

What's the Buzz?

Three Rivers Elementary

February 2020 Newsletter



Dear families,

Thank you for your continued support as we welcome the month of February. As February approaches, please continue to encourage your child(ren) to show you things he/she is learning at school. It is always nice to see the connections students make and how things they learn at school can relate to real life. For example, how math can help them understand sports statistics or the value of money. A vocabulary word may show up in a movie or novel.

This is a also good time for students to be reminded of their strengths. When a student thinks something is too difficult or they are not good at something, remind them to try different strategies. Always praise him/her for trying new things and not giving up. This month our character trait for February is patience: I can calmly accept a difficult situation. Look for opportunities to help your child practice patience at home.

Sincerely,
Adam Biedenbach
Principal, Three Rivers Elementary School

Katie Conley
Assistant Principal, Three Rivers Elementary School

Important Phone Numbers

Attendance Line (513) 824-7440 or
absent-es@trsd.org
Main Office Line (513) 467-3210
Fax (513) 467-0053
District Office (513) 941-6400
All Call System (513) 824-7348

Important Dates

February

- 7 - Grade 3&4 Lock-In -7pm-9pm
- 10 - PTO meeting-6:30 pm
- 10-13 - Candy Grams Sale (delivered 13)
- 13 - Winter conferences - 4:00 pm
- 14 - No School conferences
- 14 - Pre-school registration (11:00-11:30)
- 17- No School -Presidents' Day
- 21- Pre-school open house/informational meeting (call office for more information)

VISITORS

All visitors must enter the elementary office and provide your state identification in order to check in. You will be required to wear a visitor's badge whenever traveling throughout the building.

SAFETY FIRST!



TRLSD PARENT PORTAL



Three Rivers Elementary is launching a new parent portal resource page. You will be able to access resources your children are using in their classrooms!

How can this help parents?

- **Easy access to student information/resources**
- **One location for all information**
- **A unified messaging center for all grades**
- **Access from any device**

...Coming soon to the District's Elementary Website...

**Currently: to access our new parent portal
visit: bit.ly/trlsd_parent_portal**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2020-2021

Students entering kindergarten at Three Rivers must be 5 years of age by August 1st. Three Rivers Elementary is excited to welcome you to the 2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration Event on March 14th anytime between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm (we suggest coming before 12:30 pm to allow time for registration and a tour) at our Educational Campus. This is an opportunity for parents and incoming kindergarten students to come and get to know the building, receive pertinent information about July academic screenings, ask questions, take a tour of the building, meet Principal Biedenbach, and get your child registered for next school year! To help streamline the kindergarten registration process, parents are encouraged to sign up online at <https://taylor-oh.finalforms.com/students> starting March 11th before coming to the registration event. Staff and computers will be available on March 14th to assist and help parents navigate the online registration system and answer any questions they have about the forms. If you are unable to attend this event and need assistance with registering your child, please call our school office (513-467-3210). Three Rivers uses an online registration process. This system allows us to go paperless, while enabling you to complete your child's full registration only once for as long as they attend Three Rivers; giving parents the ability to update it at any time during the school year(s). The forms you will see in the online registration process include: Registration, Emergency Medical Authorization, Transportation, Technology, Affidavits (current residence, landlord, and prior residency) and Ohio School Health History. Choosing your child's education is the most important and difficult decision parents make and we THANK YOU for choosing Three Rivers Local School District. Please note that a notary will be on-site March 14th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you need this service, please arrive before noon.

What Should You Bring?

- PHOTO ID (of parent)
- ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE (of child)
- Affidavit of Current Residency (must be notarized)
- Affidavit of Prior Residency (must be notarized)
- Affidavit of Landlord (If renting or leasing - must be notarized)
- Immunization Records
- Custody Documents (if applicable)

Affidavits will also be available on site during registration.

A notary will be on site from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for your convenience.

Contact Us:

Three Rivers Elementary – 513.467.3210

Secretaries:

Nancy Herbert – nherbert@trlsd.org – ext. 1108

Anne Miller – amiller@trlsd.org – ext. 1108

Location:

Three Rivers Educational Campus Media Center
56 Cooper Ave., Cleves, OH 45002

Learn more about us by visiting:

<http://www.threeriversschools.org/three-rivers-elementary-school/>





PARENT FUN NIGHT OUT!



Join the Elementary and Middle School PTO for a parent appreciation event at Scoreboard Sports Bar! We'd like to thank you for supporting the PTO this year and every year by offering an adult-only night out to gather, meet and socialize with other parents within our great school! This event is open to all elementary and middle school parents. There will be split-the-pot, a raffle for buckets of cheer, Yellow Jacket SWAG and good community fun! Spread the word and join us!

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: SCOREBOARD SPORTS BAR

3783 SHADY LANE

PTO

Please see the attached flyer for information about a PTO Parent Fun Night Out on February 8.

Reminder to update FinalForms. This includes email address(es), phone number(s), home address, medical changes, changes in guardianship, and other important information in FinalForms. All usernames and passwords remain the same each year.
<https://threerivers-oh.finalforms.com/>

Final Forms



Conferences

Mark your calendars for
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

*February 13 (evening)

*February 14 (daytime)

REMINDER MORNING DROP-OFF

Elementary students are not permitted to be dropped off prior to 8:30 am. We do not have supervision available until 8:30 am and unsupervised students can become a safety concern.



