

River Bluff Middle School

Campus E-News - October 12, 2018

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 15

Session 2 starts - Sixth Grade **rotation link below*
Band Students to HS, 8:45-10:00am
Volleyball, Home

Tuesday, October 16

Homework Club, 3:20pm
Town Hall Meeting @ Fire Station, 6:00pm

Thursday, October 18

Homework Club, 3:20pm
Volleyball @ Oregon

Friday, October 19

"A" Day

Tuesday, October 23

Homework Club, 3:20pm
Minecraft Club, 3:20pm

Wednesday, October 24

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8pm

Thursday, October 25

Early Release, 11:25am
Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12-8pm

Friday, October 26

No School (Teacher Compensation Day)

[6th Grade Related Arts Rotation](#)

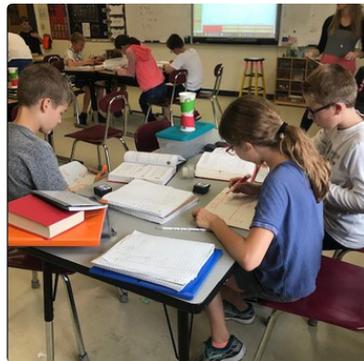


21st Century Skills at Middle School

River Bluff is working to prepare our students with the skills they need to succeed during the Information Age. It's amazing to think that some of our students are preparing for jobs that haven't been created yet. With advancements in technology and our every changing world, the following is a list of skills that our students need to help them navigate their world and reach their hopes and dreams in the 21st Century Skills. These skills are:

1. Critical thinking
2. Creativity
3. Collaboration
4. Communication
5. Information literacy
6. Media literacy
7. Technology literacy
8. Flexibility
9. Leadership
10. Initiative
11. Productivity
12. Social skills

The three photos below are a brief glimpse into how our teachers work to foster the growth in these skill areas. Our CPM math curriculum is grounded in the use of critical thinking, and allows students to build the skills needed for collaboration. In STEM, our students learn how to give each other feedback in a productive manner in order to grow their social skills. And in 8th grade social studies, our teachers foster collaboration and community as students work together in small teams to read and discuss big ideas and critical features of American History. This is but a small snapshot of an average day at River Bluff, as we prepare our students for their future by giving them opportunities to practice the skills they will need for future success.



Parent Teacher Conference Information

Family and Teacher conferences are quickly approaching ... October 24 and 25. We are excited to have the opportunity to share the progress your child is making. Since many families have requested the ability to visit many teachers in the block and related arts, we will be following a 5 minute "drop-in" format that allows families to move from teacher to teacher.

At your child's conference your teacher will review:

- Academic progress
- Academic Character progress
- Other measures of your child's success

As a family you may choose to attend conferences on either date at your convenience.

Wednesday, October 24 4:00-8:00PM

Thursday, October 25 12:00-4:00PM or 4:45-8:00PM

(There are no conferences between 4:00-4:45PM on Thursday)

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

- Teachers will be located in their classroom (Maps will be provided as you enter.)
- Certain times of the day may be busier, and we ask that you be respectful of the time of others who are standing and waiting to talk with a teacher. **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 our scheduled conference day, *please feel free to ask for a follow up conference on another day.*
- 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. Please note that there is no school on Friday, October 26.

Athletic Update

It's hard to believe we are nearly half way done with October! We have three athletics seasons coming up very shortly, and registration is open for ALL athletic seasons! Below is a link where you will find a step-by-step guide on how to register your child for athletics. You can register for any sports remaining in the school year. Upcoming 7th and 8th grade sports are Wrestling (October-December), Boy's Basketball (November-December), Girl's Basketball (January-February), and Track (April-May). Sixth graders may participate in Wrestling.

For any questions, please contact me at 608-877-5536 or allison.foree@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Thank so much!

[Athletic Registration](#)



The Facts About Vaping, Juuling & Kids



What is vaping and Juuling?
How common is it with our youth?
Learn how to talk to your kids and
teach them refusal skills/resiliency/
positive decision making.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Stoughton Fire Station
401 E Main St, Stoughton

Guest Speakers

Public Health Madison and Dane County,
OceanHawk Counseling Alternatives, Stoughton Area EMS
and Stoughton Area School District

Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

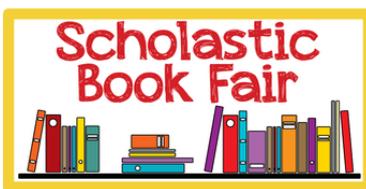


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8th Grade Social Studies Get Into Character

This photo is for an activity we recently did in 8th grade Social Studies. Students were assigned a historical figure who lived in the 13 colonies. After reading about the figure they were given 2 descriptive cards they used to create a fictional character to interact with the historical figure. They also were given a plot that the historical figure and fictional character had to deal with. With this information they created a creative piece to tell this story. Laura Perry is dressed as Matthew Lyons in the photo attached. She rapped about his life as an indentured servant.



