

The Viking Voice



October

Riverside Elementary West

Principal: Mr. Paul M. Brennan



For our full Newsletter please visit:
<http://www.riversidesd.com/west.htm>

What's Happening?

- October 10th - No School - Columbus Day – Teacher Inservice
- October 10th - National School Lunch Week Begins
- October 11th - IDENT-A-KID
- October 11th - School Board Meeting (RHS Library - 7:00 p.m.)
- October 13th - Progress Reports Sent Out
- October 13th - Title I Family Math Night - 6:00 p.m.
(held in the EAST Multipurpose room - 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.)
- October 18th - Kindergarten – Trip to Roba’s Tree Farm
- October 19th - PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Family Night Book Fair (6pm – 8pm)
- October 19th - PP&L 3rd Grade Energy Presentation
- October 19st - 21st Book Fair
- October 24th - Red Ribbon Week
- October 26th - Lifetouch Photo Day (free dress down day)
- October 31st - Halloween Party / Parade (parade starts at 2:15 p.m.)

Red Ribbon Week



Happy Halloween!

A potentially lifesaving lesson





THE Cafeteria

Mrs. Coombs, Mrs. Pisano, and Mrs. Trolio

Every day, these ladies provide our students with nutritionally balanced lunches. These lunches give the students the energy that is needed for them to succeed in class.



National School Lunch Week

October 10th – October 14th

<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>

PLEASE make sure that your child knows their Student ID Number.

This will help the lunch lines to move swiftly. It will also ensure that your child has a chance to buy a snack. We are having trouble in 1st Grade & 2nd Grade.

Practice key pads can be downloaded at:

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Jack

Jack is a new Kindergarten student here at Riverside Elementary WEST. He likes the breakfast at our school and sports. He has two brothers named Jules and Max.

He goes to the Riverside football games. When he grows up he wants to be a football player.

He likes his teacher Mrs. Singleman and his favorite subject is Art.

Great Job Jack!

More can be seen on the web at:

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Principal's Message

Mr. Brennan

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REMINDERS:

- Please adhere to the **UNIFORM POLICY** each day.
- Please make sure that your student has something with long sleeves to wear. They may be denied outside recess privileges if it is windy, damp, or cold.
- **October 14th**, Taylor Fire & Rescue will be in our building in the morning for Fire Prevention Week.

We are now settled into the new school year. I am really looking forward to another great year. If you are new to the school, you will find that our staff goes “above and beyond” to ensure an education for your child that is second to none.

I would like to make you aware that I have an open door policy. If you have an issue that is troubling your child, please do not hesitate to contact me! In most cases, it is better to deal with it before it escalates.

Finally, I am challenging you to get involved! Those parents/students that get involved in their school and community experience a greater sense of pride! We have many opportunities to volunteer some time and effort. Please contact me if you would like to get involved more.

HALLOWEEN:

- Students are **NOT** to leave to get changed!
- The parade starts at **2:15 p.m.**
- Parent volunteers will be in the rooms to help your child get dressed. They will be the only parents allowed in the building that day!
- Objects that resemble weapons are **NOT** allowed with their costumes! (ie. Plastic guns, swords, etc..)



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PTA NEWS:

The 2010– 2011 R.E.W. PTA meets the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings will be held in the multi-purpose room at 7:00 p.m. **Membership is \$7.00.**

PTA members **MUST volunteer four hours to be eligible** to attend both class and field trips, so plan on participating in as many activities as you can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an officer!

