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THE RAPTOR REPORT

February 2021

A Message From The Principal

Dear Rice families,

This February, the Rice Staff would like to express our LOVE in the form of an acrostic poem Valentine. We LOVE our students and their families. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

L- Learning is the foundation of our Rice Community. Each and every one of us has been pivotal in educating our students.

O- Optimism is part of our SOAR code and is something we needed to sustain us over the course of this challenging year. Despite the challenges, your optimism kept us going!

V- Vulnerability is something we have all shown as we navigate COVID times. Because of our vulnerability, we have been able to appreciate one another and extend grace when needed.

E- Everyone works together to help support the success of our children and provide equitable opportunities for learning.

We hope you know how appreciated you are!

Fondly,





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PUBLIC LIBRARY poudrelibraries.org/borrow **Important Dates:**

February 8th – Picture Retake Day (9:00am)

February 12th – Valentine's Day Parties (details to follow from teachers)

February 15th – President's Day No School for Students

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE:

- Please call the Attendance Line at 970-488-8701 if your child(ren) will be absent from school. The absence will be marked unexcused if we are not able to reach you. Absences can also be notated in your ParentVUE account.
- For your student's safety, always bring your ID/driver's license when checking your child(ren) out early from school.
- After school changes must be called in by 3:15 to ensure your child(ren) receives the appropriate message
- As much as we all enjoy birthday treats and celebrations please do not bring any type of classroom birthday treat to school. Check with your teacher to find different ways of celebrating your student.
- Please make sure your student brings a refillable water bottle with them every day. Water fountains are not usable, at this time and we want everyone to stay hydrated.
- If you signed the Media Opt-Out form for your student, please know that he/ she will be asked to step to the side when photos and/or videos are being taken at various events.
- Please keep your information on file current (phone numbers, emergency contacts, address). You can update information on your ParentVUE account.
 *Please note that you must change your address with the office staff. You are not able to change this information in ParentVUE. Proof of address such as a current utility bill is required when doing so.

Office Hours 7:30 AM-4:30 PM Rice Phone 970-488-8700 Rice Fax 970-488-8702 Attendance Line 970-488-8701 School Start Time 8:55 AM Dismissal 3:40 PM





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Rice Elementary Newsletter



Are you experiencing Covid fatigue? Would you like to "tend and befriend" or "excite and delight" in stress to make it work for you? Join Amanda Brantley, Poudre School District Wellness Coordinator, and Heidi Thompson, school counselor at Olander Elementary, for "Stress School."

Learn how you and your student can reframe your stress, renew your resilience, restore your energy, and revive your relationships. This interactive evening will focus on how our perceptions and practices contribute to our health and wellbeing. Simply by changing our mindset about stress, we can form habits that build our resilience and add tools to our toolbox to modulate our "stressometers" in school, in the workplace, and at home.

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 6:30-8:30PM



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¿Está experimentando fatiga por Covid? ¿Le gustaría "atender y hacerse amigo" o "emocionar y deleitarse" con el estrés para que funcione para usted? Únase a Amanda Brantley, coordinadora de bienestar del distrito escolar de Poudre, y a Heidi Thompson, consejera escolar de la escuela primaria Olander, para "Stress School".

Aprenda cómo usted y su estudiante pueden replantear su estrés, renovar su resiliencia, restaurar su energía y revivir sus relaciones. Esta noche interactiva se centrará en cómo nuestras percepciones y prácticas contribuyen a nuestra salud y bienestar. Simplemente cambiando nuestra mentalidad sobre el estrés, podemos formar hábitos que fortalezcan nuestra capacidad de recuperación y agregar herramientas a nuestra caja de herramientas para modular nuestros "medidores de estrés" en la escuela, en el lugar de trabajo y en el hogar.

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RICE PTO

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

JOIN TODAY!

Upcoming Meeting

February 1st 10 AM Virtual Meeting

Welcome Back to School!

Rice PTO would like to thank Card My Yard for donating this fabulous Welcome Back Raptors sign. We are happy to have our Raptors back at school!



"Join PTO today to support students, staff, and teachers!"

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.

<u>OPEN SECRETARY POSITION</u>- We are looking for someone to join us for monthly meetings and take notes. If you're interested, please email <u>RiceRaptorsPTO@gmail.com</u> and join us for our next meeting.

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.





SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

Last year we earned \$744.40! You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your ereceipt! See how at <u>http://BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts</u> You can scan box tops to support our school! Tell grandma and grandpa! Please

download the BOX TOPS app for your smartphone (apple or android) or continue to collect your box tops and look for the next collection event.



PTO News, continued...

