



THE RAPTOR REPORT

October 2020

A Message From The Principal

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Dear Raptor Nation,

Fall is here! We now are moving into our third season with COVID as a part of our lives. With that said, I decided to focus October's newsletter on fun fall activities parents and children can do together at home. I hope you all continue to take advantage of the warm days and enjoy those cool mornings and evenings. The smells (other than smoke) and sights of fall are simply amazing! Get outdoors and enjoy.

- Raking, counting, and grouping leaves- exercise and math
- Create a pressed leaf picture or wreath
- Bake something fall themed- apple desserts, pumpkin desserts, or squash dishes
- Roll in the leaves
- Take a nature walk and enjoy the colors
- Play I spy identifying fall themed items
- Put together fall themed puzzles



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- Keep a journal of how the back yard/front yard change week to week at your house
- Draw a picture of the fall landscape
- Document the fall weather on a calendar
- Make an acrostic poem with the letters in OCTOBER or write fall poetry
- Carve a pumpkin
- Estimate weight of a pumpkin or gourds then verify exact weights
- Play a family football game in your backyard
- Ride bikes
- Write your teacher a note about what you are looking forward to when you return to school.
- Read fall themed stories.

These ideas do not even begin to touch all the many ways to enjoy fall. Hopefully you will find something on the list that you can do for fun. If you do, you'll learn at the same time.

Enjoy October!

Warm regards,

Melissa Duve



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PTO NEWS

RICE PTO

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Upcoming Meetings

October 5-10 AM Virtual Meeting

November 2-10 AM Virtual Meeting

December 7-10 AM Virtual Meeting

What is PTO?

We are made up of parents, community members, school staff and teachers. In addition to planning fundraisers for the school, we find ways to support students, families, teachers, and staff. This organization funds special projects, classroom funds, Thanksgiving lunch, winter craft night, and other fun events, staff appreciation, spirit gear, and organizes volunteers for all school events. If you are looking for a way to get involved, meet other parents, and become more engaged, PTO is the place for you! PTO has the opportunity to bring our entire community together to support our school! To get meeting invitations or find out more, email RiceRaptorsPTO@gmail.com.



“Join PTO today to support students, staff, and teachers!”

2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

We had an amazing year with record breaking Walk-A-Thon fundraising, amazing teacher and staff support, and our first ever Winter Craft night. We served cookies and pie at Thanksgiving and spent time celebrating our amazing staff and teachers, while coordinating school-wide volunteers! We searched for opportunities to help families at Rice!

Although 2020-2021 looks a lot different, we know that PTO will have the opportunity to support all Rice Raptors.

PTO News, continued...



FUNDRAISERS

Morning Fresh Dairy: Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where schools can earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. We earn 5¢ for each cap. Please send in your milk caps to school monthly. Last year we earned \$160. You can drop them off at Trim Salon on Cleveland.



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Art News

A BIG Thank You!

**Thank you Parents...for encouraging your kids to attend Art class weekly!*

**Thank you Student's...for attending Art class remotely! Trying to keep our normal Art class routines going, beginning with directed drawings.*

What have we been working on in Art?

***Students have been working on their beginning of the year Self-Portrait.** This is a directed drawing that students have been working on at home with my instruction. They are excited to continue this tradition with a little guidance from me.

Original Works

The Art Fundraiser for Rice Elementary is postponed...

Each year, students at Rice complete their artwork in October and families can order their child's artwork on a product to send home as Christmas gifts for families and friends. This is always an optional fundraiser for Art. Because of all the uncertainties this school year has brought, I felt it was best to not participate in the Fall. We might give it a go during the Spring! Please send feedback if you are willing or interested in Original Works this year to:

btennyso@psdschools.org.

First projects of the year:

Kindergarten- **Polar Bears**

First Grade- **Peacocks**

Second Grade- **Koi Fish**

Third Grade- **Van Gogh Sunflowers**

Fourth Grade- **Patterned Turtles**

Fifth Grade- **Paul Klee Castles**

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward each week to creating with all of the amazing Rice students!

Thank you!!!!

