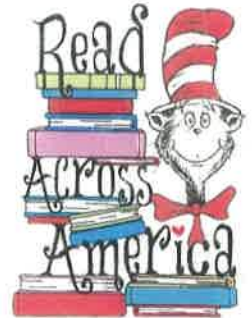


# Crocker/Riverside Elementary School



# MARCH

## Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information is for your March calendar and planning.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Celebration Day** **Friday, March 1, 2019** **Pajama Day**

We are having a Pajama Spirit Day Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may wear appropriate warm pajamas to school on this day. Just a remember it's going to be cold! We will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Celebration on the above day. This is a special opportunity for our students to share their love of reading with each other. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's classroom teacher.



### **Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with the assistants of adult volunteers, will be working this fundraiser. Tickets are only \$5.00 each for a fresh-made breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fresh fruit and Taylor Market sausage and Espresso Metro Coffee. All monies raised will go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class fund to support activities such as the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration and the end of year trip to Sunsplash. We welcome all our families, extended families, and neighbors to join us for food, music, and community spirit! Volunteers, are needed for this fun & tasty event. Need more information? Go to our school webpage [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org)

### **Teacher Reports and Records Day**

### **SHORTENED DAY SCHEDULE for Friday, March 15, 2019**



Teacher Records Day is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and is designated for teachers to complete their report cards and student records. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be on a shortened day schedule. **Please see the shortened day schedule and snack/lunch information listed below.**

# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 22, 2019**

## Shortened Day Schedule



<b>AM Kindergarten</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 1:19 p.m.</b>
<b>PM Kindergarten</b>	<b>11:40 a.m. – 3:12 p.m.</b>

Students in grades 1-6 will be on a shortened day schedule during the above dates.

Students will be served lunch after their dismissal time.

**Please send a light snack with your child to hold them over until their dismissal time.**



**Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, March 22, 2019.**



## **Scholastic Book Fair Week**

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 22, 2019



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in our school auditorium and will be open for students and parents who would like to do some shopping from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. except for Friday it will only be open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Don't forget parents and students can also shop on Wednesday evening. Cath Mascall and Lauren Zimmerman are chairing our Scholastic Book Fair and **THEY ARE STILL IN NEED OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS.** Please go to our school web page [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org) or [www.konstella.com](http://www.konstella.com) if you can volunteer some time to help us make this Book Fair successful.



**Extra Extra Extra**

## **Parent Book Fair Night**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Library



Thank you in advance for your support of our school library. All proceeds from this event go back into our library services.

# School Rules for Cell Phones and Smart Watches

It has been reported that during the school day some students have been taking pictures and videos of other students without their consent and posting these on social media and other web based sites. This is a reminder that during school hours Cell phones, smart watches and any other device that can send and receive data, must be turned off and put away. Students are not allowed to bring these items out during class time or recess times. Devices that are not put away during the school day will be confiscated and a parent will have to pick up these items from the school. Students with these devices are discouraged from bringing them to school and *the school assumes no liability* if they are lost or stolen. If there is an emergency on campus parents will be notified by an automated call from the principal or the school district. Students may use the school phone if they have a personal emergency or if they have been injured. If parents need to reach their student during the school day, they should call the school office. Parents and Students should make all transportation, childcare arrangements and play dates should be arranged prior to your child arriving to school.



## We Need Your Pictures for the School Yearbook!

Have you been taking digital pictures this school year of class projects, activities, parties, field trips, etc.? Mrs. Kang (aka Debbie) in the school office needs your pictures! Pictures can be given to Mrs. Kang on a CD or flash drive. Just bring your pictures to the school office and she will download the pictures and return your CD or flash drive. **The yearbook is due at the end of March, so please send in your pictures soon. The more pictures we have the better the yearbook will turn out. Thank you.**



- The parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY!!**
- **Do not drive, bike or walk through the parking lot.**
- Walk on sidewalks *not* through the parking lot.
- Use the crosswalk. **DO NOT JAYWALK.**
- Drop and Go zone in front of school. **Keep moving!**  
No parked cars: you can be ticketed.