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Counseling Corner

It is great to have our students back in person! I have been connecting with students while they are outside on mask breaks. Starting in February, I will be going into classes every other week to continue teaching Social Emotional Learning. I will still be available to meet with students individually in person. You can reach me by phone or by email if you or your child needs more support.

Please reach out if your family needs any resources.

-Beth Roberts

elizabethr@psdschools.org 970-488-871

Early Childhood

We are extremely happy to have all our preschoolers back in the classroom full time! We are beginning to have some normalcy in our classrooms again. Thank you for remembering to send water bottles and extra masks in their backpacks.

We have finished our Buildings study and now in February, we are ready to explore new studies. Please look for more information from your child's teachers coming home soon!

Ms. Cindy & Ms. Leeann's class will be learning about the Clothing study.

Ms. Mary & Ms. Mindi's class will be learning about the Exercise study.

Teaching teams: Cindy McCarthy and Leeann Ekanger Mary Glaze and Mindi Castaneda





Integrating Technology & the Media Center



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our students that participated in the school Spelling Bee. It was held on Monday, January 25th, socially distanced in the school gym. There were 15 students that prepared for the event: Henry Ahola, Kiyra Briggs, Justin Clark, Gideon Conrey, Alice Contreras, Taylor Degroot, Mya Granados, Jasmine King, Anthony Kinkead, Ava Kinkead, Aubraya Leesley, Grace Mauk, Ty Murphy, Katelyn Shannon, and Landon Wayland. A huge shout to all of them for participating, taking the risk, and doing their best! It was a tough competition with 14 rounds. We had a tie for third place, which went to Katelyn Shannon & Landon Wayland. Coming in 2nd Place was Ava Kinkead. Our Spelling champion this year is Anthony Kinkead. Again, congratulations to all our participants – way to go!

Overdue & Lost Books

We have many overdue and lost books from last Spring and this year. You can check your child library account by following these directions – <u>How to Check for Overdue Books</u>

Quick Links & Typing Club

If you go to the <u>Rice Website</u> and click on the Student tab, it gives you access to many sites used at school. 2nd – 5th graders that use <u>Typing Club</u> can access our school link to <u>Typing Club</u>. Students need to log in to Google with their PSD account. This lets them log into Typing Club with the "Sign in with Google." To sign into Google, open Google Chrome. Click on the 3 dots in the upper right corner & then click on settings. You can also click on the circle with an avatar. Next click Sign in and SYNC & Link the account. Students use their PSD Google account. The username is their student id # followed by **@psdschools.org** The password is the student's PIN, which is 4 digits followed by their initials twice. Many students will know how to do this. If you have any issues, please contact Mrs. Thornley. The key is to Sync & Link.

Have fun creating & reading, Mrs. Thornley





Hey There Rice Raptors!

Welcome back to in-person Physical Education classes!! If the weather is anywhere close to bearable, PE classes will be taught outside this semester. Students will need to dress in layers (like an onion) in order to stay warm and enjoy being outside for 45 minutes of class. Also, since water fountains are off limits due to COVID-19, students will need to bring their own, full water bottle to stay hydrated.

We'll be starting off learning recess games and then we'll move onto Rock, Paper, Scissors activities. As always, students will perform a daily Fun Run which helps kiddos to improve their cardiovascular endurance. Also, students have learned many activities to do at home to help them achieve their 60 minutes or more of daily activity.

Stay active and eat healthy!

It's great to have all of our Raptors back in the nest.

Mr. Hannen





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Art News

It has been so much fun to start welcoming all students back into the art room at Rice! It feels so good to see, hear, and smell them making art (yes, the smell of paint, and even sharpies masks that stinky sanitizer smell we use all day long)!!!!!!

Students are remembering the rules in the art room, creating process orientated projects, loving any free-choice creations they make, AND participating in the following:

Kinder's- Process Paintings inspired by the book "Ish".

1st grade-<u>Winter Toque</u> (Hat) mixed media, using neon oil pastels, watercolor, and tissue paper texture collage all inspired by the book "The Hat" by Jan Brett.

2nd grade-<u>Circular Weavings</u>, using tempera cakes, and many different types of yarn!

3rd grade- <u>Monochromatic Circular paintings</u>, using crayon, tempera paint (only one color plus black and white), oil pastel.

4th **grade**-<u>Adire Cloth</u> inspired by the Yoruba of Nigeria. Artwork using crayons, indigo paint, and adding designs using a scratch tool to reveal the color underneath.

Music News

Hello! We are getting back into the swing of things as we return to in-person learning, with all the challenges and opportunities that it brings. Here is a little of what we are doing in class to learn and have fun:

Kindergarten: We continue to find the steady beat through dance and use stories and "code words" to engage our musical memory.