Beth Tennyson

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Music News



Thank you for encouraging your students to participate in their Specials classes and for modeling the importance of school! It has been fun to see students posting work on Seesaw. Each class is picking up where we left off in March. Most classes have been using instruments they have at home to play rhythm patterns. These instruments can be as simple as a wooden spoon and a pan! We are practicing rhythms, songs, and melodies, while also trying to move as much as possible. Please remind your students to maintain good posture during online learning. This builds muscles, helps them grow properly, and keeps them engaged. Below is what each class has been working on:

5th Grade: Learning “Jambo Bwana,” our welcome song, adding hand clapping jive to “My Landlord,” reading sixteenth-note rhythms.

4th Grade: Cupid Shuffle, learning welcome song “Now all the Woods are Waking,” reading/writing sixteenth-note rhythms, labeling high ‘do’ in songs that we know and sing, identifying mystery singers.

3rd Grade: “Ding Dong” welcome song, “Oats and Beans and Barley Grow,” skipping and acting out motions to music we hear, singing patterns with do/mi/sol.

2nd Grade: Reading and aurally identifying quarter and eighth note patterns, singing songs with “sol-mi,” learning our welcome song “Sing Sing Together” and “Tree Song.”

1st Grade: Differentiating between “high” and “low” sounds, learning our welcome song “Hello Everybody, Hello,” demonstrating accurate steady beat.

Kindergarten: Using our singing voices! Knowing the difference between speaking, singing and whispering, tapping the ‘steady beat’ with our spider fingers when we recite songs and chants, memorizing songs and chants to practice concepts.

“Play is the primary way children were designed to learn.” Many of the concepts that students learn are achieved through playing, storytelling, imagination and experience. We are playing with purpose in every class.

Feel free to contact me anytime!

Sincerely,

Laura Davis
Music Teacher
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PE



Hello Rice Raptors!

Thank you all for your patience and compassion as we navigated this challenging stage of remote learning, and the great news is kiddos are coming back to Rice! Physical Education classes have been focusing on safety, locomotor skills, and cardiovascular fitness while the kiddos have been learning the expectations and routine. We've talked about the role of our heart and blood as we exercise and the importance of daily physical activity. We've discussed ways to get motivated to move and stay moving and learned about life-long fitness skills. We have also been practicing the skills of jumping and hopping and performing various activities to improve these movements. Lots of fun has been had with much more to come.

Keep Making Healthy Choices Raptors!

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

-Nelson Mandela

Brian Hannen

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Does your child have trouble focusing on schoolwork?

Does your child have difficulty typing/writing?

Do they have difficulty remembering to complete their homework?



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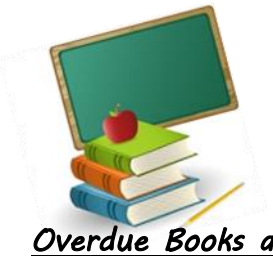
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Many of our students still have books out from last year but may not remember what books they had checked out. To help find and get these books returned we want students to log in to their account and see what is still checked out to them. Also, Insignia, the program we use to check out books, is now linked to School Pay. Books from last year that are still out have been set to lost and will now show a fine with the replacement cost. Please help us get Rice's library books returned by following the directions in: [How to Check for Overdue Books and Fines](#)

Student Technology Contract

Technology (computers, laptops, internet access, etc.) is a privilege provided by Poudre School District for students at Rice. Students should follow guidelines for technology use. If expectations are not met, students could lose tech privileges, which can impact learning. If there is deliberate damage or misuse, parents may be asked to pay for repairs, or the student could be responsible for providing community service at our school in repayment. Click on the link for a copy of the [student technology contract](#).

Typing Club

Again, this year, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders are using typing club. Students should practice proper keyboarding, using all ten fingers and fingers always return to the home row. We go slow to get fast. Our link to Typing Club is <https://rice-psd.typingclub.com/> Students log in with their PSD Google account.

Students can access websites used in school at: <https://ric.psdschools.org/students>

Battle of the Books

This year, PSD will not be participating in Battle of the Books. Rice is looking forward to and plan on participating next year.

