

# River Bluff Middle School

Campus E-News - October 18, 2019

## Calendar of Events

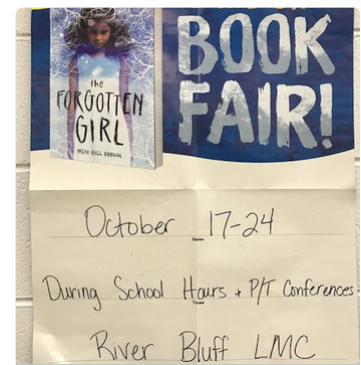
### October

- 21 - Volleyball @ DeForest
- 22 - Homework Club
- 22 - Minecraft Club, 3:20-4:15pm
- 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm
- 24 - **Early Release Day, 11:25am**
- 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:00-8:00pm
- 25 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 29 - Homework Club
- 29 - Wrestling Invite, Home @4:15
- 31 - Homework Club
- 31 - End of 1st Quarter

### November

- 1 - Professional Development - **NO SCHOOL**

## Principals' Monday Message





## Social Emotional Learning: Home and School Connection

This week, in all Homeroom classes, students learned about different forms of peer mistreatment, including bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, cyberbullying, and relationship aggression. You can find the Board of Education Policy definitions [here](#). Students also discussed the difference between the mistreatments previously mentioned and conflict. Conflict is described as “an isolated, negative interaction that needs to be addressed by administration/ staff.”

### **Normal Conflict Bullying**

Equal power; friends Imbalance of power; not friends

Occurs occasionally Repeated negative actions

Accidental/ unintentional Purposeful/ intentional

Not serious Serious- threat of physical harm or emotional/psychological hurt

Equal emotional reaction Strong emotional reaction on part of the target

Not seeking power/ attention Seeking power, control

Not trying to get something Trying to gain material things or power

Remorse,takes responsibility No remorse, blames victim

Effort to solve the problem No effort to solve the problem

When a student experiences any type of peer mistreatment, they can submit a [Bullying/ Harassment Reporting Form](#). Administration and school counselors are immediately notified when a form is submitted. The goal is that the report will be processed within 24-48 hours. For all emergencies, the River Bluff Office should be contacted immediately at 877-5000.

The majority of the peer mistreatments reported at River Bluff Middle School are conflicts. These are great teaching moments with the student and administrator or school counselor (or other trusted adult). The various ways that students can handle conflicts vary depending on the situation. Students are relied on to reflect on the various ways and determine the best course of action for themselves and their situation. Often, adults will present some of the following options:

- Allow some time or distance from the peer.
- Tell the peer to stop the behavior.
- Ask the peer to talk one-on-one about the behavior.

- Have an adult talk with the peer about the behavior.
- Have an adult mediate a conversation with the peer.
- Have an adult inform teachers that the two are having difficulty and help to monitor interactions.
- Continue to report if the behavior continues.
- Talk with a teacher if the behavior is occurring in a specific classroom.
- Don't assume that someone is talking negatively about them.
- Don't talk negatively about the peer to friends (talk with a trusted adult if they need to talk more about it).
- If other students ask about the situation, don't provide information. Continue to talk with trusted adults, as telling peers may keep the situation alive longer than it needs to be.
- If a student hears a rumor/gossip about a peer, the peer should not be informed. Instead, tell a trusted adult who can help get to the root of it.
- Friendships often change in middle school. This can be difficult for the friend who is "left behind." Join activities, clubs and sports to meet new students and build new friendships.

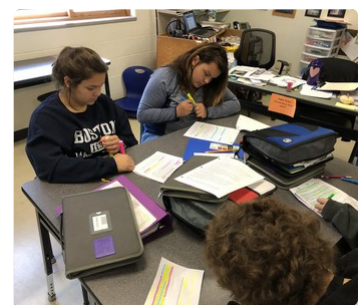
## 7th Grade Digital Photography

7th graders in Digital Photography captures their Fall Photos this week. Students walk to the Division Street Park to capture the color changes and beautiful scenery the park has to offer.

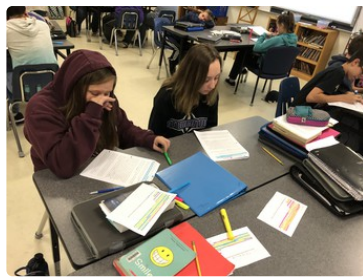


## Eighth Grade Language Arts

Eighth graders in Language Arts are diving into literary analysis. Working alone or with a partner, students are going through the story "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allen Poe. They are looking for evidence that they can use to support a claim about the narrator of the story. They are realizing that some lines of the story can support two very different claims. It is up to the writers to explain how the evidence supports their overall claim.







## Parent Teacher Conferences

During the course of conferences your family will have the opportunity to meet with any or all of your child's teachers during the times listed below. As a family you may choose to attend conferences on either date at your convenience.

**Wednesday, October 23 4:00-8:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 24 12:00-4:00 pm and 4:30-8:00 pm**

In order to accommodate families visiting multiple teachers, we wish to share the following information:

- Teachers will be located in their classroom
- In order to respect everyone's time and allow as many conferences as possible we are setting all conferences at 5 minutes. We are asking all teachers to use a timer to keep on schedule and stay consistent. If a longer period of time is needed, then we suggest making a separate appointment.
- Please remember to visit your child's physical education, music, and elective teachers.

Thank you in advance for your time and dedication to your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you during conferences.

### Sign Up For Staff Dinner

Your consideration in helping with a staff dinner prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd is greatly appreciated. Please sign up to bring an item using this link. Items will need to be at River Bluff by 3:00 pm. Thank you.

## Web Leaders in Training



## Other Information/Quick Links

- [Yearbook](#) Payments are made directly to the yearbook vendor. School = River Bluff Middle School, then click Shop The Store
- [District Calendar](#) link
- [Community Events](#) link
- To sign up for the District e-Newsletter, which includes student features, reminders about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, videos, photos and more, [Sign up with this link](#).
- [Replacement Chromebook Cords](#)
- [Family Resources](#)



## RB Staff Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a River Bluff Staff Member, please fill out the following form. Your recognition will be noted in our staff bulletin. Thank you.

[RB Staff Shout Out](#)





## River Bluff Contact Information

Main Office/Attendance: 877-5500

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