

Panther Press

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Riverbend Spirit Rock

Have you noticed our new Spirit Rock? A big thank you to our Panther PAC for hatching the idea, the Rock Man for donating the rock, and Elk Run Nursery and Landscaping for placing the rock out front for us! Riverbend families and staff can use the rock to celebrate birthdays, special occasions, milestones, or anything else you can think of! The rock can be reserved for just \$10 a day and all money supports Riverbend Elementary. If someone wants to reserve the rock, they need to call or visit the front office.



Show your school spirit!

Our Panther PAC has put together a way to make more Riverbend gear available to you! Look for a flyer coming home this month where you can purchase Panther t-shirts, long sleeves, baseball tees, and/or sweatshirts!

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Wednesday, November 2nd: No Afterschool
- Friday, November 4th: Panther Party Fun Night
- Friday, November 11th: No School, Veteran's Day!
- Tuesday, November 15th: Make-up Picture Day
- Thursday, November 17th: K, 2nd, and 4th Writer's Celebration and Thanksgiving Meal
- Monday-Tuesday, 11/21-11/22: No Afterschool
- Wednesday-Friday, 11/23-11/25: No School, Thanksgiving Break!
- October 18th: Remote Learning Day



Thanksgiving Writer's Celebration

Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 4th Grade Families are invited to come to celebrate your child's writing and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with your child on Thursday, November 17th! (*Don't worry 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade Families, we will hold your celebration in December with our Christmas Lunch!*)

Writing is such an important part of your child's learning and we can't wait to offer you some tips for supporting writing at home!

Kindergarten:

- Clifton's Writing Celebration begins at 11:30 (lunch immediately following)
- Gidcumb's Writing Celebration begins at 11:40 (lunch immediately following)

2nd Grade:

- Lusk's Writing Celebration begins at 10:40 (lunch immediately following)
- Plummer's Writing Celebration begins at 11:40 (lunch immediately following)

4th Grade:

- Bigsby's Writing Celebration begins at 11:05 (lunch immediately following)
- Finger's Writing Celebration begins at 11:15 (lunch immediately following)



Please return the RSVP card by November 9th, so our cafeteria staff can prepare! Thanksgiving lunch is \$5 per guest and includes ham or turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, a roll, apple pie, and a drink.



Take a glimpse into your child's writing instruction!

At Riverbend Elementary we believe writing is an integral part of your child's education. In order to foster a love for writing, teachers utilize a curriculum framework called *Writer's Workshop* and use the *Units of Study in Writing* to create quality lessons. Utilizing this framework students are creating works of writing that demonstrate research, creativity and an appreciation for developing an author's voice. Throughout the course of the year, students in all grade levels are working on three specific genres of writing. These genres are narrative, informational and opinion writing and each genre brings unique characteristics to your child's writing. Here at Riverbend, we also believe that reading fosters great writing. With this in mind, teachers often use their read alouds and classroom texts to teach key writing skills like elaboration and craft. To continue the great writing that is happening at Riverbend Elementary, our school is ensuring students are writing in their classrooms daily, working on foundational writing skills across grade levels and demonstrating that writing is worth celebrating. We are excited to foster this celebration through upcoming school events and the creation of a brand new writing club! Riverbend invites all parents to grow with us a community of learners as we continue to promote the love of writing for all of our students.

Thank you for selling so many candles! We raised over \$4,000 for reading materials and technology!

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