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*Riverside Elementary School*

**Riverside School: December Newsletter**

*"At Riverside, we ALWAYS treat EVERYONE with Kindness and Respect"*

Dear Riverside Families,

I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for all of the support that our school community at large has provided us with during the past month. There has been a lot going on and it warms my heart to know how lucky we are to be surrounded by families that look out for one another and provide support to those that are going through difficult times during the holiday season.

Our Thanksgiving Sharing Feast was a huge success and I want to thank our PTA and parent volunteers for preparing food, serving the children and helping make this experience a memorable one for everyone involved. The kids had a blast and the Storytelling/Face Painting Assembly was a big hit! I want to also give a shout out to Mr. Dellamorte for having his face painted too! The kids loved it 😊


The Winter Concert last night was outstanding and I thank our music teachers, staff and students for all of their hard work in preparing for this event. We had a full house and the children did an amazing job! The band, orchestra, chorus, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade recorder performance and all other grade levels singing holiday songs really got me into the spirit. Thank you to everyone for helping to provide our students with this opportunity to showcase their talents and shine in front of an audience of loved ones.

Moving ahead into the month of December, we have a number of important events and opportunities happening before the holiday vacation. Please be reminded that parent teacher conferences will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there will be a ½ day dismissal on the 13<sup>th</sup> and on the 18<sup>th</sup> so that afternoon conferences can take place. December 16<sup>th</sup> will be a full day of school and conferences will take place that evening. Report cards will be posted on the parent portal on December 12<sup>th</sup> and you will receive an email explaining how to access this for your child. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about upcoming parent teacher conferences.

We are also excited about an assembly taking place on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Riverside for all students. This assembly is being delivered by Nassau County Assistant District Attorney Melissa Scannell and she will be speaking with the children about Internet Safety. The Assembly is titled, "Stop then Send" and we look forward to her visit. In the ever-changing world around us, it is important to stay ahead of the curve with technology, social media, video gaming, etc. and I have heard great things about this presentation.

We also look forward to the Holiday Boutique taking place at Riverside on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our PTA and Parent Volunteers for putting this together as we move further into the holiday season. **The Winter Recess will begin on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and school will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Happy Holidays!!

  
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