Understanding MAP

Measures of Academic Growth

What is MAP?

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computerized assessment that provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning. Educators use the growth and achievement data from MAP to develop targeted instructional strategies.

What are RIT scores?

Student MAP results are reported as RIT scores (short for Rasch Unit). The RIT score is simply an estimate of a student's instructional level and it also measures student progress, or growth, in school. Similar to a growth chart that measures height and weight, a MAP score can show how much a student has grown from year to year. RIT scores enable teachers to pinpoint what students already know and what they are ready to learn.

How is the RIT score helpful?

RIT scores are measured on an equal-interval scale. This means that the difference between scores (like inches) is the same even if a student scores high or low. For example, a 2nd grader that gets a score of 211 and a 5th grader that gets a score of 211 are both learning at a similar level. RIT scores are expected to increase over time. However, the younger the child, the greater the RIT growth since overall growth is smaller as questions get harder at higher levels. Students who test above the expected level also show less growth. Growth rates are estimated as typical growth not expected growth. RIT scores are more valuable as you look at measuring student learning in growth over time rather than as an isolated RIT score.

How are teachers using this information?

Teachers are utilizing student scores to make data-based decisions to improve student achievement. MAP scores are just one piece of data teachers use to inform instruction. Our goal is for teachers to adjust instruction so that ALL students grow at levels appropriate for each student.

What is my part as a parent or guardian?

Parents and guardians should become comfortable in understanding that students will grow at different rates and at different times. A multi-year picture of your child's growth will give you a more accurate understanding of your child's learning progress.

Boys' Volleyball Sign-Ups



**3-8th
grade**

**To Sign-up, please
contact**

**Nick Boeing or
Riley Stapleton**

nboeing@trlisd.org

rileystapleton10@gmail.com

Only 1-2 practices a week and games played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings to avoid conflicts with those that play other spring sports.

Saturday and Sunday games start as early as 4:00 pm, and any weekday games would start as early as 6:00 pm. All students that tryout are guaranteed to make a team and, if not enough sign-up for your grade level and you still want to play, the league can place you on a team with another school. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA9A92CA5F49-three>

Snow Day/Inclement Weather Updates



-All decisions made the evening before a school closing or delay will be made no later than 9:00 pm.

-All decisions made the morning of a school closing or delay will be made no earlier than 5:30 am.

-All robo-calls from the District in regards to a school closing or delay will come from a 513-824-7348 phone number. Please do not return the call. If the recipient does not take the call, a voicemail should go to the phone and to the individual's email.

-We know how difficult changes to schedules can be for our families. Every decision is made with safety being the number one priority.

-How we communicate school cancellations or delays:

1. **Robo Calls to the phone numbers families have in FinalForms**
2. **District website**
3. **Facebook/Twitter (@TRLSDjackets)**
4. **District App notification (Three Rivers Local SD)**
5. **Local news networks**



Three Rivers Local School District 2019-2020 Calendar

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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8, 9 & 12 District / Building PD
13 – First Student Day

February

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

14 – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
17 – No School, Presidents' Day

September

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2 – No School, Labor Day

March

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6 – End 3rd Quarter (42 days)
9 – No School/PD Day

October

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

9 – 1st Quarter Ends (41 days)
10 – No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
11 – No School/PD Day

April

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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10 through 17 – No School
Spring Break

November

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5 – No School, Election Day / District PD
25 through 29 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

May

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1 – No School, District PD
22 – Last Student Day / Last Teacher Day
End 4th Quarter (47 days)

December

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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19 – 2nd Quarter Ends (43 days)
20 – No School/PD Day
December 23 through January 3 – No School / Winter Break

June

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27 through 30 Athletic "Dead Period" No Practices

January

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December 23 through January 3 – No School / Winter Break
20 – No School, MLK Jr. Day

July

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1 through 5 Athletic "Dead Period" No Practices

Total Student Days: 173

Total Teacher Days: 184

K-8 Teachers = 183 Days + 2 additional evening conference nights (October & February)

9-12 Teachers = 183 Days + College & Career fair (fall) & Scheduling night (February)

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2020 / 2021 Calendar

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11 & 12 District / Building PD
13 – First Student Day
13/15

February

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15 – No School / Presidents' Day
16 – No School, PD Day
18/19

September

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7 – No School / Labor Day
21/21

March

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12 – End of 3rd Quarter (47 Days)
15 – No School, PD / Records Day
22/23

October

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7 – End of 1st Quarter (39 days)
8 – No School / Conferences
9 – No School, PD / Records Day
20/22

April

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2nd through 9th Spring Break / No School
16/16

November

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No School – Election Day
23 through 27 – No School / Thanksgiving Break
15/15

May

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27 – End of 4th Quarter (47 days)
19/19
176 Student Days / 184 Teacher

December

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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17 – End of 2nd Quarter (43 days)
18 – No School, PD / Records Day
21 through 1 – No School / Holiday Break
13/14

June

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18 – No School / MLK Jr. Day
19/19

July

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3 through 11, Athletic Dead Period

Total Student Days – 176
Total Teacher Days – 184

Board Approved 10/22/2019