- **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO OUR NEIGHBOR'S. DON'T PULL INTO/BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR MOVE THEIR GARBAGE CANS, FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO PARK!!**
- **Red zone** for school buses only!



Thank you for setting a good example for all our students by being considerate and thoughtful of others and keeping our neighborhood and school safe for everyone.

## School Lunch Menus



The lunch menu can be found on our school webpage [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org). You can also go to the District's website at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu). Click on the following: Parent/Student, Student Online Tools and scroll down to Nutrition & Menus and then Menus.





## **FREE Breakfast Program**

Our school provides a FREE Breakfast Program for all students. Our school cafeteria serves FREE breakfast every morning starting at 8:15 a.m. You do not need to sign your student up for the program, just send your student to the cafeteria to eat a healthy breakfast to get a good jump on the start of their day!



## **24-Hour Absence Recording Line 916-395-4535, press one**

It's flu season! If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Anytime your child will not be at school for any reason, please and call our 24-hour Absence Recording Line at 916-395-4535, press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, the reason for the absence and how many days they will be out of school. If you would like to pick up your child's homework you may leave that information on the answering machine. This request has to be made by 10:00 am in order for the teacher to have time to prepare the assignments. Homework can be picked up in the school office at the regular dismissal time.

If your child has a fever (100 degrees or higher), please keep them at home. No one should return to school until they have had **no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine**, even if they feel better. Thank you.



## **A mandatory school uniform policy is in effect at Crocker/Riverside.**



### **The appropriate dress for school consists of:**

- dark blue bottoms (navy blue); pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, leggings
- solid white, red or navy blue shirts
- Crocker/Riverside School Uniform Spirit Wear



**Crocker/Riverside 2018-2019 School Calendar of Events**  
Please check web page for updates [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org).

## **Principal's Corner:**

As you know, our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attend an annual outdoor science education field trip for three nights each spring, with the last four years being at Alliance Redwoods selected by our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, authorized by me, and subsequently approved by the school district. We have determined that this outdoor science education program offers a high quality of academics, facilities, personnel, food, and personal development of the students.

I need to add that all fieldtrips, including this one, are directed by the classroom teacher, not the PTO, as an enrichment to the curriculum taught in the classroom. For overnight trips such as this one, teachers go to great personal sacrifice, including incurring expenses of additional childcare (if needed), being away from their families, supervising students 24 hours a day during the trip, and working well beyond their contractual obligations, for no additional pay, because they feel strongly about the benefits of a quality outdoor science educational experience for their students. There is no requirement that such a trip occur.

Due to concerns raised about the religious affiliation of the facility, as laid out in a recent article in the *Sacramento Bee*, I wanted to share with you the steps our District has taken to address this matter. Per our Constituent Services Office,

- Our District has reviewed the Alliance Redwoods website and has been in communication with their staff, investigated the issues of church and state, and closely reviewed policy and law on District use of religious facilities for a non-religious purpose.
- Our District does not believe the use of the Alliance Redwoods property for camp purposes is a violation of any laws addressing church and state entanglements due to our understanding and personal experience that no proselytizing or religious dogma is pushed upon the students.
- Schools may use a private religious property for a non-religious purpose, and churches may also use a district property after school hours (BP 1330).  
<https://www.freedomforuminstitute.org/about/faq/can-schools-use-facilities-owned-by-religious-institutions>
- Schools must have a secular educational purpose for seeking to use religious facilities, such as after-school recreation, or in this case, a secular science and nature themed camp.

I recognize that the above does not fully address the concerns some have raised. In an effort to address the concerns raised about the selection of Alliance Redwoods, this spring I intend to bring together a group of individuals, including our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and some parents of current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, to research the current outdoor science education offerings and to make a recommendation of which program to attend for the next two years, if any.

My hope is that we will be able to find a program that addresses all our families' concerns and that meets the high quality we have come to expect. If we are unable to do so, we may consider other opportunities for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are a parent/guardian of a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student and are interested in serving in the aforementioned group, please contact me by March 15, 2019.

It is truly an honor to serve your students,

Mr. McCord