

September 2012 Newsletter

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Picture Day October 8th, look for order packets in your student's backpack!

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome Back and welcome to all new and returning parents/guardians of the Parents And Riverview Actively Delivering Education (PARADE) students, Choosing Heightened Options for Individually Centered Education (CHOICE) students and Contracted Learning for Individual Pacing (CLIP) students. Whew! From now on I will just use their acronyms in all future newsletters and correspondence.

We've had a great first week of school with students and parents showing up for the various programs available at the Riverview Learning Center. CHOICE is well underway with a week behind them, parent conferences and student conferences for both PARADE and CLIP are close to completion, and routines for the year are being established. The entire staff at the RLC is proud to begin another school year and all of us are looking forward to teaching your students and working with families.

I am very excited to be the principal this year of the Riverview Learning Center (RLC) and am looking forward to a year of meeting you and getting to know your students as they come to class. As your new principal, I am learning more and more every day and am very impressed with the quality of the program as well as the dedication of the staff. As a way of some background, I come to the RLC from Tolt Middle School where I served as principal for 16 years. Prior to that I worked at Cedarcrest High School as the assistant principal, and even prior to that, taught in the classroom for 13 years. I am excited about this new opportunity to serve the students and community here at the RLC!

As we continue to bring to you a quality educational program by increasing both the academic and behavioral expectations, you will find a few new faces among our staff to help us in our quest.

Joining the PARADE staff this year is Kait Teachout. Ms. Teachout comes to the PARADE

program from Cherry Valley Elementary School where she has taught multiple grades for the past eight years. She is a master teacher and we are very lucky to have her join our RLC community.

Joining the CHOICE staff is Paul Spatafore as a humanities teacher. Paul comes to us from Illinois where he taught in various middle schools. Paul has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University and a Bachelors Degree in History Education from Illinois State University.

Other new staff include: Adriana Armstrong, cook; Tabitha Bowers, educational aide in CLIP; and Julie Wehr, educational aide in CHOICE. We are so happy to have all their help and expertise to serve students at the RLC.

As you look to how you can become involved in your child's education, consider the many ways you can support him/her at home by providing structure for classwork and homework time as designed through the Student Learning Plan, keeping in contact with the teachers, and volunteering. The PTSA is looking for members now and has several ideas they want to share.

Lastly, the staff and I are excited about this new school year. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and hope you attend school events and activities.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Gavigan

Riverview Learning Center Principal

Riverview School District Human Resources Director

SCHOOL & DISTRICT CALENDAR

We will not be handing out a hard copy of the calendar this year. So, please go to our website for important upcoming events and our calendar information at:

[2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



Tolt Dam Breach Evacuation Information

What is the Tolt Dam Breach Evacuation Plan?

Students participate yearly in learning how to safely evacuate the Riverview Learning Center campus by following the route to the evacuation site. Remember, this route is used in case there is a dam breach. Every other year the entire student body participates on the walk to the top of the hill. In case you didn't know, the entrance for the site is off of NE 45th at the Tolt Highlands Road. With safety as our main concern, we take the trip very seriously and practice procedures in the event of a real dam breach. It is important for parents and students to know, if there is an earthquake or city-wide alarm evacuate the building to our fire drill site, quickly take attendance, and walk up the hill to safety. A school bus arrives to the building to transport students who are designated as fragile due to physical or health constraints. Every classroom at the RLC has an emergency backpack with a few basic first aid supplies that is carried up to the site. Upon arrival to the site, there are containers with basic provisions and a first aid station. I tell you this to help you recognize your student is safe with our staff. Students are assigned to specific staff members as part of our procedure. In the event of a real earthquake, please do not try to drive along the route or up the hill to collect your student. Because the building is evacuated, we also do not leave behind staff to

answer telephones. Upon returning from the evacuation site, if you feel the need to pick up your child, you would come directly to the main office for proper check out.

For Emergency Reunification

At the Riverview Learning Center your child's safety is one of our primary concerns. As part of our comprehensive emergency plan we have an established procedure to reunite students with parents/guardians. This procedure is designed to ensure that students are safe until a parent/guardian arrives to pick them up. Several key components of this procedure we feel you should know are

1. Parent/guardian-student reunification will occur at the RLC main office.
2. When you come to pick up your child please have your identification with you so we can confirm your identity against the Authorized Guardian Student Release Information we have on file. This layer of detail is in place to ensure your child's safety.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

If you are in the need of information on the free and reduced lunch program or if you need an application it can be found on the district website under, Site Content/For Parents/Forms

<http://www.riverview.wednet.edu/parent.htm>



Volunteering at the Riverview Learning Center

Schools can't survive without parent volunteers and your help is very much appreciated. We care about the safety of all students and staff starting this year, all volunteers need to complete the volunteer process. If you are interested in volunteering, you will find the Volunteer information packet on the Riverview School District website under the Parents & Community pull down, Volunteer Opportunities. [Volunteer Information](#)



14th Annual REF Golf Classic

The 14th Annual REF Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, October 6 at the Club at Redmond Ridge (formerly Trilogy).

You can download the registration form The REF website, www.refweb.org, You can also download from the attached registration form. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Cathy Tiffany at refgolfgal@gmail.com or (425) 205-5703. [REF Golf](#)

[Classic Registration](#)

School Immunizations:

Are your immunizations up to date? Please view the required vaccines to ensure your student's immunizations are up to date. Complete your paperwork and give to the main office so we can have accurate records.

[Riverview Health Services](#)

New After School Club

Community Service for a Sustainable Future

Club organizers: PARADE parents Kimberly Gallagher and Karen Worline

Kindergarten through 8th graders welcome

Dates: September 26th October 10th & 24th, November: 7th & 28th, December 5th and 19th

Time: 3:15 - 4:30.

FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION

Please take a minute and verify that all information on "Family Access" is correct for your student. Please notify us immediately for any updates that need to be made such as:

Home phone numbers, Cell numbers, Work numbers

Family Address, Mailing Address

Emergency Contact Information

Health Information

For e-mail address changes and additions, you may update these by simply clicking on the "change email" icon once logged on to Family Access.

WEAPONS

State Law (RCW28A-600.420) and School District Policy 3200 prohibit the possession of firearms and weapons at school. This law pertains to guns, knives, clubs, firecrackers, and explosives. Dangerous weapons also include toy or "dummy" or look-alike objects. The full text of the law and the definitions of dangerous weapons, as provided in RCW9.41.250 and RCW 9.41.280, are on file in the school office. Any violations of these guidelines by students constitutes grounds for expulsion from the Riverview school District and the public schools of the State of Washington, in accordance with the due process provisions of Washington State Law and Board Policy.

Important Dates

September 19, Taste Washington Lunch Menu
September 20, PARADE Potluck
September 26, Tolt Dam Breach Evacuation Drill
October 6, 14th Annual Golf Tournament
October 8, Picture Day!

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"Instruction ends in the
school-room, but education
ends only with life."

- Frederick W. Robertson

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