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Dear Parents,

The start of the school year is always a very exciting time. I would like to welcome back all of our returning families and our new families to Riverside Meadows. I am privileged to be able to once again serve our students and community as school principal. We are entering our third year as an intermediate school and have shown steady academic growth. We are very excited to continue working towards 100% of our students becoming proficient in Language Arts and Math. In addition to being the instructional leader here at school, another goal is to maintain open communication with our parents and community, and to facilitate positive interactions between parents and teachers. Please use the method of communication that you are most comfortable with. Teacher email addresses can be found on the staff page of the website. You may also call and leave a message for a teacher, or send a note with your child.

The newsletter will be published monthly, please check the school's web site routinely for updated information. Thank you for helping to make Riverside a great place to learn.

Chris Morris, Principal

Upcoming Events

Sept 15 th	7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball home vs. Yuba Gardens
Sept 15 th	Flag Football home vs. Yuba Gardens
Sept 16 th	Girls Volleyball vs. Bear River -- 6th grade Home - 7th & 8th Away
Sept 16 th	Flag Football @ Bear River
Sept 17 th	Constitution Day
Sept 17 th	School Site Council 3:30-5:00
Sept 22 nd	Girls Volleyball vs. Sycamore -- 6th grade Away-7th & 8th Home
Sept 23 rd	Picture Day
Sept 24 th	Girls Volleyball vs. McKenney-- 6th grade Home - 7th & 8th Away
Sept 24 th	Flag Football @ McKenney
Sept 25 th	Back to School Dance
Sept 25 th	Progress Reports sent home
Sept 29 th	Girls Volleyball vs. Foothill -- 6th grade Away-7th & 8th Home
Oct 1 st	7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball @ Yuba Gardens
Oct 1 st	Flag Football @ Yuba Gardens
Oct 6 th	Girls Volleyball vs. Bear River -- 6th grade Away-7th & 8th Home
Oct 6 th	Flag Football Home vs. Bear River

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

Implement four basic steps for a successful year in middle school

Put your middle schooler on the path to school success! To help him start--and finish--strong this year:

1. **Maintain routines.** You relied on them when your middle schooler was a toddler, so don't abandon them now that he's nearly a teen. Routines give structure to his day and help him stay organized. So develop some commonsense school-year rituals and stick with them. Make sure you establish a morning, after-school and evening routine for your child.
2. **Get involved at school.** It's not always easy to stay connected to the middle-school classroom, but do it anyway. Getting involved shows your middle schooler that his education matters. You don't need to be "Volunteer of the Year" or attend every PTA/PTO meeting. Just make an effort to participate when you can.
3. **Stay informed.** It's easy to miss the fliers or handouts stuffed in your middle schooler's backpack. So ask him every day whether he's brought anything home that you should see. The same goes for his schoolwork. Just skimming his notes can fill you in on what's happening in class.
4. **Support your child.** Your middle schooler may act like he's "too cool" to need your love and guidance, but he's not. Never miss a chance to give him a hug or tell him you love him.

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Communication Survey

Parents,

PLESD is committed to improving communication between the district, schools, staff, and parents. We will be developing a communication plan to help meet this goal. Before we can develop the plan we wanted your input on communication in our district. Please take 4-5 minutes to complete an online survey. There are 2 ways you can access the survey. 1) <http://www.AdvancedSurvey.com/default.asp?SurveyID=69529> or 2) Click the link on the district website www.plusd.org. The survey will be open until the end of the day Monday, September 21. Please print the last page of the survey and return to your child's teacher (Riverside students return to homeroom teacher) to be entered into a drawing where one family from each school will receive a Best Buy Gift card for \$50. Please read the directions on the last page for more details. Thank you in advance for your time.

Jeff Roberts
Superintendent
Plumas Lake Elementary School District

Riverside Meadows welcomes the new additions to our staff and those who have changed positions.

- **Allison Henley**—Art Teacher
Ms. Henley has earned her undergraduate and Graduate degrees in Art from UC Davis and has recently completed her student teaching in Sac City Unified.
- **Joe Hendrix**—6th Grade Social Studies and Language Arts
Mr. Hendrix has been with the Plumas Lake School District for 6 years and was most recently the Director of Student Services. Mr. Hendrix has taught 4th and 7th grades, and High School.
- **Cookie Molina**—Attendance Clerk
Ms Molina has been with the district for 24 years and has performed nearly every function. Her tremendous experience will be an asset to Riverside.
- **Genevieve Santos**—Food Services
Mrs. Santos has made the transition from Attendance office to Food Services and is now responsible for all aspects of our kitchen.
- **Kevin Xiong**—6th & 7th Grade Language Arts, Pre-Algebra
Most students know Mr. Xiong as Vice Principal, a position he held for two years, but Mr. Xiong has now returned to what he enjoys most and that is teaching.