First Grade: We are learning new vocabulary for rhythms as well as vocabulary to designate music notes!

Second Grade: learning more about melodic concepts and where notes go on the staff!

Third Grade: We will be learning all about the treble clef: what it looks like, how to draw it and the staff, and when it's used.

Fourth Grade: solidifying our music terms, especially those relating to rhythm, and memorizing hand signs.

Fifth Grade: learning major and minor chords, the remaining hand signs, and more complex rhythmic patterns

You can reach me by email to discuss how your child is doing in music class or if you have questions for me.

Mr. Staggs

Substitute Music Teacher

kstaggs@psdschools.org





Dear Rice Families:

This is an exciting time of year in kindergarten and we are excited to be back in school, all together. Many of the things we have been working on this year are starting to come together and the kids are growing by leaps and bounds! In writing, we have really grown from pictures and a few sounds at the beginning of the year to full on sentences. We will continue to add more and more details to go with them! In reading, we are working on using the sight words, the sounds we know along with picture

Kindergarten

clues to actually READ our books! It is so exciting! In math, we've been subtracting up a storm. We are working on listening carefully to a story problem, or looking carefully at the signs in an equation to know if we should add or subtract. Our Kinder"garden" always seems to start blooming long before spring!

Your Kindergarten Team, Gretchen Lenzner, Sari Bosch and Lyn Karnes

First Grade

We are so happy to have all of our First Grade Friends back in class! We are building our stamina for all subjects and getting used to routines and safely moving around our classroom and school.

Here is what we are working on in February:

- ⇒ Literacy: Unit 5: Creature Features: How are animals different?
- ⇒ Writing: Continuing Informative Texts
- \Rightarrow Math: Place Value

We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with our students, please check your teacher's Friday emails for more information!

Love,

First grade teachers!



Second Grade



It's February! We were thrilled to have students join us back at school last month. They have picked up our "unprecedented" routines and are committed to following expectations so we can continue to be together in the classroom. <u>CogAT Testing</u>

Your child's teacher should have notified you through email that CogAt testing is quickly approaching. Results from testing usually arrive in May but could be slowed down this year and be received over the summer.

2nd grade will be testing from Tuesday, February 9th- Thursday, February 11th. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child on these days. If they miss the testing, they will be pulled for testing during "make ups". **Valentine's Day**

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 12th. Valentine's will need to be completed and brought into school no later than Wednesday, February 10th in order to hand them out on Friday. Your child's teacher will be sending you more information and class lists soon!

Reading, Social Studies, and Science

We had so much fun studying our BIG question in January and the beginning of this month: "Why should we lend a hand to others?" 2nd graders are so compassionate and really related to this topic. We are moving onto our next BIG question: "Why is nature always changing?". We have some fun science related activities to discuss seasons, weather, and the rotation of the earth.

<u>Math</u>

Everyone's math strategies are growing exponentially with their practice of fluency adding and subtracting within 100. Please continue to review and practice math facts within 20 (4 + 7, 18-9, 8 + 7, etc.). Practice can be as simple as rolling two, three, or four dice and adding the numbers together or playing card games. Remember, every 2nd grader was given a deck of cards at the beginning of the year and a booklet with card games to strengthen their math skills.

Reading

We have some voracious readers in 2nd grade! Small groups are underway in each classroom to build on each individual student's skills. Students also received their new AR reading level and goal for 3rd

quarter. Goals should be met before Spring Break. Please remember to read aloud with your child every night, as well as having your child read independently for at least 20 minutes each evening.

Spring will be here next month! We look forward to warmer weather, so we can spend more time outside playing, exploring, and learning.



Third Grade

Dear Third Grade Families,

"What's the best way to get things done?" That is the big question we are exploring in this unit. To answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about how working together can make things better. Be a part of our exploration! With your student, read the New Words on the list below. Then follow these directions.



New Words

accomplish advertisement	buyer	coope	ration	market	money
pay plenty	purpose	reward	seller agr	iculture alte	ernative
conservation	crop farı	mer fiel	d future	harvest	

Directions:

- 1. Talk together about activities your family does at home. Which ones are good to do together? Share why you think so. Try to use some of the New Words in your discussion.
- 2. In the space below, work together to draw a picture of your favorite family activity. Use the New Words when you can to add labels to the drawing.
- 3. Remind your student to bring the completed drawing to class for a reward.



1-877-542-SAFE



Fourth Grade

Hello 4th grade Rice Families,

Happy New Year! We are thrilled to start the 2021 year live and in person. We have spent time building classroom community now that both cohorts are back in class together, and have set new goals for the second semester of school. Below, you can find some of the goals set by our fabulous 4th graders. Please continue to have your child read each night and practice their multiplication and division facts. If you would like extra practice for your child, please reach out to your teacher for ideas and resources. Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning at school and home. We appreciate you!