Scholastic Book Fair coming to the River Bluff Library

Did you know reading just 20 minutes per day exposes your child to 1.8 million words each year? Reading helps students in all aspects of their life. Let's celebrate books and reading with a Scholastic Book Fair. The RB Library will be hosting its Fall Book Fair starting October 18-October 25. The Book Fair will be open during regular school hours with extended hours during Parent Teacher Conferences. On October 24, the fair will be open until 8:00pm and on the 25th, it will

remain open until 7:00pm. We hope you'll join us in encouraging all students to READ!

World Dairy Expo Trip

River Bluff FFA members attended the World Dairy Expo in Madison Saturday October 6. Mr. Vaughan and Mr. David Mancl accompanied fourteen Stoughton FFA members who worked in the GEA ice cream vendor booth. GEA has partnered with Dane County FFA chapters for many years and provides financial support for school FFA activities. When students were not scooping and serving ice cream they were able to tour the World Dairy Expo exhibits and barns.



Second Step: Week FOUR Lesson Summary and Parent Questions

Grade 6, Lesson 4

FAMILY LESSON SUMMARY

In this week's lesson, students will learn they can help their brains grow and change by using good strategies, getting help from others, and working hard.

FAMILY LESSON QUESTION

Tell your child about a time you needed help from someone else to learn something new. Ask your child to tell you about something he or she is working hard to learn and how you can help.

Grade 7, Lesson 4

FAMILY LESSON SUMMARY

This week's lesson encourages students to embrace challenges by demonstrating that mistakes are opportunities to learn.

FAMILY LESSON QUESTION

Ask your child if there's something new he or she would like to try, even if it's challenging. Share with your child something new that you would like to try.

Grade 8, Lesson 4

FAMILY LESSON SUMMARY

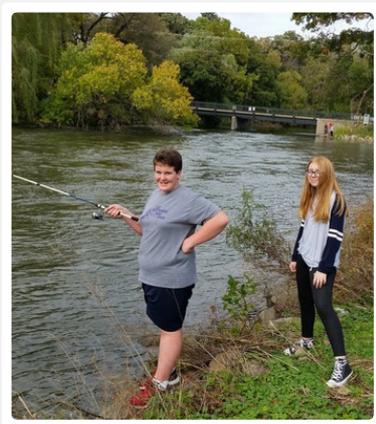
This week, your child will think about how the world could be a better place. Your child will also reflect on personal interests and how to develop them to create that better world.

FAMILY LESSON QUESTION

Ask your child, "What are some ways the world could be a better place?" Ask how you can support your child's interests, and together, think about creative ways those interests can be developed to create a better world.

A Nice Day for Fishing

Students from Mr. Vaughan's natural resources and animal science classes enjoyed nice weather and fishing at Division Street Park. Proper casting and fishing lessons were provided with experienced students assisting others. A great couple of days for some exploratory learning.



HEALTH NEWS: HEAD LICE

At any given time during the school year, there may a student(s) with head lice. Please continue to check your child(ren)'s head periodically and inform the health office if your child has head lice. Health staff can help with identification, provide instruction on treatment, and provide follow up. If there are financial challenges associated with providing treatment, the family resource specialist can help.

Please call our health assistant, Deanna Smith at 877-5504 or the district nurse, Laurel Gretebeck, at 877-5405 if you have questions or need assistance. Thank you.

For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html

Head Lice Brochure

Guidelines For Assessing Your Child's Health

Chromebook Replacement Cords

If a student loses their Chromebook cord, they are responsible for purchasing and replacing the cord. Replacement cords can be ordered [here](#)

Infinite Campus Portal

Is your Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus Portal account set up and active? Is your household information accurate? Please take a moment to verify by going to <https://stoughtonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/stoughton.jsp>. This is a great tool to have to review your child's student information (attendance, grades, schedules, etc) as well as for registration and contact purposes. If you discover you do not have an account, cannot remember your login information or other related questions, please contact the Stoughton Area School District Infinite Campus Specialist, Heather Lucas at 608-877-5045 or heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us



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

Trish Gates, Principal: 877-5501

Bob Johnson, Assistant Principal: 877-5503

Other Information

- [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](#).