Parent Portal



Parents and students can now go online and view:

- Grades
- Current Assignments
- Attendance
- Student information

To get started go to www.plusd.org and click on the “Parent Portal” icon. You will need:

1. your child’s ID number
2. verification code
3. Email address .

If you do not have your passcode or instructions, please call the school.

- *Please note that grades and assignments are usually updated weekly. Please check with your child’s teachers if you have any questions regarding their specific grading procedures.*

Please review the dress and grooming guidelines with your child.

Dress Code & Grooming Guidelines

TOPS, SHIRTS, BLOUSES:

- No exposed midriff. The midriff should remain covered when arms are raised above the head
- No spaghetti straps or tank tops
- No tube tops, halter, bare shoulders, one-shoulder tops, see-through or fish net fabrics, or exposed “cleavage.”

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS:

- Skirt and short length needs to be mid thigh when seated.
- Waistbands must be worn not below the hip bone – no “sagging.”
- No pajamas
- No ripped clothing or cut-offs.

HEADWEAR:

- Caps and visors must be worn forward while on campus to offer the maximum protection from the sun.
- Caps and visors must be free from writing and/or images that may disrupt the learning environment.
- No grooming items may be worn in the hair.
- Students are prohibited from wearing hats, hoods, or “beanies” indoors. Students may wear head coverings required in observance of their religion or for medical reasons approved by administration.

FOOTWEAR:

- No flip flops/thongs, spiked heels, steel toe shoes, house slippers, mesh slip on slippers, or “Heelies.”

SUNGLASSES:

- Must be removed outdoors upon request and while indoors at all times

JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES:

- Must also conform to the same standards listed above

TIGHT FITTING CLOTHING:

- Clothing must be appropriate in size so as not to constrict or prevent students from performing everyday activities at school.

School staff may impose specific dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

NOTE: It is important to recognize that the dress code changes as new information is gathered as to specific meanings or if disruption on campus occurs because of a specific symbol, color combination, logo, etc. Parents and students will be made aware of these changes as they occur; compliance with them is essential. The school reserves the right to determine and enforce this dress code and to establish what constitutes a violation.



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For Additional Information contact Debbie Porcayo at: (530) 713-2456 or Lucy Jackson (530) 632-7476
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THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT: ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED

“In Their Own Words”

Each month we will feature a column written by students commenting on current issues or topics related to our school or education in general. This month's column reflects on the recent speech by the President to the Nation's schoolchildren.

By Kareena Cantrell 8th & Devinn Partain 8th

President Obama Makes History Riverside Meadows Tunes In



On Tuesday September 8, 2009 President Obama gave an inspirational speech about the importance of education. The President's main point to students across America was to 'never give up and to be responsible'. A vast majority of you may think that the President was a "dream crusher" but the truth is he was just giving us the reality of the truth. President Obama wants us to have a fallback plan, which means that if we want to be an actor or actress and it doesn't work out we have

something to fall back, for example one may go to school to be a nurse which is more realistic. The President knows what it means to have dreams, look he became President. He is not telling us not to reach for the stars, just that it is important for us to be prepared if it doesn't happen.

President Obama wants us to set a goal in life and meet it. We can do anything in life if we don't give up. If you fail once, go at it again; failing helps you get better at what you are doing. Once Michael Jordan said and I quote "I've lost a lot of games and I missed a thousand shots but by my failures made me a better player." J.K. Rowling's, The famous author of the Harry Potter books, had her first book rejected twelve times before it was published and now it has made millions of dollars in the box office. That is just an example of never giving up! If either of those people were to have given up they would not be where they are today.

The President has very high expectations of us this year. He knows that WE ARE THE FUTURE of this nation. The speech that the President of the United States gave should have opened up your minds to new responsibilities, made you think about your dreams and to be better prepared for the realities of life, not everyone can be Michael Jordan or J.K. Rowling.

STAY IN SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (It only helps!)

By Kareena Cantrell and Devinn Partain