Sincerely, Miss Alldredge, Mrs. Schnell, and Mrs. Shannon

"My semester goal is to do my best and make the most of every moment. Also, to be willing to do things differently."

- Gage

"My semester goal is to be more respectful by raising my hand, looking at the speaker, and participating more."

- Layla

"My semester goal is to learn new things. I want to learn new things, so I can get better at the things I am not so good at."

- Alexis

"My goal for semester 2 is to read more and to continue to improve in math. With hard work and determination I know I can do it!"

-Kaydence

"My goal for semester 2 is to learn how to do fractions and grow in math. I feel confident I can do this!"

-Ty

"My goal for semester 2 is to read more because I have been making a lot of growth and I want to continue to improve my skills."

-David W.

Fifth Grade



Greetings from fifth grade!

It has been wonderful to see these fabulous fifth-graders back at school working hard and having fun! Students have reconnected with old friends and started building new friendships with classmates they have gotten to know remotely this year. As we all adjust to another change this year, we are so proud of the way these students have risen to the challenge. We are excited for the months ahead as we continue to learn and grow together.

So far in the new year we have jumped into fraction computation and finding common denominators, worked hard to improve our informational writing responses, compared and contrasted various texts while reading, and have explored the fascinating topic of space. Seeing fifth graders construct and use their functioning sundials was a fun sight to see!

As we continue to progress through second semester, here are some things you can do from home to keep supporting your fifth grader's development:

- Encourage 20 + minutes of reading each night.
- Help your child study his or her multiplication and division math facts.
- Check your fifth grader's Friday folder & planner for important information.

• Make sure your child is getting 8 or more hours of sleep each night and a healthy breakfast in the morning.

Check in on the Specials class for the week so your child will be prepared (P.E., Music, or Art).

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child through this unique fifth grade year! We are excited for the months to come and the continued learning in fifth grade!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hediger, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Cochran (maternity sub for Mrs. Neill)



Breakfast Menu

February 2021

Rice In - Person Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 • Paricake Sausage Wrap BIC • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Lowfat Milk	 Cereal Variety Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 Muffin: Assorted Flavors Fresh Berries, or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 Breakfast Round Fresh Berries, or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 WG Seasonal Loaf Bread Whole Fruit, or Substitute Lowfat Milk
8 • Mini Cinnamon Rolls • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Lowfat Milk	9 • Cereal Variety • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Lowfat Milk	 Mini Pancakes Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 Breakfast Round Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 12 WW Bagel & cream cheese Fresh Berries, or Substitute Lowfat Milk
15 HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	 16 Cereal Variety Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 Muffin: Assorted Flavors Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 Pancake Sausage Wrap BIC Fresh Berries, or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	 19 WG Seasonal Loaf Bread Whole Fruit, or Substitute Lowfat Milk
22 • Mini Cinnamon Rolls • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Lowfat Milk	 23 Cereal Variety Whole Fruit, or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	24 • Mini Pancakes • Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute • Lowfat Milk	 25 WG Seasonal Loaf Bread Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Lowfat Milk 	26 • WGR Grahamz Crackers • Yogurt • Fresh Berrles, or Substitute • Lowfat Milk

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Lunch Menu

February 2021

Rice In - Person Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 • Rotini & Meatballs • Turkey Club Wrap • Grapes • Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk	 Homemade Chili with Goldfish Crackers Pb&J Sandwich Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	3 • Cheeseburger • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Berries, or Substitute • Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk	 Mac & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Fresh Pear Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 Chicken Drumsticks Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Whole Fruit, or Substitute Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk
 8 Cheese Pizza Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Berries, or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 9 Chicken Patty Sandwich Turkey Club Wrap Whole Fruit, or Substitute Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	10 Chicken Burrito Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Pear Cheny Tomatoes & Cucumber Silces or Substitute Chocolate Milk	 Cheese Calzone & Marinara Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Grapes Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk 	 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Yogurt Parfait Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk
15 HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	 Chicken Alfredo Pb&J Sandwich Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Cucumbers Slices, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 17 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese HS Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Berries, or Substitute Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 Hot Dog Chef Salad Fresh Pear Cherry Tornatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 Chicken Nuggets Chicken Caesar Wrap Whole Fruit, or Substitute Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk
 22 Cheese Calzone & Marinara Chef Salad Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Caesar Wrap Fresh Berries, or Substitute Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 24 Chicken Patty Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Pear Cherry Tornatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute Chocolate Milk 	 25 Cheeseburger Cold Dell Yogurt with Goldfish Grapes Salad with dressing Chocolate Milk 	26 • Chicken & Waffles • Pb&J Sandwich • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk

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