our river flow experiment went really well. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. The kids and I were amazed at the amount of life in the river today. It seemed everywhere we looked we saw crawfish and fish swimming around. Even with all the distractions we were able to collect some really good data.

Tomorrow will be day two of data collection as we get information from another part of the river. I wonder what we'll find.



Second Grade Update by Nikki Blawat:



Exploring, Reading, Writing, Science...



In math we just wrapped up Unit 1, and are beginning Unit 2 where we will learn to add on the open number line and measure using Jack and the Giant Beanstalk. In science, second grade is beginning our new unit on States of Matter. In this unit we have discussed the different states of matter, and are doing various engaging experiments to show reversible and irreversible changes. We also had a blast on our creek walk led by the Nature Center.

Kindergarten Update by Sarah Fortney:



Reading, Writing, Sharing...



Kindergarten has been up to so many learning and exploration opportunities. We have enjoyed our interactive writing lessons where we can draw, write and share our special stories. We explored how different areas on campus are changing during the fall season. During our exploration time we have collected leaves and identified them. We made a crown of leaves and gathered a bunch of them together for a leaf pile. The excitement for all our learning is abundant!

Kindergarten has enjoyed the Bookmobile, last week they were introduced to the shelf markers and take great pride in helping the Librarians keep the bus organized so they can find all the amazing books they love to read.