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Food Drive and Turkey Round-Up



2020 Rice Elementary Food Drive and Turkey Round-up



Rice Raptors are collecting canned and boxed food for the Wellington Food Bank, along with frozen turkeys. Help support our local food bank by sending in items with your students. Our tentative schedule is, boxed and canned food will be collected in homerooms from November 2nd – 19th, frozen turkeys on the morning of Thursday, November 19th. Drop off will be in front of the school from 8:15 – 8:50 am. Let's fill Wellington Food Bank's shelves!

Thank You!!!

A huge shout out and thank you to all our students, parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, staff, and friends that have helped our kids navigate the technology that is being used for remote learning! We thank you for your patience, perseverance, and teamwork. We know there have been frustrations and inconsistencies in how things work, but are so proud of all that is working, and how exciting it is to solve problems and fix issues. It is amazing watching how tech savvy our students are becoming.

*Have fun creating & reading,
Mrs. Thornley & Ms. Marcom*



Counseling Corner

Social Emotional Learning has been up and running! I have been meeting with classes weekly online. We have worked on whole body listening and the zones of regulation, (the green zone, blue zone, yellow zone, and the red zone.) We also started talking about the transition to hybrid learning.

Please reach out if your family needs any resources.

-Beth Roberts

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Early Childhood

Hello Early Childhood families!

We are continuing our *Beginning of the Year* study using our Creative Curriculum as we move into In-Person Learning. We are excited to have join us in the classroom for some fun learning. We will still use the Seesaw platform for some in-person learning activities.



Please check out our Learning Pages on the Rice Elementary website:
<https://ric.pdschools.org/>.

Teaching Teams:

Cindy McCarthy, Stacey Trewartha, and Leeann Ekanger

Mary Glaze and Mindi Castaneda

Kinder

Hello Kindergarten Parents,

We have made it through September and looking forward to having our students back in school with us. We have so many changes ahead of us. Please be patient and know that as we find out more information, we will share all that we know. Here is what has been happening in Kindergarten...

1. Practicing our letter routine
2. Writing our numbers
3. Showing all 6 number combinations that make 5
4. Using our 5 senses
5. Writing sentences and labeling our pictures
6. Reading our mini books, sight words, and Read on Your Own Books
7. Comparing numbers
8. Using our math tools to help us prove how we are solving our problems
9. Using and practicing our whole body listening



Learning how to be a good learner

Thanks for all your support as we navigate through this school year! YOU are making a huge difference!

The Kindergarten Team

Lyn Karnes, Gretchen Lenzner and Sari Bosch



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1st Grade



Hello First Grade Families,

We have started our year strong and our first graders are doing a great job. We are excited to welcome students back into our classrooms and get used to our new routine!

Students will need to bring the supplies bought for the school year by you (markers, crayons, folders, 3 ring binder, pencils, etc.) and ALL of the supplies that we had in the original “go bags”! These items will come back and forth from school to home!

Here is what is happening in first grade in the month of October:

Reading:

- Phonics every day!
- Building stamina in reading
- Unit 2 Reach for Reaching is all about Living and Nonliving things

Writing:

- Personal Narratives
- Small Moments
- Planning, writing, revising stories

Math:

Topic 2:

- Fluently Add and Subtract Within 10
- Students will develop skills to count on to add, use doubles, near doubles, facts with 5 on a Ten-Frame, Add in Any Order, Count Back to Subtract, Think Addition to Subtract, Continue to Think Addition to Subtract, Solve Word Problems with Facts to 10
- Unit Vocabulary Words: add, sum, plus, equation, equals, part, whole, difference, subtract, minus, more, fewer, addend, number line, doubles fact, near doubles fact

Topic 3:

- Addition Facts to 20
- Students will develop skills to make 10 to add, explain addition strategies, solve addition word problems with facts to 20, critique reasoning, count on to add, count on to add using a number line, doubles, doubles plus 1, and doubles plus 2
- Unit Vocabulary Words: add, sum, plus, equation, equals, part, whole, difference, subtract, minus, more, fewer, addend, number line, doubles fact, near doubles fact, open number line, doubles plus 1 fact, doubles plus 2 fact, make 10

Science:

- Life Science Standard 2: All organisms have external parts that they use to perform daily functions
- Mystery Science- Hands-on inquiry based lessons and activities

Please keep an eye out for a conference link to sign up. Fall conferences are our first check in, you will not get a report card for your child. Please check weekly emails for the link to sign up for conferences, we will do our best to accommodate the times you need. All conferences will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Happy Fall!