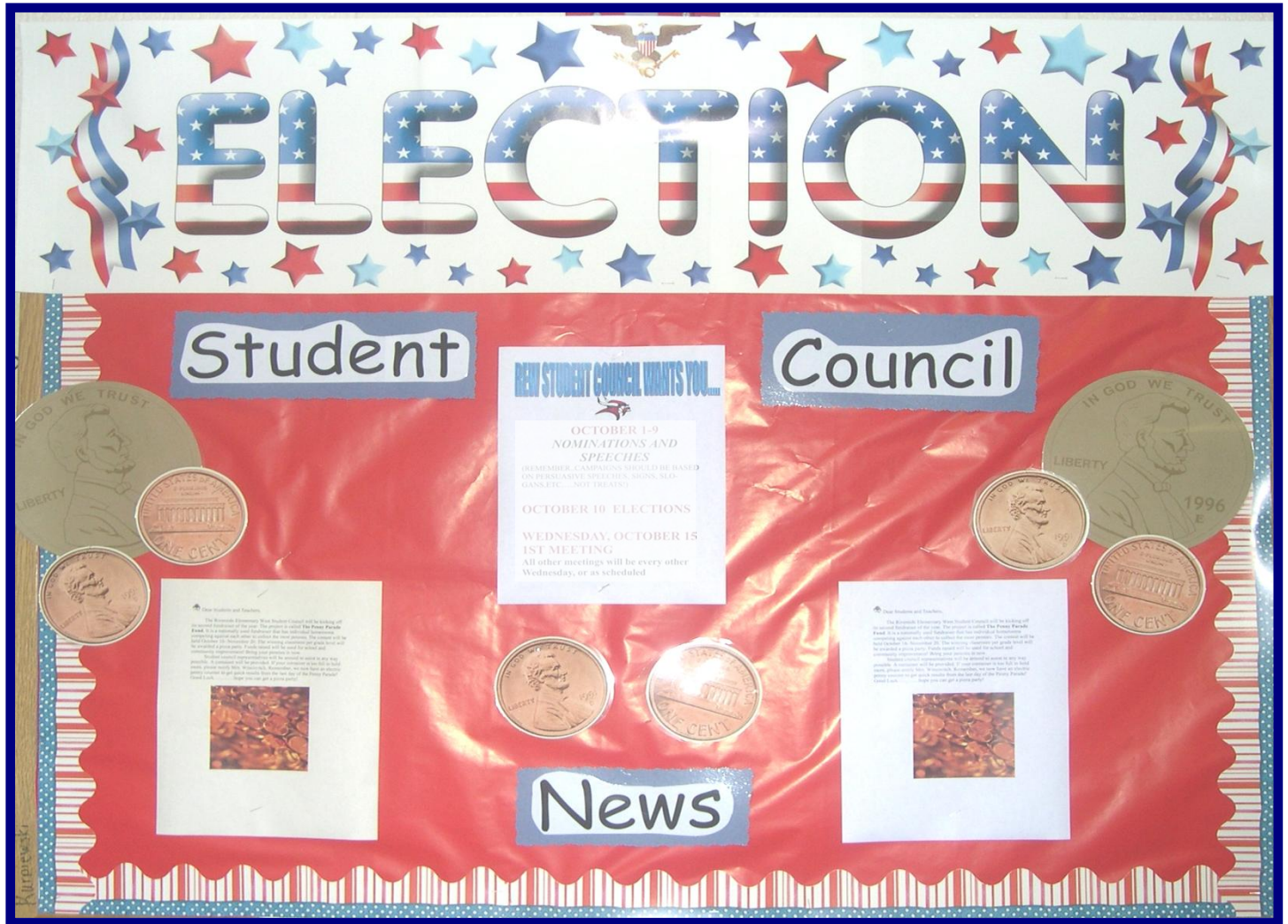




Mrs. Wincovitch



Student Council



Save your pennies now!
The PENNY PARADE is approaching fast!



Photography for a Lifetime®



Wednesday, October 26th

- Lifetouch Studios will be taking individual photos of all students in grades K – 4. Students are allowed to dress down for the school day. **This is a FREE dress down day.** Orders must be pre paid. Please bring in your money on or before this day.

www.lifetouch.com



Riverside Elementary

WEST

Taylor, Pennsylvania



Roba's Tree Farm

October 18th

ALL
Kindergarten
students must
have handed in
their permission
slip in order to
attend!



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Mrs. Jensen



Nurse

Top 10 Tips for Preventing the Spread of Flu

- 1. Keep your child home from school or day care when he or she is sick.**
- 2. Allow your child to return to school only when fever-free for at least 24 hours (no longer having a fever without use of fever-reducing medicines).**
- 3. Cover your cough. Cough into your upper sleeve or into a tissue and discard properly.**
- 4. Properly dispose of used tissues and other soiled items, and wash your hands after doing so.**
- 5. Wash hands frequently and regularly or use hand sanitizers when water is not readily available.**
- 6. Regularly clean and disinfect areas and items likely to have frequent hand contact.**
- 7. Contact your health care provider when your child or other family member is sick with the flu (symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache and body aches).**
- 8. If you are not able to stay home with your child, plan ahead for how he or she will be taken care of when sick at home or if school is closed.**
- 9. Have your child vaccinated against the flu every year.**
- 10. Stay informed through www.health.state.pa.us, www.cdc.gov, or www.flu.gov.**



Mr. J.T. Yarem



Guidance

Hello again!

It was about this time last year that I was just introducing myself to the Riverside West community. Last year brought many challenges that led to many great accomplishments. Overall, I would say that my first year here was successful. As Mr. Brennan and I settle into our second year here, we have even more great activities and learning experiences planned. Similar to last year, October has two significant weeks besides Halloween that should get a great deal of attention. It takes a community to prevent bullying of children. A great way to spend some extra time with your children this month is to go on the PACER website. Here, you can find some really good information for parents to know about bullying, including signs if your child is involved in bullying and how you can help. There are also great resources to work through with your children including a bullying coloring book, poster and writing contests, and bullying prevention videos. The information is great and everything on it is free. The web address is <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/bpaw/index.asp>. Another link from this website is one you can allow your children to go on and explore on their own. It has games, contests, and other valuable bullying information. This website can be accessed at <http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org>.

One more piece of information to pass along a very important week at the end of October. This is the national “Red Ribbon Week” celebration. Red ribbon week is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of a Red Ribbon. During this week especially, REW will reinforce the message that the parents and guardians have instilled of not using drugs.

I plan on leading classroom guidance lessons on these topics along with many others throughout the school year. On behalf of the staff here at REW, we would like to thank the parents for all of your hard work with our students. As always, I look forward to working with everyone again this year.

Thank You,

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