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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to a great second half of the school year. Over the next four months we will be working on ways to improve school / home communication and to encourage and welcome parents to become involved in the academic and extracurricular activities here at Riverside.

We have three new tools to help parents and families stay informed. Our new newsletter, teacher web pages, and parent access to their child's grades are the first steps in creating a closer connection with school.

In between newsletters, please check the school web page for up to date information. www.plusd.org/schools/riversidemeadowsis

Chris Morris, Principal

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15 th	Progress reports sent home with students
Jan. 16 th	Staff Development Day - No school for students
Jan. 19 th	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - No school
Jan. 22 nd	7 th & 8 th grade boys basketball home vs. Bear River 3:45 6 th grade boys basketball @ Bear River 3:45
Jan. 23 rd	Winter Dance 6:00 - 8:00
Jan. 27 th	7 th & 8 th grade boys basketball @ Foothill 3:45 6 th grade boys basketball home vs. Foothill 3:45
Jan. 28 th	Talent Show Rehearsal 3:15 multipurpose room
Jan. 29 th	7 th & 8 th grade boys basketball home vs. Yuba Gardens 3:45 School Site Council Meeting 3:30 - 5:00 (Riverside Conference Room)
Feb. 4 th	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:15 multipurpose room
Feb. 5 th	Talent Show for students during day
Feb. 6 th	Evening Talent Show 6:00PM multipurpose room

Visit the school web page for maps and directions www.plusd.org/schools/riversidemeadowsis

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)



ART I and Art II

View your student's artwork on the web. Go to www.artsonia.com to view, comment on, and join the fan club of a student artist.

Order custom keepsakes with your artwork and the school will receive 15% of the total purchase.



SACRAMENTO STATE Academic Talent Search

"[My son] studied subjects not offered at school...there was more independence for students. ATS made him more excited about college, encouraged him to work on independent projects, and introduced him to interesting fields of inquiry."

-ATS Parent

CSU Sacramento's Academic Talent Search offers current 6th through 9th graders the opportunity to take part in challenging, unique, and fun courses held on the CSU Sacramento campus.

ATS classes are designed for high achieving students who desire additional academic challenges. ATS is designed to accelerate students' learning in a subject area they enjoy.

To be eligible for classes, students must first take the ATS Qualifying exam. It will be offered at Riverside Meadows on Thursday, February 26.

Visit the Riverside home page or ATS website for more information and to download information for students and parents.

<http://edweb.csus.edu/Projects/ats>

Shady Creek Outdoor School

Shady Creek Outdoor School is located in the mountains of Nevada County, California. Every year hundreds of 6th graders from several surrounding counties attend a week long, in residence, school focused on environmental education.

The dates for this year's trip are Monday Feb. 9 to Thursday Feb 12. Since 1969 students from all over northern California have been attending Shady Creek, which previously operated under the name Woodleaf Outdoor School. Although the name has changed, their goals have remained the same:

- To develop in each individual an enthusiasm for learning and exploration.
- To develop in each individual heightened observation skills to more fully observe and appreciate the beauty and diversity of the natural environment.
- To develop in each individual a feeling of personal responsibility to help preserve, conserve, and enhance our environment.
- To develop in each individual a feeling of self-confidence and self-acceptance. To promote cooperation among all students and appreciation for the uniqueness of others.



Visit the Shady Creek website or contact your child's teacher for more information.

www.shadycreek.org

Cyberbullying

As of January 1st, students can be suspended or recommended for expulsion for bullying, including bullying by electronic act, “cyberbullying.”

Examples of “cyberbullying” include:

- **Flaming**—Online fights using electronic messages with angry or vulgar language
- **Harassment**—Repeatedly sending offensive, rude, and insulting messages
- **Cyberstalking**—Repeatedly sending messages that include threats of harm or are highly intimidating. Engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety
- **Denigration**—”Dissing” someone online. Sending or posting cruel gossip or rumors about a person to damage his or her reputation or friendships
- **Impersonation**—Breaking into someone’s account, posing as that person and sending messages to make the person look bad, get that person in trouble, or danger, or damage that person’s reputation or friendships.
- **Outing and Trickery**—Sharing someone’s secrets or embarrassing information online. Tricking someone into revealing secrets or embarrassing information, which is then shared online.
- **Exclusion**—Intentionally excluding someone from an online group, like a “buddy list” or a game.

In the coming weeks, students and staff will be educated on the policy changes regarding bullying and harassment and students will be given a means of reporting cyberbullying and cyberthreats.

In addition, through the students’ Advisory classes, the teachers will guide them through lessons specific to cyberbullying . The topics will include:

- definitions
- how to remain safe online
- what to do if you are a bystander
- what to do when confronted online
- how to avoid risky behavior
- What to do if you are a victim