

Riverside Middle School Newsletter

November 22, 2011

Our North Star: To be a model middle school that exemplifies best practices for teaching ALL students to high personal levels of achievement, and inspires students to be active participants in their education, and in their community. Decisions made at Riverside will be made with the focus upon what is in the best interest of students.

RESPECT-RESPONSIBILITY-READINESS

It is hard to believe that we are about to go on Thanksgiving break. The student council painted tree trunks with branches on the glass bridge. T3 groups have been given colored leaves to post after writing things they are thankful for on each leaf. Here is a sampling:

“I am thankful for my family who loves me and cares about me. They help me a lot.”

“I am thankful for... my family, friends, food, school, and technology.”

“I’m thankful for... my family, my pets, the food I get to eat, and hospitals.”

“My teachers, my education, my friends, a home, a family.”

“I’m thankful for my mom ‘cause I love her.”

“I’m thankful for my horse trainer teaching me how to ride a horse.”

“I am thankful for the good memories and holidays spent with friends and family.”

“I’m thankful for my family and everything they have done for me, without them I would not be where I am today.”

“I am thankful for being healthy enough to play hockey.”

I am thankful for clean water.”

“Peanut butter and jelly, friends, my dog, technology, music.”

Math Help for Parents

If you have been having difficulty helping your child with math homework, we encourage you to visit [HYPERLINK http://www.phschool.com/cmp2/parent_guide/](http://www.phschool.com/cmp2/parent_guide/). The publisher of Connected Math 2 has a website that provides parents with support that is easy to access. If you are unable to go online, please contact your child's teacher and ask that a copy of the parent support worksheet be sent home in Monday folders.

Inexpensive Internet Access

Comcast has started a new program to expand Internet accessibility for Vermont students. Families of children who are eligible for Free Lunch can get Internet access for \$10/month. Please contact Comcast for more information.

Band Instruments

If you have any used band instruments collecting dust at home, please consider donating them to our music program. Donations are tax-deductible. Please contact Cindy Hughes to donate an instrument.

Technical Difficulties at the Last Dance

We're sure you have heard from your student that we had a hard time getting music for the last dance. Kids were only able to dance to their favorite tunes for the last hour or so. In order to make it up to them, we are waiving the admission charge for the December dance. That dance is scheduled for December 16th.

Important Dates

December 4th: Mount Anthony School visit

December 7th: Early Release

December 16th: Dance, 6-9 (Please plan to pick-up your child promptly at 9:00)

December 23rd: Early Release

December 26-January 2: December break