Sincerely,

First Grade Team



Second Grade

Hello 2nd Grade Families,

While the weather and leaves are changing, some things never change. We love teaching our 2nd graders, we look forward to watching them learn and grow, we get caught up in their enthusiasm for learning, and we always challenge ourselves as teachers and learners, as we expect the kids to challenge themselves.

The most exciting news for us in October is that we will be getting to work with your children in our classrooms! As we practice our expectations and new routines, we are confident that they will quickly pick up on things as we move along. Please remember that as we move into this new phase of learning, that we must promote compassion and grace for each other. While things will yet again be changing, remember those constants in our lives.

Social Studies, Science, and Reading

We just completed our first unit in reading with the BIG question: “What is a community?” We have enjoyed learning about different communities around the world. And, this will continue throughout the year as we also learn about our communities, Wellington and Fort Collins. This month, we’ll begin our new unit, switching to science and the BIG question of: “What does it take to survive?” This is a favorite among 2nd graders who are curious in finding out what living things do to survive in nature.

Fall Conferences

October also brings fall parent teacher conferences. While again, this will be a change from previous years, we look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your child’s academic goals and progress, as well as their social emotional needs as they continue to face the challenges of the unknowns of this school year. Conferences will be held between October 5th-16th. Be on the lookout for an email from the Rice office with your child’s teacher’s conference schedule.

Assessments

As we welcome the kids back into the classroom, we will also be conducting STAR reading and math assessments to help pinpoint their strengths and challenges. Your child’s teacher will communicate their current level of achievement, along with setting goals to help each child become their very best!

As always, we are here for you and your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, suggestions, concerns, or whatever else we can help with. Thank you for sharing your fun-loving, curious children with us!

Ms. Leatherman, Mrs. Steketee, and Mrs. Weedin



Third Grade

Third Grade Families

“What happens when nature loses its balance?” That is the big question we are exploring in this unit. To answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about ecosystems and why it is important to keep them healthy. Be a part of our exploration! With your student, read the new words then follow these directions.



Directions:

1. Talk together about the ways your family can help in your community. Try to use some of the New Words in your discussion.
2. Work together to brainstorm ideas. Try to write words, phrases, or sentences that tell your ideas about ways to help in your community. Use the New Words when you can.

Unit 2 Vocabulary

Amount, balance, behavior, control, decrease, increase, interact, react, scarce, supply, competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature, negative, positive, resources, and river.

Fourth Grade



Welcome to 4th Grade

Accountability Tips:

- Encourage your student to make sure all work is submitted.
- Check work on Friday for completion.

Feedback:

- Remind student to respond to private message feedback.
- It is important for students to look at the feedback the teacher provides to understand what they did well, and what they can work on.

Grades:

- Standard based report card- more to come

5th Grade



Dear 5th Grade Families,

We are excited to start our first round of book clubs. Students picked up books and materials during distribution day on September 18th. Students will be participating in their book groups once a week from 11:55 - 12:35. Groups will be between 3-7 kids to enhance discussions and give students the opportunity to talk with small groups. As a member, your child will be reading and discussing books that are provided by Rice.

The purpose of this book review club is to:

- (1) Engage students in a collaborative discussion process
- (2) Promote and enhance critical thinking skills
- (3) Promote reading

- Book clubs REQUIRE nightly reading and completion of a prep sheet. They have 1 week to complete their assigned reading and prep sheet at home.
- They are given time on throughout the week to work on their readings and prep sheets. However, we strongly encourage students to work on their assignments throughout the week.
- **Students MUST finish their reading and prep sheet in order to participate in their book groups.** We teach many literacy standards through book clubs, so it is important they are participating each week.

We believe that this will be a rich and fun experience for your child. Please feel free to contact your homeroom teacher with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Holmes, Mrs. Hediger, Mrs. Neill