

THE PIRATE POST

RIVERSIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Happy holidays! With only three short weeks left in this year, we remain so grateful for all of our Pirate families. Your unwavering support in our first few months being open has been amazing, and we are so excited to continue to grow with you all! Our foundation for the K-8 building is being poured this month, and you should see the walls going up very quickly after that is complete!

We have a busy and fun month ahead of us that include field trips, authentic presentations of learning, and a holiday spirit week. We are hoping to have both buses back on their routes the first week of the month. We cannot express how much we appreciate the flexibility shown throughout the issues we have had with our buses, and we expect to have all three buses available by winter break, so that should another issue arise, we have a backup.

Our lottery for the 2025-2026 school year will open January 1. Students already enrolled do not have to apply for this; the lottery is for new students only. We have three kindergarten classes opening, and we will have some availability in most grades, so be sure to share with your friends and family all of the amazing things we have going on and the chance for them to join our Pirate family!



FUNDRAISING

An easy way for families to help raise funds throughout the year is by downloading the Box Tops for Education app and adding Riverside Leadership Academy as your school.

Our first restaurant night will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at Moore's Olde Tyme Barbeque.

This month's spotlight is on:

Authentic Presentations of Learning

<u>Middle School</u>	<u>Fifth Grade</u>	<u>Third Grade</u>
December 11th 1 - 2pm	December 13th 1 - 2pm	December 17th 1 - 2pm

PIRATE SUPPORT NETWORK

The Pirate Support Network is proudly collaborating with RLA's Administration and members of the Board of Directors to prepare our school's float for the upcoming Christmas Parade in Downtown New Bern! The parade will take place on December 7th at 10:00 AM.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Pirate Support Network has collected donations of decorations, candy, and has rallied volunteers to participate in the parade. We are excited to showcase our school spirit and holiday cheer as we celebrate this festive occasion together!

We hope to see you there!

REMINDERS

- We love having volunteers in our classrooms! We have many people on our volunteer list, and we would love to have you in our classrooms! Our lower grade teachers especially may be reaching out to those on the volunteer list.
- Candy Man Fundraising items should be delivered by mid-December. Once we have a delivery date, we will share this with families for pick up. Our celebration will occur in January, and we will notify families of how their scholars did with the fundraiser this month!
- Identification is required when checking out students or checking in as a volunteer. Please present these at the front office.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3:

Picture Retakes

PSN Meeting - 5:30 PM

December 7:

Christmas Parade in Downtown New Bern
10am

December 16:

Share Your Culture Day

December 16 - 20:

Spirit Week

December 17:

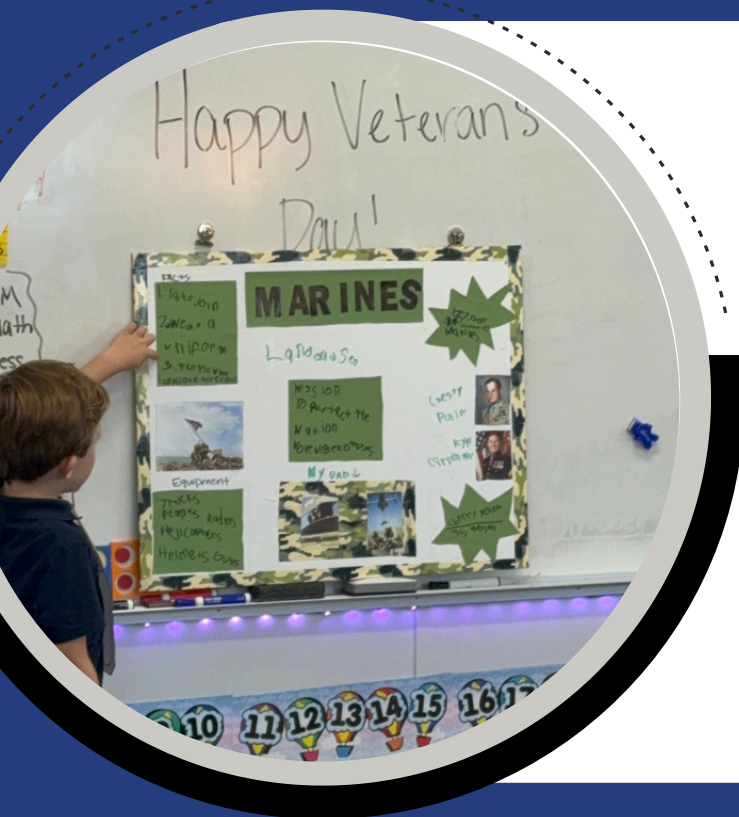
Field Trip (Poluga & 2nd Grade)

December 19:

Field Trip (Miller & Kindergarten)

December 23 - January 3:

Holiday; **No School**



AUTHENTIC PRESENTATIONS OF LEARNING

Project-based learning generally culminates with an authentic presentation of learning for scholars. These are often open to parents to attend, and sometimes the public is also invited. We love having parents attend these presentations, so be on the lookout for those presentations coming up for your scholars. These presentations are an important part of PBL, as they make the learning real-world centered and they assist scholars in developing skills in leadership, teamwork, and public speaking. We are so proud of all of the presentations our scholars are doing!