



Rivergold Parent Bulletin

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Principal's Corner
From: Mr. Rose

School Calendar

Monday, September 1
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 9
School Pictures Envelope home last week

Thursday, Sept. 11
PTA Mtg, Lounge 7 pm

Friday, Sept. 19
Hawk Festival Evening

Monday –Friday
October 20-24
Fall Break, No School

Monday –Friday
October 27—31
Parent Conferences
Minimum Days (1:30)

Thursday, Nov. 6
Honor Roll Assembly

Friday, November 7
Hawk Walk!

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day Holiday

Monday – Friday
November 24-28
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

Lost and Found will be donated to charity periodically during the school year.

PTA NEWS on back!

Fit for Life Learn for Life

Dear Parents,

As we begin a new school year it is important to remember a few simple reminders to help your child be successful in school, whether they are wide eyed kindergartners or “too cool for school” 8th graders.

1. How should I prepare my child for the school day?

Try to make sure your child goes to school fed and well rested with all of his/her homework completed.

2. What should I do to help my child with his/her homework?

Find out what your child's homework assignments are. Turn off the TV and create a study space for him/her. Help your child with his/her work if he/she needs it, but don't do the work for your child. Find out if your child's teacher has a homework hotline or web site.

3. What should I say to my child to encourage his/her success in school?

Parents should ask their children what they are learning in school, then discuss it with them or have them explain it. If your child is young, read to him/her. If your child can read, make sure he/she does. Ask your child to read aloud to you. Interact with your child. Communication is important both to his/her success in school and to good family relations. Praise your child for the things he/she does well, but resist the urge to bribe them for good behavior.

By following these three tips your child will know that their education is important to you and to them.

GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION

The following classes have invited Grandparents to celebrate with them on Friday, September 5th. A map of campus will be posted outside the office to help Grandparents find the classrooms.

Mrs. Gomez	Room 502	8:30—10:00 am
Mrs. Pisel	Room 505	8:45—9:45 am
Mrs. Costin	Room 501	8:45—9:45 am
Mrs. Davis	Room 201	8:45—9:45 am
Mrs. Steffke	Room 503	10:00—11:00 am
Mrs. McMillen	Room 202	8:30—10:00 am
Mrs. Bausch	Room 702	8:45—9:45
Mrs. Sloas	Room 202	10:05—11:15
Mrs. King	Room 703	1:00—2:30
Mrs. Withrow	Room 704	1:30—2:20
Mrs. Webster	Room 705	8:45—10:00

Check out the PTA's new blog at rivergoldpta.wordpress.com/

Rivergold School...Building a Caring
Community of Successful Learners

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken next week, Tuesday, September 9th by Island Photography. All students will be photographed for school records. Parents may order packets in advance using the envelopes that went out last week. Extra's are available in the office.

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HAWK FESTIVAL FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

This year's annual Hawk Festival is just 3 weeks away. There will be many new games this year and we need your help. If you have any of those trinkety toys lying around (you know the ones we collect and toss when the kids are asleep), don't toss them. Bring them to the PTA box in the front office. We can recycle them for little prizes for some of the games for our younger students.

SILENT AUCTION

Our awesome silent auction will back again this year. This is a terrific fundraiser for our school and a great way to do some early holiday shopping. If you are interested in donating an item to the silent auction please email our silent auction coordinator at: lianderson@csufresno.edu. Look for the silent auction in the multipurpose room the evening of the Hawk Festival.

SAVE WITH BOX TOPS

BRING \$1 WORTH OF BOX TOPS (10 box tops) when you buy your bracelet for this year's Hawk Festival and get \$1 off. Limit 10 box tops per student. Bracelet prices are as follows: Ages 2-4 years are \$5, Ages 5-18 \$10, with a \$40 maximum per family. Bracelets allow you unlimited use of the bounce houses, face painting, candy walk, karaoke and lots of games.

BUY YOUR BRACELETS EARLY!!!

Bracelets will be sold the week of the Hawk Festival at both YLP Postal in Yosemite Lakes Park and before and after school next to the office. When you buy your bracelets prior to the day of the Hawk Festival your name will be entered into a drawing to win beanie babies or 2 passes to Blackbeards. Bracelets will also be available the day of the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Each classroom will be in charge of a game or activity booth during the Hawk Festival. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please consider helping out by contacting your child's teacher (each slot is just 30 minutes). This is always a fun time to meet some great Rivergold students! We are also in need of volunteers for our PTA food booth. We will be serving hotdogs and tri-tip sandwiches. If you'd like to help out please email our Hawk Festival coordinator at: jenbodine@sti.net. THANK YOU!

T-Shirt design competition for the Hawk Fest

All Rivergold students in the 4th through 8th grade are eligible to enter the t-shirt design contest. The design must be reproducible in black and white and the top four designs will be chosen by Paw Print Promotions for printing on the t-shirts at the Hawk Festival. Each winner will receive a one-of-a-kind hoodie with their design printed on the front! The theme this year is Fit for Life – Learn for Life which matches the theme for the school. Entry forms will be available at the office with all of the contest details and entry form. All entries will be due by the end of school on September 12th (Friday).

CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS!

Clip those familiar pink logos from hundreds of participating products, including many of your favorite brands. If you are new to Rivergold check out www.boxtops4education.com for information on how this easy task of clipping can bring money to Rivergold. Last year Rivergold earned \$1,026!

BACKPACKS

We still have a few great backpacks that were donated by a local church for Rivergold students. Students may come by the office for help if they need one.