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Riverside School: February Newsletter

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

Dear Riverside Families,

March has certainly taken off with a fast start and I apologize for the late newsletter! I want to first start by reassuring all parents that we are being extra vigilant at Riverside with our efforts to ensure that our building is being cleaned at an accelerated rate. The custodial staff is working day and night to strategically target the surface areas that students come in contact with most often to stay ahead of the potential spreading of germs. Extra hand sanitizing stations have also been added throughout the building and teachers are communicating with their students the importance of staying "germ free" during the school day! The PTA presidents and I have remained in close contact and will continue to meet on a regular basis. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me personally. My goal is to keep our students safe and to make all families feel at ease as we move through this concerning time with all that is going on in the world around us.

I also want to remind parents that the NYS ELA Assessments are taking place in grades 3-5 on March 25th and 26th. Letters have been sent home to families about "opting out" and I politely ask that you please return the form if you are choosing to opt your child or children out of the state assessments as soon as possible. This helps me plan accordingly to ensure that the test is administered properly and all accommodations and opt-out requests are honored with fidelity.

Parent teacher conferences are also taking place this month. Our first and only evening session will be on March 24th. We will have two afternoon sessions March 27th and April 1st. The students will be dismissed at 11:45 on those days only. Teachers will be sending home parent teacher conference forms with assigned times on Monday, March 16th, so please be on the lookout for those so that you know when your appointment has been scheduled for. Report cards will go "live" on the parent portal for you to access on Friday, March 20th.

We look forward to seeing our families and special visitors for Restaurant Week next week at Riverside. I have heard so many wonderful things about this opportunity for our students and families. I look forward to seeing you in the cafeteria 😊

I hope that you have enjoyed the various RVC Herald articles and pictures as much as I have. The media coverage at Riverside has been fantastic! Please make sure you take a look at our new bulletin boards throughout the building when you visit for conferences that are now displaying authentic, student writing they are very proud of. I want to thank our parents, PTA, teachers and staff for your continued support as we move through the school year!

Have a wonderful month of March 😊

Sincerely,

Erik C. Walter
Principal

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik C. Walter'.