

Panther Press

R I V E R B E N D E L E M E N T A R Y



Thank You!

My Oh, My.... we were busy the month of February! We could not have done it all without the help of our Riverbend families and community! We were able to raise \$4,229.60 from our Pennies for Panthers fundraiser! This, along with our La Tee Da Fundraiser money will allow us to purchase a few more Smart Pannels for our classrooms. We pulled off another great Panther Party Fun Night full of dancing, limbo, and memories made. Our students jumped and jumped in PE for Jump Rope for Heart, and we ended the month with a week-long celebration about READING! Our hearts were filled seeing students excited about reading all week long! The cherry on top was seeing them share that excitement with their families at our Grateful for Grandparents event. Thank you for all that you did to make our busy month a success!



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Friday, March 3rd: 12:30 Dismissal, No Afterschool
- Thursday, March 9th: 12:30 Dismissal, No Afterschool
- Friday, March 10th: Remote Learning Day
- March 14th - March 24th: 27 Week Testing (2nd-5th Grade)
- Wednesday, March 22nd: Panther PAC Meeting, 8:30-9:30 AM
- Monday, March 27th: 3rd Nine Weeks Report Cards Go Home
- Wednesday, March 29th: Remote Learning Day
- Friday, March 31st: Popcorn Friday!



Smart Watches

As technology adapts we also must adapt and clarify our Parent/Student Handbook. Currently, in the School Rules section of our handbook it reads, "Toys, including fidget spinners, and electronics are not permitted at school or on the bus without teacher permission." As smart watches have become common among students, we feel the need to communicate with parents and students that **smart watches are considered an electronic and will not be permitted at school or on the bus.** Although these electronic devices do tell time, they also have many other capabilities that could be a distraction and/or a safety concern for our other students. Please make sure that your child leaves their smart watch at home, or keeps it turned off in their backpacks if it is needed for after dismissal reasons.



27 Week Testing Reminders

Our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students will participate in Haywood County Schools 27 Week Benchmark Assessments March 14th - March 24th. **Please be aware that we do not allow visitors in the building while testing is going on these days!**

- Teachers will use these assessments to monitor grade-level Reading, Math, and Science standards. The information obtained from these formative assessments will help your child's teacher navigate individual progress through guided instruction and the implementation of interventions and/or enrichment.
- As with any assessment, it is essential that your child puts forth his or her best effort. Please assist us by making sure your child is here every day, is well-rested, eats a nutritious breakfast, arrives at school on time, and is encouraged to do their very best.



Reading OUTSIDE the Classroom

As educators, seeing kids excited about reading ranks pretty high on our list of what fills us with excitement! (The picture to the left was not staged, just Riverbend Panthers truly excited about reading their new books!)

North Carolina has compiled some literacy resources for families to access at home. There are grade specific suggested ways to help, as well as access to online libraries where you can find an extensive list of book titles! The link below will take you to this resource:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/parents-corner/literacy-home-digital-childrens-reading-initiative>